

Q1

What are your lessons learned from this programming period, for both national and European networking?

- Building networking activities around the **concrete needs** of stakeholders
- Moving from one-to-one to **multi-actor knowledge transfer approaches**
- **Role of networking** as a tool to achieve better results has been acknowledged, also in supporting MAs through the implementation of the Programmes/future Plans
- The **exchange between EU and national Networks** encouraged the promotion of activities at MS level bringing the **policy closer to the rural population**
- Promoting new initiatives / knowledge by **working together**, involving different sectors and actors
- **Team 'spirit' / NRNs' family**

Q2

Considering the lessons learned, what actions should be taken forward into the transition and new programming?

- **SWOT analysis/evaluation of the current Network experience** to better shape the future Network
- **Surveys** to collect stakeholder inputs & need and address them, also involving advisers
- Keeping relying on **virtual tools / hybrid events** (virtual meetings allow for greater flexibility; hybrid events however might be quite difficult)
- Addressing **trans-national cooperation** and finding practical solutions
- **‘Niche networking groups’** focused on specific topics of interest should remain active
- **Exchange of staff members (visits)** between National Networks to learn from each others