

ENRD networking mapping 2018

11th NRN meeting

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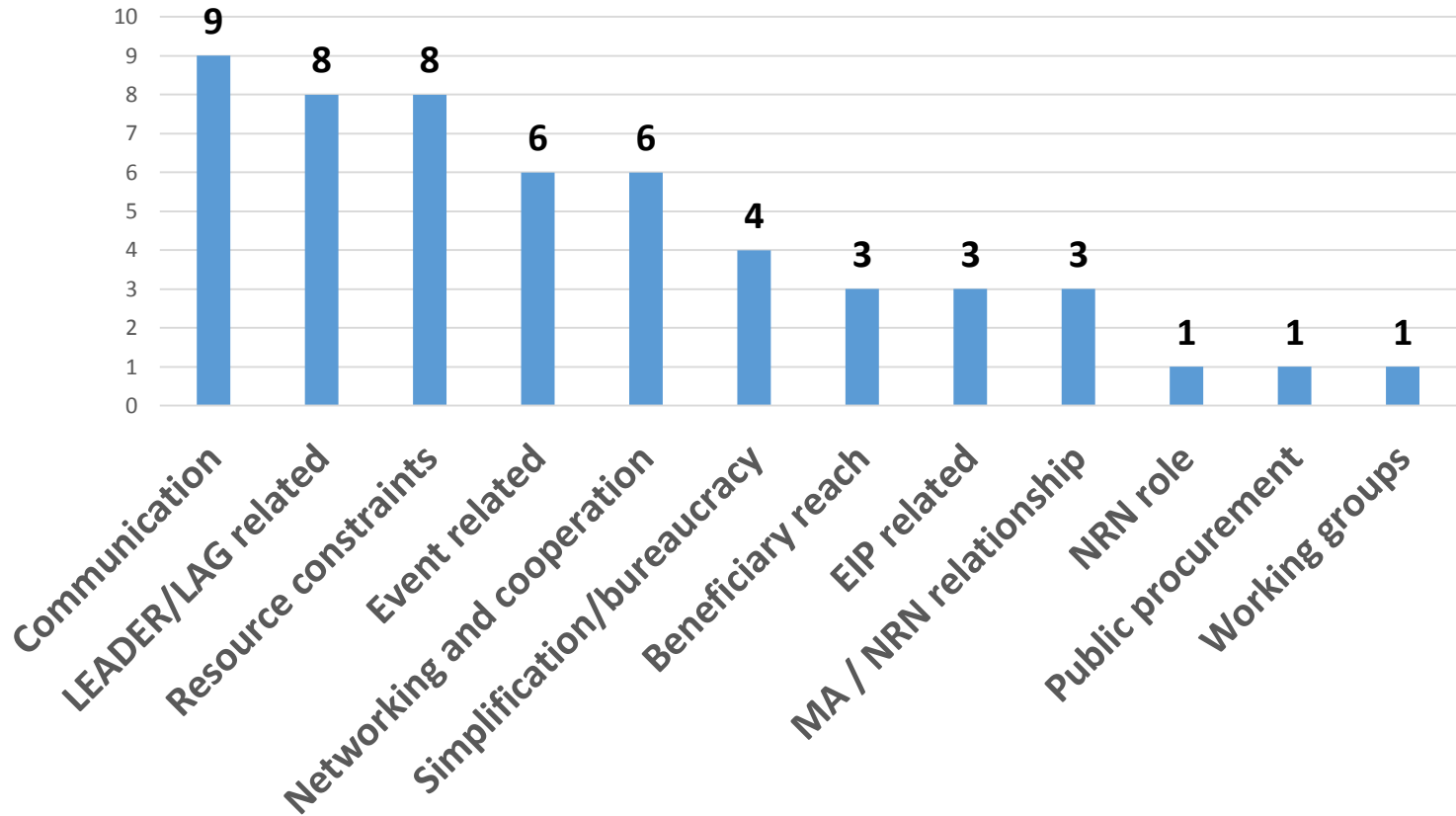
Introduction

- To support RDP implementation and networking activities appropriately the Contact Point need up to date information about NRN activity.
- A survey is conducted on a yearly basis, although some questions change each year.
- Ten questions under three broad headings;
 - State of play of RDP implementation
 - NRN operational challenges and future plans
 - Thematic activity over the next 12 months
- Information is not only drawn from official channels (MAs, NRNs, etc), but also from interviews with other relevant stakeholders.
- 25 submissions received from the 32 NRNs consulted.

Lesson learning

- Out of 25 submissions twenty-three answers received to the the question “*What have been the main lessons learned over the last 12 months?*”.
- Forty-seven lessons were mentioned, with the most reoccurring subject areas being communication, resource constraint and event related lessons.

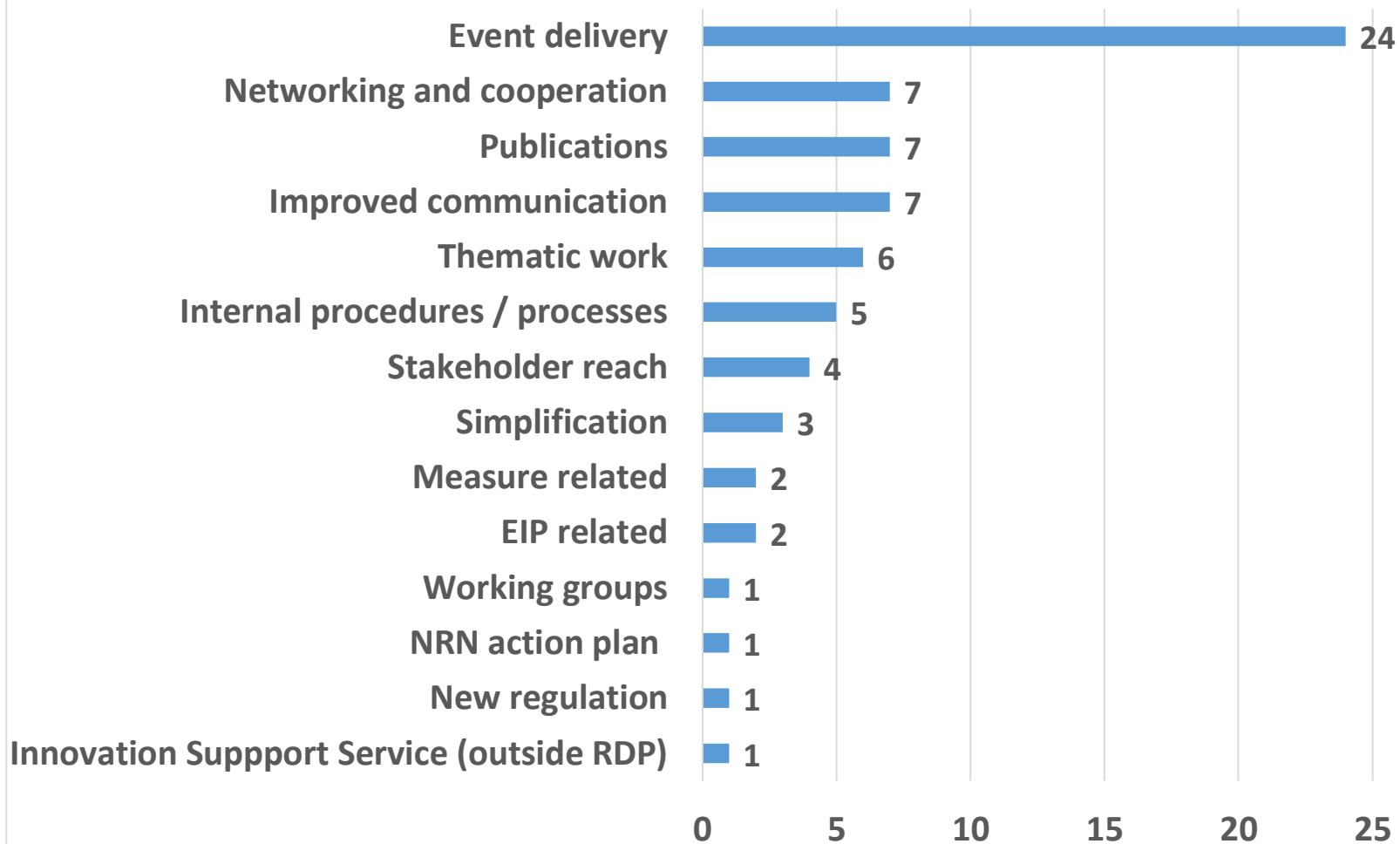
2017 Lesson learning topics



Significant achievements

- 55 achievements across the 25 submissions in response to the question “*Please describe your most significant or interesting achievement in the last 12 months?*”.
- Almost half (24) of the achievements mentioned were related to the delivery of events, including thematic workshops, seminars, conferences, study-tours and rural fairs.

Most significant 2017 achievement



Difficult or challenging work

- 45 challenges were mentioned across the 25 submissions received in response to the question *“Which aspect of your work has been difficult or challenging to implement over the last year?”*
- However, not all challenges have been due to resource constraints (27 resource dependent, 18 not resource dependent)

Challenging issue	Resource dependent? (Stated or implied)
Planning of outputs and outcomes	Yes
Communication activities	Yes
Attendance at European level meetings	Yes
Engaging the agricultural sector	Yes
Translation activities	Yes
Development of thematic topics (e.g. short supply chains)	Yes
Distribute RDP M&E results in appropriate formats	Yes
Limited training and events delivered by the EIP-Agri network	Yes
Developing case-studies	Yes
Networking training	Yes
Consultation with NRN members	Yes
Delays in calls	No
Trust between the NRN/NSU and LAGs	No
Cooperation with MA	No
Clarity with MA over roles and responsibilities	No
Synergies with similar organisations	No

NRN membership

- Across the 24 who answered the question “*Has NRN membership changed in the last year? If so, how?*”, 13 said that NRN membership had not changed, seven said it had and four said that the question wasn’t relevant as NRN membership is informal or open.

Consulting with stakeholders

- In response to the question “*How does the NRN / NSU consult with stakeholders? Please give examples of how this has taken place over the last 12 months?*” some authors focussed on consultation at a strategic level, others at a grassroots level.
- Some made their comments highly evaluative, stating what needed to improve or what was working well.
- Some authors appeared to discuss communication tools rather than consultation methods, but due to lack of explanation and for consistency all tools and methods stated were included in analysis.

- The most frequently stated means of consultation across the 25 submissions were Events (10), Meetings (9) Newsletter (9), Website (8) and Thematic Working Groups (7).

Means of consultation	Member State
Events (conferences, seminars, study visits, workshops, consultations)	UK_Wales, Cyprus, France, Czech Republic, Estonia, Be_Flanders, Slovakia, Germany, Be_Wallonia, The Netherlands
Meetings	UK_Scotland, Lithuania, France, Spain, Be_Flanders, The Netherlands, Czech Republic, Estonia, Ireland
Newsletter	Austria, Slovakia, Malta, Germany, Croatia, UK_Scotland, UK_Wales, Hungary, Romania
Website / Webpage	Slovakia, Austria, Romania, Germany, Finland, Croatia, France, Cyprus
Thematic Working Groups	Cyprus, Finland, Austria, Poland, Be_Wallonia, Be_Flanders, Ireland

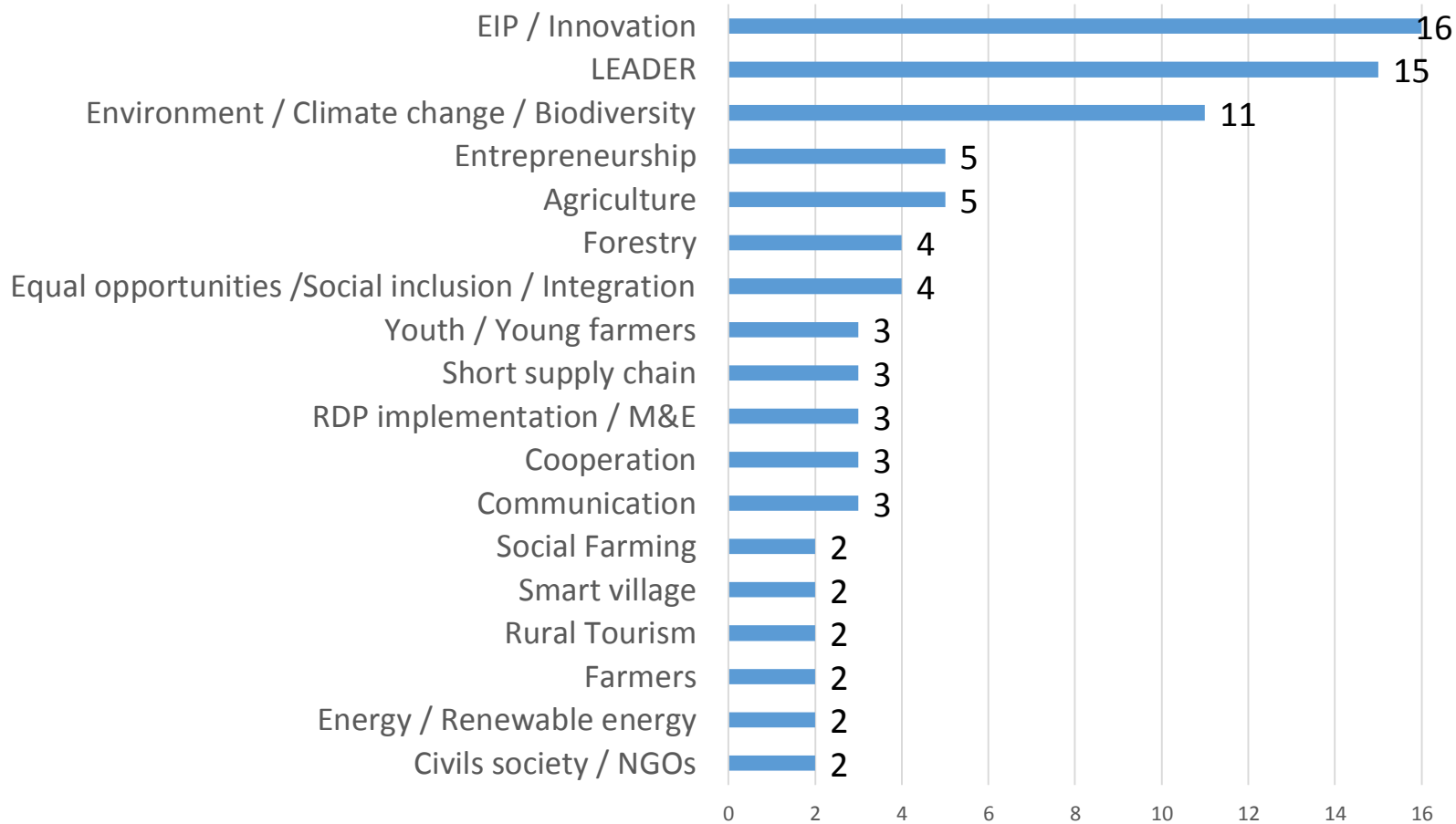
Plans for the next 12 months

- When asked “*What are your plans for the next 12 months?*” seven NRN’s were yet to finalise their action plan.
- Across the remaining 18 submissions, some NRN answers listed objectives while some listed specific activities.
- The most frequently mentioned topic or theme for the next 12 months activity was Innovation or EIP mentioned 12 times, LEADER (10), Agriculture (4) and Forestry (3).

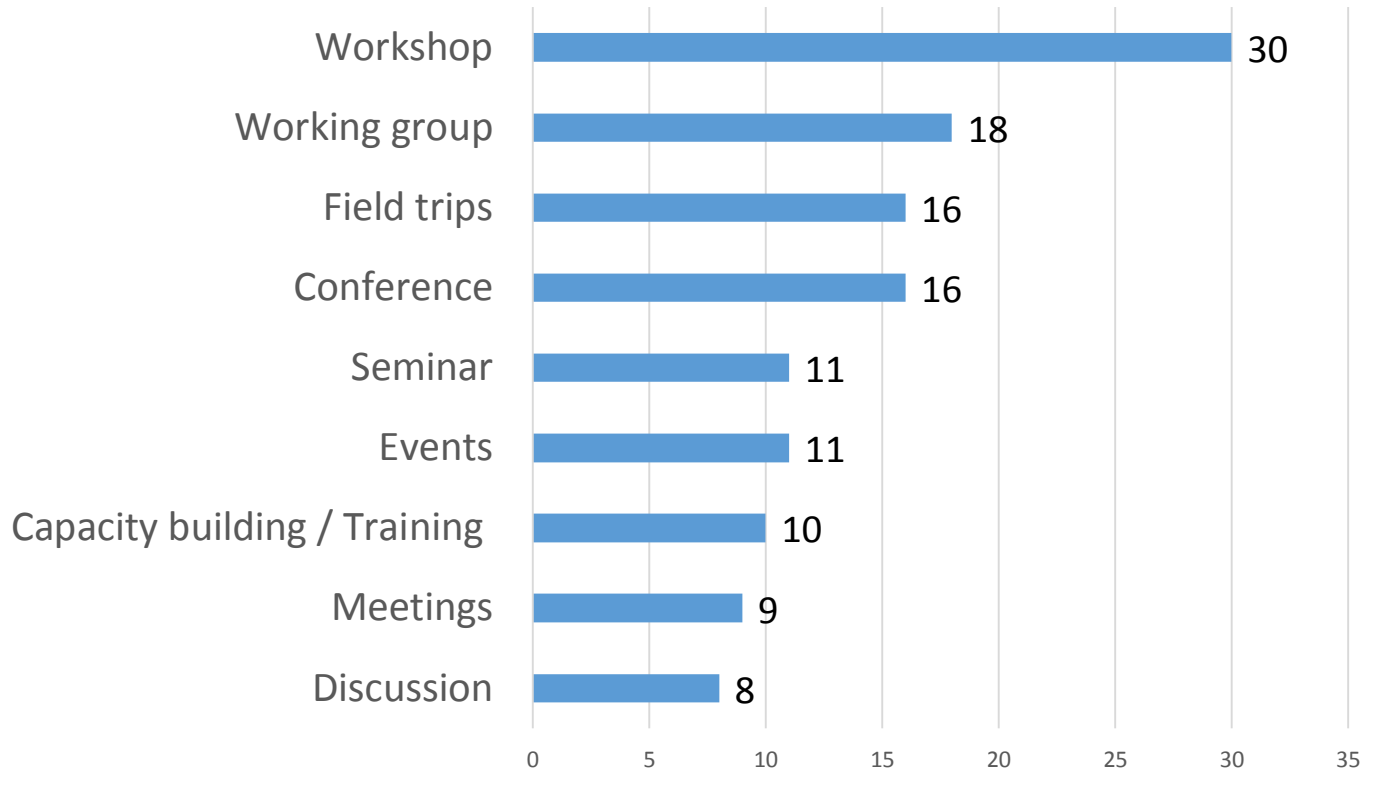
Themes to address in 2018

- When asked “*What themes in the NRN addressing in 2018? Please describe current and planned 2018 activities by each theme*”, across the 22 Member State submissions that provided an answer, 19 themes and 23 activities were stated more than once.
- EIP / Innovation was mentioned as a theme 16 times, LEADER 15 times and Environment / Climate change . Biodiversity 11 times.
- The most frequently mentioned activities planned for 2018 were Workshops of various types (30 mentions), Working Groups (18) and Field Trips (16) and Capacity Building / Training (16).

2018 Themes stated multiple times



2018 Activities stated eight or more times



Stakeholders to involve

- In response to the question “*Which stakeholders should you involve to support or add value to your thematic activity in 2018, and how?*” stakeholders mentioned four times across the 18 respondents who answered this question were; EIP stakeholders, groups or networks, Managing Authority and Paying Authority.
- Farmers, LAGs, NGOs and potential beneficiaries were all mentioned three times.
- Whilst most did not offer a clear answer as to how stakeholders will be engaged, in some MSs the NRN trying to reach target groups indirectly by involving existing umbrella organisations or social structures to deliver a message through them.

Formats for thematic activity

- In response to the question “*What are the most successful formats for delivering the thematic activity, and why?*” the most popular formats for delivery across the 25 submissions received were Meetings and Workshops of various types, mentioned six and four times respectively.
- The answers received varied pretty much and was not always possible to regroup or standardise the received information.

Communicating outcomes

- Out of the 19 Member States who included an answer to the question “*What are the best methods for communicating outcomes? How do you assess this?*”, 12 submissions gave an assessment method or tool to evaluate the communication method specified.

Best method to communicate outcomes



Thank You!

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