

# Regionalised NSU workshop

The Italian NRN case  
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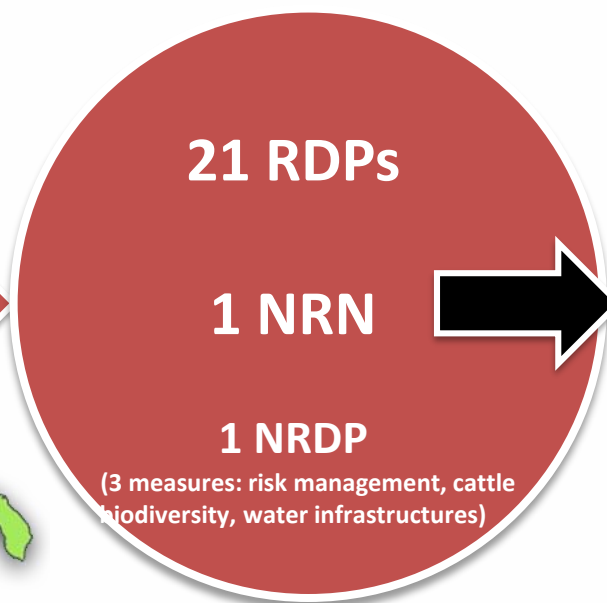
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## SECTION 1. NRN organisation (including the role of regional antennas) & steering of the NRN programme

- How is your NRN/NSU organised?
- What are the main roles & responsibilities of regional antennas?
- How do you organise the steering/monitoring of the NRN programme/ regional NSUs?
- What are the main channels processes through which the national NSU and regional antennas cooperate?
- What is the contribution of regional antennas to the NRN programme?

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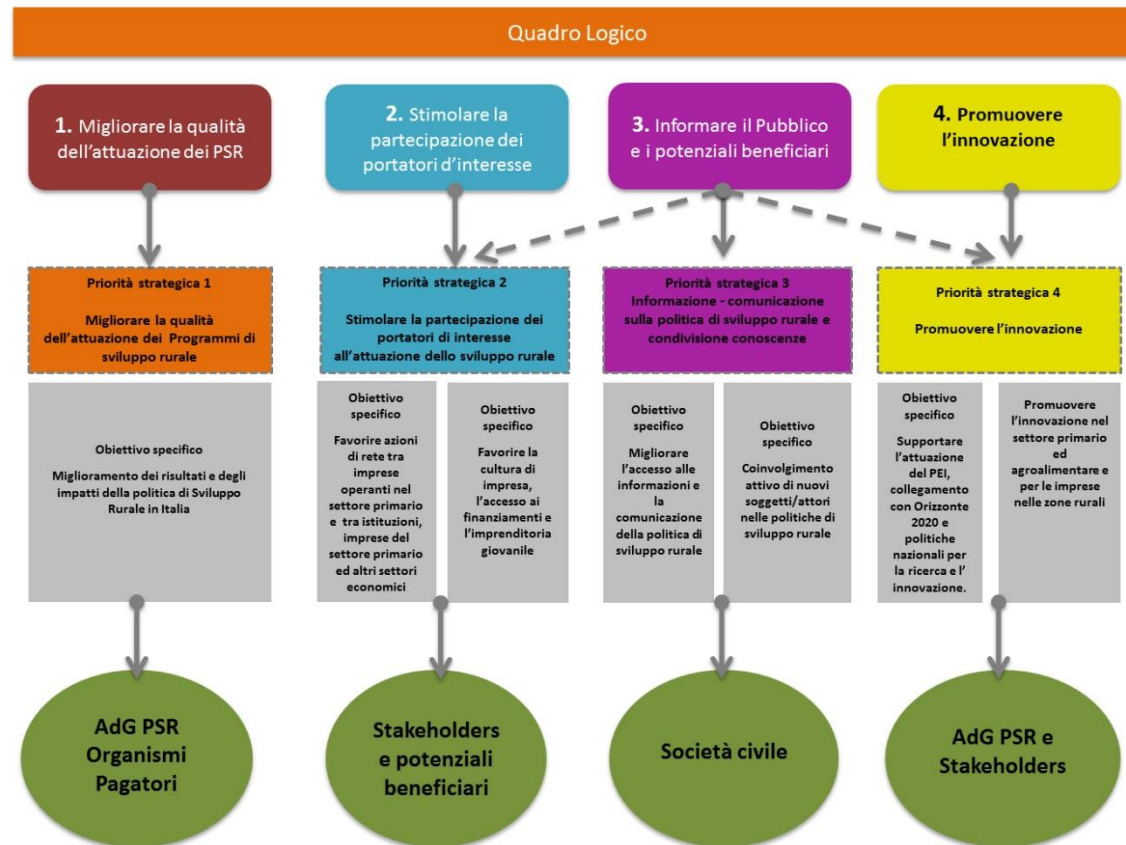


**NRN is established under the responsibility of Ministry of Agriculture.**

**A technical and administrative secretariat will manage and oversee all the activities.**

**The implementation of the activities will be carried out on the basis of a two-year work plan.**

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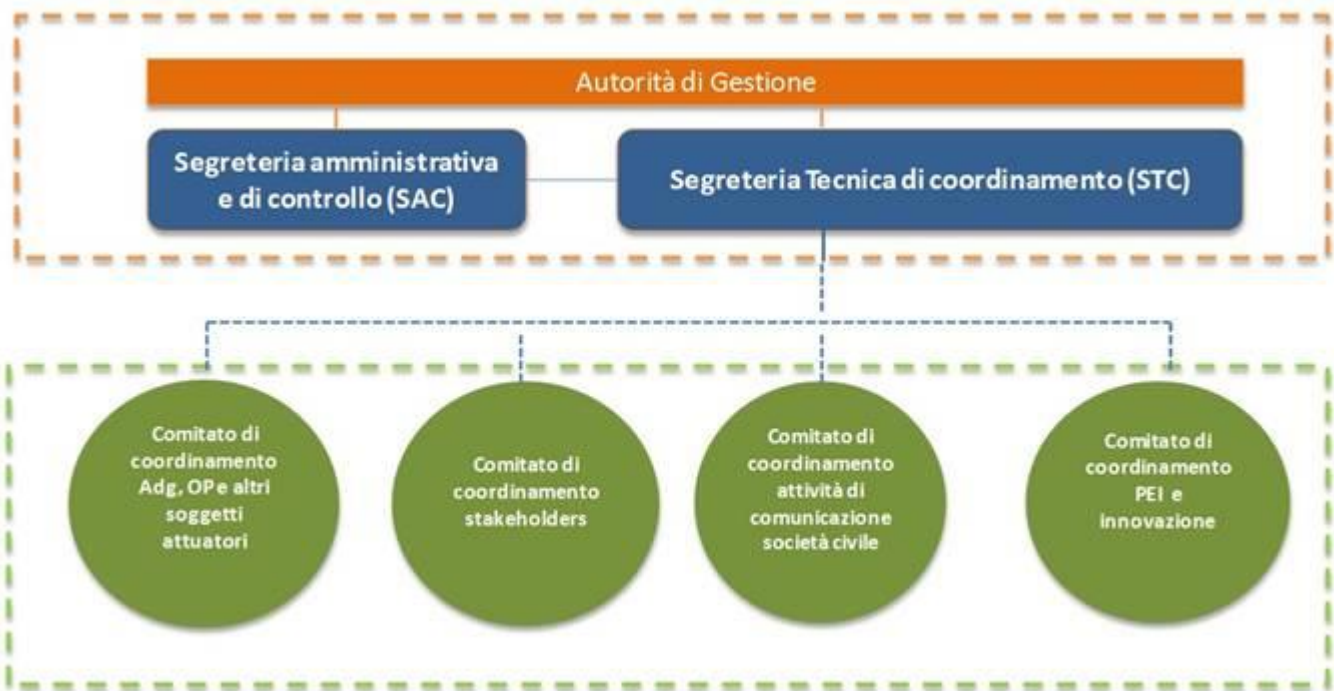
The Target approach !!

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**NRN  
Programme  
Monitoring  
Committee**



NRN Programme set of  
specific indicators :  
- **OUTPUT**  
- **RESULT**  
- **IMPACT**



## ■ NRN organisation model

✓ “NRN Regional Units ” active in each Region.

**25 Experts** in contact with the territory and RDPs regional Managing Authorities

**Link** between the Coordination Secretariat of the Network and the actors involved in the management of the RDPs

**Identify** the challenges for the RDP implementation

**Finding common solutions.**

**Implementing NRN activities at local level**

### NEW 2014 - 2020 APPROACH :

- **Macro-regional organisation of competences (North, Centre, South) teams covering all RDP issues**
- **Support the NRN MA for the preparation of Biannual Plan**
- **More involved in specific projects → clear mission**
- **Improving the mobilisation of stakeholders**



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## The Biannual work plan approach :

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- Improved strategic approach (2 year-based; longer run)
- Strengthened stakeholders consultation (preliminary bilateral meetings, plus the NRN Monitoring Committee)
- Collection of projects with clear indication of : coherence with NRN objectives, components of the project, list of outputs, expected results for the NRN targets (i.e. Regions, farmers, other stakeholders, NGOs, civil society)
- *The Monitoring Committee is informed about biannual budget for each project, coordinator of each project, composition of the team.*
- Biannual check of performance → the working groups and related project are assessed at the end of the 2-year period; the NRN MA can reshape the composition of the different teams. Better accountability of the Programme.



→2007 – 2013 ex-ante identification of Thematic Task Forces for 7 years  
→2014 – 2020 a project oriented approach based on measurable goals achievement (clear targets)

## SECTION 2. Support of regional RDPs

How the different NSUs (national NSU & regional antennas/NSUs) can support regional RDP implementation?

What mechanisms/processes are in place to coordinate regionalised RDP implementation across the MS?

Any good practices that you would like to highlight in this regard?



## 2. Support of regional RDP

### 2014 – 2020 NRN – Strategic Priority n.1

#### Target RDP Managing Authorities/Paying Agencies and Local Authorities

Improving the efficacy and efficiency of the rural development policy

**Strengthening the management and project skills of RDPs managers and Paying Agencies**

(RDPs analysis, Guidelines, Web channels, Open data)

(Task force on demand; Study visit; Thematic twinnings; Focus Group, Seminar)

(Support for RDP evaluation)

**Supporting the advanced RDP Programming** (local planning; LEADER; integrated Programming; M16; Food chains; EIP Operative Groups, agro-environment).



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- NRN and Regional RDPs = a common strategy for better coordination (less fragmentation of initiatives)
- Ensuring RDP is better linked to the wider EU governance
- Common set of rules and approaches in order to simplify the use of EU investment
- Integrated projects → macro-regional approach
- More tailor-made activities (less “one fits for all approach”).
- To increase “Peer to Peer “and “tools”.

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guidelines, surveys, reports or other analysis

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#### TOOLS

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#### MEDIA & COMMUNICATION

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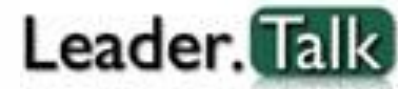
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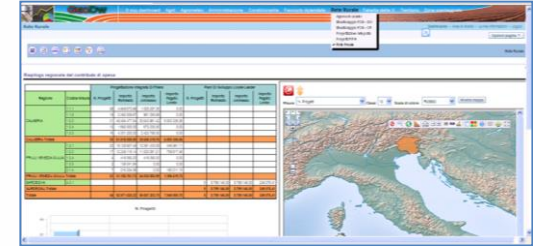
- **Leader in pratica - Journey into the best national LEADER experiences** (study visit for Italian LAGs)
- **Study visits and exchanges between national ADG and beneficiaries** (Sicily, Piedmont and Catalonia)
- **E-Valprog** (e-learning course on RDP monitoring&evaluation)
- **YouRuralNet** (The web-community of Young Farmers)
- **Laboratori Leader**
- **LeaderTalk**



Laboratori Leader

Some examples :

- Business Plan On Line
- Legal information desk for the LAGs
- GeoGal
- RDP Farmland Bird Index (in cooperation with environmental NGOs)
- Rural development Audit Archive
- The Database of context indicators 2014-2020
- National Monitoring System of Integrated Planning and Leader Approach
- CAP Archive of documents
- Leader cooperation
- Vetrina della Opportunità (RDPs Calls Showcase)



Legal information desk for the LAGs



## Some examples :

- ✓ The **integrated approach** in 2007-2013 RDP
- ✓ **Animal welfare**: legal analysis and tools in place at the European Union level.
- ✓ **Collection of documents useful for the preparation of the Annual Implementation Reports (AIR)**
- ✓ **How to organize the on-going evaluation of RDPs**
- ✓ **Guidelines on agri-kindergartens**: quality of life in rural areas
- ✓ Policies and tools to promote **organic farming**. Analysis of policies of EU Member States.
- ✓ **The LIFE + Programme and the National Rural Network**
- ✓ **Agriculture / Forestry and climate change**, different activities to estimate emissions for production process, the supply chain and absorption capacity
- ✓ The perception of rural areas by **young people**



## Some examples :

- ✓ **Social farming in Italy.** Opportunities and challenges for the 2014-2020 programming period
- ✓ White Paper on "Challenges and opportunities for **rural development on mitigation and adaptation to climate change**"
- ✓ **Impact study of the proposed reform of the CAP post-2013** - The application of microeconomic model to some sectors of Italian agriculture
- ✓ **Transaction costs for organic farming:** results of a survey
- ✓ **Italian Rural families,** the pillar of future agriculture: scenario, dynamics and outlook
- ✓ **From Districts to Networks.** The districts in agriculture as implemented by Regions and outlook towards 2020

Thematic papers on "new challenges" for **Rural Development** as a result of the **CAP Health Check**



## Some examples : International and national events

- **New challenges of rural development in Italy: Health Check and reform of the EU budget . 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2008**
- **GAEC and Cross Compliance Workshop – 8<sup>th</sup> October 2010**
- **"Which Role for the Rural Development Policy post-2013?" - 13th April 2010**
- **Seminar on "Policies, institutions and rural development: how to improve the governance?" 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2011**
- **ROME FOREST 2011. Rome, 23rd-24th June 2011**
- **Communicating Rural development to citizens, 17th – 18th November 2011, Milan. → start up of an EU network for communicating the CAP 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.**

Seminar "**Strategies for local development in the 2014-2020 programming period**", Rome 22nd-23rd May 2013





## Some examples :

- RETERURALE.IT
- Rural4Learning
- Pianeta PSR
- RRN Magazine
- APPROCCIO LEADER
- Communication campaign on Cross Compliance
- Eccellenze Rurali (Rural Development Award)
- Premio Nuovi Fattori di Successo (Award New Success Factors)



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## *RDP Technical Assistance in the new 2014 – 2020 programming period*

According to Article 51 from RD Regulation technical assistance may support actions for :

- **RDP preparation**
- **RDP management**
- **RDP monitoring and evaluation**
- **RDP information and communication**
- **Establishing and operating the National Rural Network**
- **complaint resolution**
- **control and audit**

### **(NEW)**

- **Actions to reduce the administrative burden of beneficiaries linked to EAFRD**
- **Capacity building** of Member State authorities and beneficiaries **to use the EAFRD.**

*Technical assistance should not be used for capacity building actions which are not linked to the administration and use of the EAFRD.*

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- Clear identification of task for the Regional Antennas in the Biennial work plan
- Demarcation : RDP TA → permanent support for the implementation of a specific RDP
- Demarcation NRN → exchange of experience, support especially on interregional issues with a common methodology and for a limited time span (i.e. Study visit; seminar; workshop, “peer to peer”, etc.).

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- Preliminary meetings and set up of specific mission for the Regional Antennas in the Biannual work plan

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## Thank you for your attention

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