

NRN objectives

Cyprus Rural Development Programme adopts three out of four mandatory objectives and nine specific objectives:

- ➔ To increase participation in the effort for rural development
- ➔ To improve the quality of the rural development policy
- ➔ To increase the awareness and knowledge on the benefits of rural development policy

Specific objectives

1. Operate the NRN as a platform for collecting and disseminating information and technical knowledge for promoting rural development.
2. Identification, analysis and dissemination of transferable good practices.
3. Successful operation of the NRN
4. Preparation of programmes for training and supporting Local Action Groups (LAGs)
5. Promotion of Trans-national and Inter-Territorial Cooperation.
6. Promotion and Publication of the NRN Programme
7. Participation to the ENRD
8. Contribution to the evaluation of the RDP 2014-2020
9. Participation of the NRN in the EIP-AGRI Network

Structure of the NSU

There is one national NSU in Cyprus.

Membership

The NRN is open to all rural stakeholders, organisations only and not to individuals. All representatives of institutions and organisations in both the private and public sector with an interest in rural development in Cyprus can participate. The membership is an ongoing membership.

Who can join the network?

How to become a member

There is an application process. The members complete an application form and they submit it to the NSU.

How to get involved

Members are divided into thematic groups. Each thematic group fills up an application form. Their request is examined by a committee. Several projects are selected for implementation each year. The projects are examined based on certain criteria the Network's Committee has set.

Membership and objectives

- ✓ To achieve the above-mentioned objectives among the activities of the NRN is included running **Thematic Working Groups** focusing on Innovation and training, competitiveness in the agricultural and animal production sector, the environment and climate change, as well as social inclusion in rural areas mainly through CLLD.
- ✓ Moreover, through the operation of the NRN it is aimed to create **Working Groups** that will focus on the differentiation in agriculture, other forms of employment in rural areas, agro-tourism, interlinking agriculture with other sectors of the economy and creating networks to promote products at local level through short supply chains, and at international level.
- ✓ It is possible during the implementation of the Programme and the Action Plan of the Network that the need will arise to run more Thematic Working Groups. Through this way in the 2014-2020 programming period the NRN will try **to address any weaknesses** that were identified from the evaluation of the 2007-2013 RDP and reinforce where possible the **strong points in the implementation** of the Programme.

The NSU and RDP management

The NSU is established within the Ministry of Agriculture, directly linked to the Agricultural Extension Sector.

NRN Governance

Network Management - Management decisions in the Cyprus network involve formal decision-making processes:



Coordination Committee



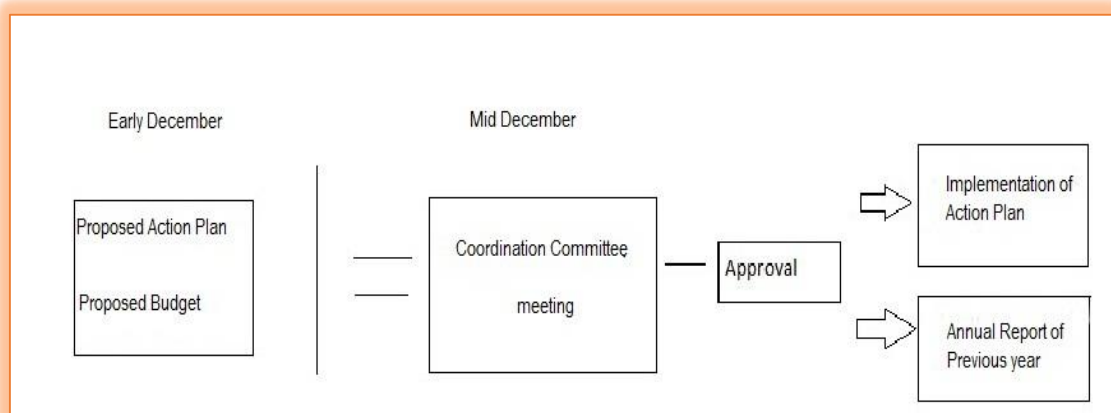
The Coordination Committee of the Network approves the annual work programme of the Network.



The NSU assist this decision-making process by requiring a draft Action Plan and budgetary plans provided to CC prior to its Annual meeting.



The Coordination Committee meets once or twice a year.



NRN Self-assessment

The NRN intends to use for its evaluation mainly the **Common Network Statistics template** developed by the Contact Point of the ENRD.

Timeline of NRN Workplans



NRN Resources

Financial resources (2014-2020)	Budget (€)
Total NRN public funds:	1 000 000
Out of which national co-financing:	470 000
Out of which EAFRD:	530 000

Human resources (NSU)	No
Number of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff	N/A

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