



European Network for  
Rural Development

# 6th NRN Meeting

## NRN Profiles – state of play

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### 2014-2020 NRRN Profile Austrian Rural Network

**Netzwerk zukuft/traum land**

*"Informing, Networking, Inspiring, Including..."*

**NRN objectives**

- Building awareness of the challenges of rural areas

### 2014-2020 NRRN Profile Flemish Rural Network

**VLAAMS RURAAL NETWERK**

*"The Flemish Rural Network aims at being the leading force that generates good ideas and gets rural areas on the move"*

**NRN objectives**

- To further the development of the Rural Development Programme in the region

### 2014-2020 NRRN Profile Walloon Rural Network

*"The Walloon Rural Network encourages rural development by changing practices, ideas and attitudes, and by creating a sense of shared responsibility and a new vision of rural life"*

**NRN objectives**

- Encourage communication and sharing (inspirations) between farmers to be successful rural development

### 2014-2020 NRRN Profile Czech Rural Network

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*"The German NRRN defined four objectives in line with the main policy objectives of the EU Regulation No. 1305/2013, with a further NRRN-specific objective: **to assist farmers in implementing rural development projects**"*

**NRN objectives**

- To support the implementation and overall functioning of the Rural Development Programme, RDP, in the Czech Republic, national and regional levels

### 2014-2020 NRRN Profile German Rural Network

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### 2014-2020 NRRN Profile Estonian Rural Network

**MAAMAKOOLSE INFOKESKUS**

*"Stability is our greatest strength!"*

**NRN objectives**

- To increase the quality of RDP implementation

### 2014-2020 NRRN Profile Spanish Rural Network

**RRN**

*"Discover rural life an opportunity for you!"*

*"Rural development: an opportunity for you!"*

**NRN objectives**

- To facilitate a permanent and stable framework of relationships among involved stakeholders

### 2014-2020 NRRN Profile Finnish Rural Network

**Rural.fi**

*"The Finnish Rural Network - connecting people and ideas"*

**NRN objectives**

- Strengthen participation in rural development initiatives
- Improve the quality of RDP implementation
- Inform the broader public and potential beneficiaries on rural development projects
- Support innovation in agriculture, food production, forestry and rural areas
- Facilitate the exchange of expertise and knowledge in rural areas

**Membership**

- Who can join the network?
- How to join the network?

### 2014-2020 NRRN Profile Greek Rural Network

**ΚΕΝΤΡΟ ΑΓΡΟΤΙΚΗΣ ΚΑΙ ΚΑΤΑΣΤΡΟΦΗΣ ΠΡΟΤΑΣΕΩΝ**

*"We cooperate with the local groups for the sustainable future of the countryside"*

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### 2014-2020 NRRN Profile Croatian Rural Network

**mreza 23 ruralnet.hr**

*"Our mission is integration and an application of all our participants in the development of different fields"*

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### 2014-2020 NRRN Profile Hungarian Rural Network

**WWW.MNVH.EU**

**Magyar Nemzeti Vidék Hálózat**

*"Our mission is to support the implementation and overall functioning of the Rural Development Programme, RDP, in the Hungarian states, national and regional levels"*

**NRN objectives**

- To support the implementation and overall functioning of the Rural Development Programme, RDP, in the Hungarian states, national and regional levels
- To increase the social integration and economic development of rural areas
- Develop and enhance communication channels for informing members
- Support the exchange of experiences and sharing knowledge between members

**Membership**

- Who can join the network?
- How to join the network?

### 2014-2020 NRRN Profile Irish Rural Network

**National Rural Network**

*"The Network's primary role is to maximize the impact of the Rural Development Programme by bringing to the attention of all those people who can contribute as providers, and by encouraging a sense of responsibility and respect for rural stakeholders"*

**NRN objectives**

- Raising awareness of key issues of rural concern identified by the RDP and identifying the process through which national and regional stakeholders can be involved in the development of the RDP
- Creating a collaborative platform between relevant stakeholders to enhance the delivery and quality of the RDP
- Establishing a supportive framework through which all will be able to benefit emerging from the Rural Development Programme
- Facilitating communication of the RDP's outputs to target stakeholders and groups
- Supporting the Managing Authority in its networking, information and communication activities
- Enhancing best practice in all relevant areas and communicating and disseminating it to all stakeholders and groups

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### 2014-2020 NRRN Profile Lithuanian Rural Network

**Lietuvių Rūmynų Tinklas**

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### 2014-2020 NRRN Profile Latvian Rural Network

**Lauku tīkls**

*"Support of rural youth and help entrepreneurship in rural successful rural development"*

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### 2014-2020 NRRN Profile Maltese Rural Network

*"The National Rural Network of Malta aims at providing a platform for bringing together Rural stakeholders with the concept of building and ensuring a more effective implementation of the Rural Development Programme"*

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### 2014-2020 NRRN Profile Dutch Rural Network

**NETWERK PLATTELAND**

*"Dutch NSU: the rural connectors"*

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### 2014-2020 NRRN Profile Polish Rural Network

**BNRP-PPT-ppp.org**

*"The Polish National Rural Network has been engaged in the local promotion and raising awareness of the Rural Development Programme"*

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### 2014-2020 NRRN Profile Romanian Rural Network

**RNRDR**

*"Romanian Rural Network (RNRDR) focuses rural areas to rural development and employment and training opportunities, contributing to the understanding and implementation of Rural Development Programme"*

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### 2014-2020 NRRN Profile Swedish Rural Network

**The Swedish rural network**

*"Within the rural network we are creating an awareness of rural farming and education to contribute to a sustainable development in Swedish rural areas"*

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### 2014-2020 NRRN Profile Slovak Rural Network

**NARODNÁ SIEŤ ROZVOJCA VIDIEK SI**

*"Together for Rural Development"*

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### 2014-2020 NRRN Profile England Rural Network

**RDPE**

*"Working together to support Rural Development in England, the UK and Europe"*

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### 2014-2020 NRRN Profile Scottish Rural Network

**sm**

*"The Scottish Rural Network (SRN) encourages rural development by sharing information, ideas and good practice. We work with, and for, those who live, work or have an interest in rural Scotland"*

**NRN objectives**

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### 2014-2020 NRRN Profile Welsh Rural Network

**The Welsh Rural Network**

*"The Welsh Rural Network (WRN) aims to encourage good practice, share knowledge and the opportunities available for effective RDP implementation in Wales. We are open to support interested in rural development or involved with the Welsh Government Rural Communities - Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 and the private 4 Wales, WRN Support Unit does not govern a formal membership process but encourage members from the agricultural, environmental, community, commercial and academic sectors."*

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## NRN Profiles

**2014-2020 National Rural Network (NRN) profiles** provide basic information about NRNs and their Network Support Units (NSUs) in various Member States, including objectives, membership, governance, working with RDP management, budget, communication and self-assessment activities.

You can access the NRN profiles by clicking the image icons or the 'NRN profile' links.

	<p><b>Croatian Rural Network Profile</b></p> <p>Relevant documents:</p> <p><a href="#">NRN Communication and Action Plan (HR)</a></p> <p>For more information on RDP and contacts, <a href="#">click here</a>.</p>	<p><b>General NRN Contacts</b></p> <p><u>Address:</u> Ulica grada Vukovara 78, 10000 Zagreb, Hrvatska</p> <p><u>Phone number:</u> +385 16106581</p> <p><u>Website:</u> <a href="http://www.mrr.hr">www.mrr.hr</a></p> <p><u>General e-mail:</u> <a href="mailto:mrr@mps.hr">mrr@mps.hr</a></p>
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# NRN Profiles: an overview

*Since April 2016:*

- **29** NRN profiles questionnaires collected
- **25** NRN profiles analysed
- **25** NRN profiles approved/published
- **4** NRN profiles: insufficient data/analysis in progress

**3 NRN profiles: missing!**

# NRN Profiles: What do they tell us?

A  
representative  
PICTURE

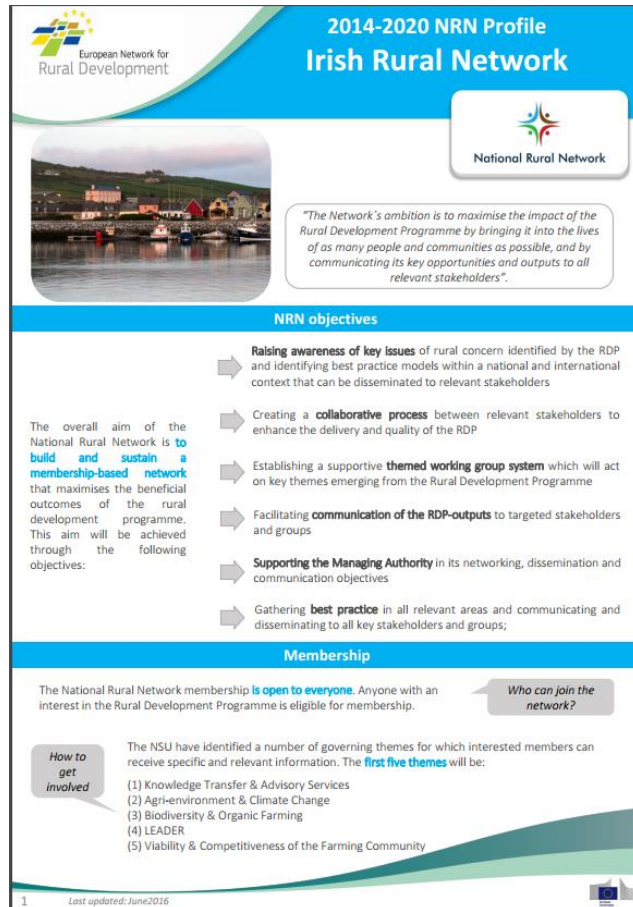


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A representative QUOTE



# NRN Profiles: What do they tell us?



**2014-2020 NRN Profile  
Irish Rural Network**

European Network for Rural Development

National Rural Network

*"The Network's ambition is to maximise the impact of the Rural Development Programme by bringing it into the lives of as many people and communities as possible, and by communicating its key opportunities and outputs to all relevant stakeholders".*

**NRN objectives**

- Raising awareness of key issues of rural concern identified by the RDP and identifying best practice models within a national and international context that can be disseminated to relevant stakeholders
- Creating a collaborative process between relevant stakeholders to enhance the delivery and quality of the RDP
- Establishing a supportive themed working group system which will act on key themes emerging from the Rural Development Programme
- Facilitating communication of the RDP-outputs to targeted stakeholders and groups
- Supporting the Managing Authority in its networking, dissemination and communication objectives
- Gathering best practice in all relevant areas and communicating and disseminating to all key stakeholders and groups;

The overall aim of the National Rural Network is to build and sustain a membership-based network that maximises the beneficial outcomes of the rural development programme. This aim will be achieved through the following objectives:

**Membership**

The National Rural Network membership is open to everyone. Anyone with an interest in the Rural Development Programme is eligible for membership.

**Who can join the network?**

**How to get involved**

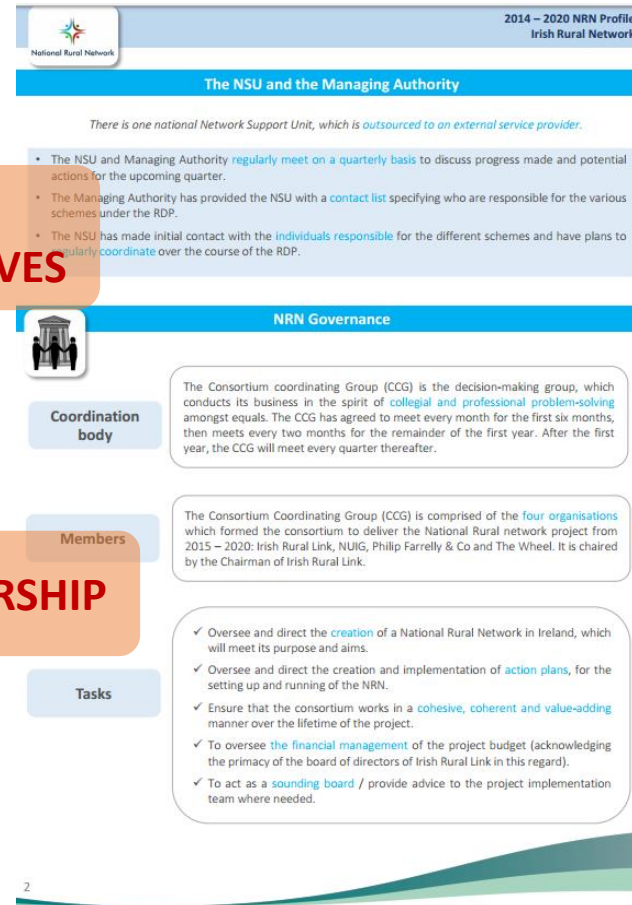
The NSU have identified a number of governing themes for which interested members can receive specific and relevant information. The first five themes will be:

- (1) Knowledge Transfer & Advisory Services
- (2) Agri-environment & Climate Change
- (3) Biodiversity & Organic Farming
- (4) LEADER
- (5) Viability & Competitiveness of the Farming Community

1 Last updated: June 2016

## NRN OBJECTIVES

## MEMBERSHIP



2014 – 2020 NRN Profile  
Irish Rural Network

National Rural Network

**The NSU and the Managing Authority**

There is one national Network Support Unit, which is outsourced to an external service provider.

- The NSU and Managing Authority regularly meet on a quarterly basis to discuss progress made and potential actions for the upcoming quarter.
- The Managing Authority has provided the NSU with a contact list specifying who are responsible for the various schemes under the RDP.
- The NSU has made initial contact with the individuals responsible for the different schemes and have plans to regularly coordinate over the course of the RDP.

**NRN Governance**

**Coordination body**

The Consortium coordinating Group (CCG) is the decision-making group, which conducts its business in the spirit of collegial and professional problem-solving amongst equals. The CCG has agreed to meet every month for the first six months, then meets every two months for the remainder of the first year. After the first year, the CCG will meet every quarter thereafter.

**Members**

The Consortium Coordinating Group (CCG) is comprised of the four organisations which formed the consortium to deliver the National Rural network project from 2015 – 2020: Irish Rural Link, NUIG, Philip Farrelly & Co and The Wheel. It is chaired by the Chairman of Irish Rural Link.

**Tasks**

- Oversee and direct the creation of a National Rural Network in Ireland, which will meet its purpose and aims.
- Oversee and direct the creation and implementation of action plans, for the setting up and running of the NRN.
- Ensure that the consortium works in a cohesive, coherent and value-adding manner over the lifetime of the project.
- To oversee the financial management of the project budget (acknowledging the primacy of the board of directors of Irish Rural Link in this regard).
- To act as a sounding board / provide advice to the project implementation team where needed.

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Is the NSU within MA

Governance

# NRN Profiles: What do they tell us?

Communication

2014 – 2020 NRN Profile  
Irish Rural Network

### Communication

The strategic long-term goal of the National Rural Network (NRN) is to 'inform the broader public and potential beneficiaries on rural development policy and funding opportunities' (as per Article 54(2) of the RDR). Building on this goal, the objectives of this Communications and Publicity Plan are to:

Objective	Description
<b>INFORM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide a <b>comprehensive information service</b> to groups and organisations and inform potential beneficiaries of the measures/sub-measures under the 2014-2020 RDP for Ireland on available funding, eligibility criteria for each support, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>PROMOTE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Promote the RDP to the broader public</b> by communicating its key opportunities and outputs.</li> <li>Raise awareness of <b>best practice</b> and in all relevant areas by gathering and disseminating examples and case studies to relevant target audiences.</li> <li>Keep the <b>media and public interest groups</b> informed of relevant RDP activities, milestones, opportunities and achievements.</li> </ul>
<b>ENGAGE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage all relevant stakeholders in the <b>exchange of information</b> by creating opportunities, spaces and tools to facilitate <b>networking</b> and the interactive (horizontal) flow of information.</li> </ul>

### NRN self-assessment

The NRN will measure the success of the communications and publicity activities by setting **baselines** and then **monitoring and evaluating a list of key performance indicators** as indicated in the table below.

- This list will be refined through our **continuous improvement process** throughout the lifetime of the programme to reflect actual results, adapt to changing requirements and take advantage of opportunities that present.

[Download: Monitoring & evaluation indicators of the Irish Rural Network \(IE\)](#)

### Timeline of NRN Workplans

1st period	2nd period	3rd period	4th period	...
1 Feb 2016 – 31 Mar 2016	1 Apr 2016 – 30 Jun 2016	1 Jul 2016 – 30 Sept 2016	1 Oct 2016 – 31 Dec 2016	

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Financial Resources

2014 – 2020 NRN Profile  
Irish Rural Network


### NRN Resources

Financial resources (2014-2020)	Budget (€)	Human resources	No
Total NRN public funds:	3,000,000	Number of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff	4
Out of which national co-financing:	1,410,000		
Out of which EAFRD:	1,590,000		

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Self-Assessment

Contact details

Workplan Timeline

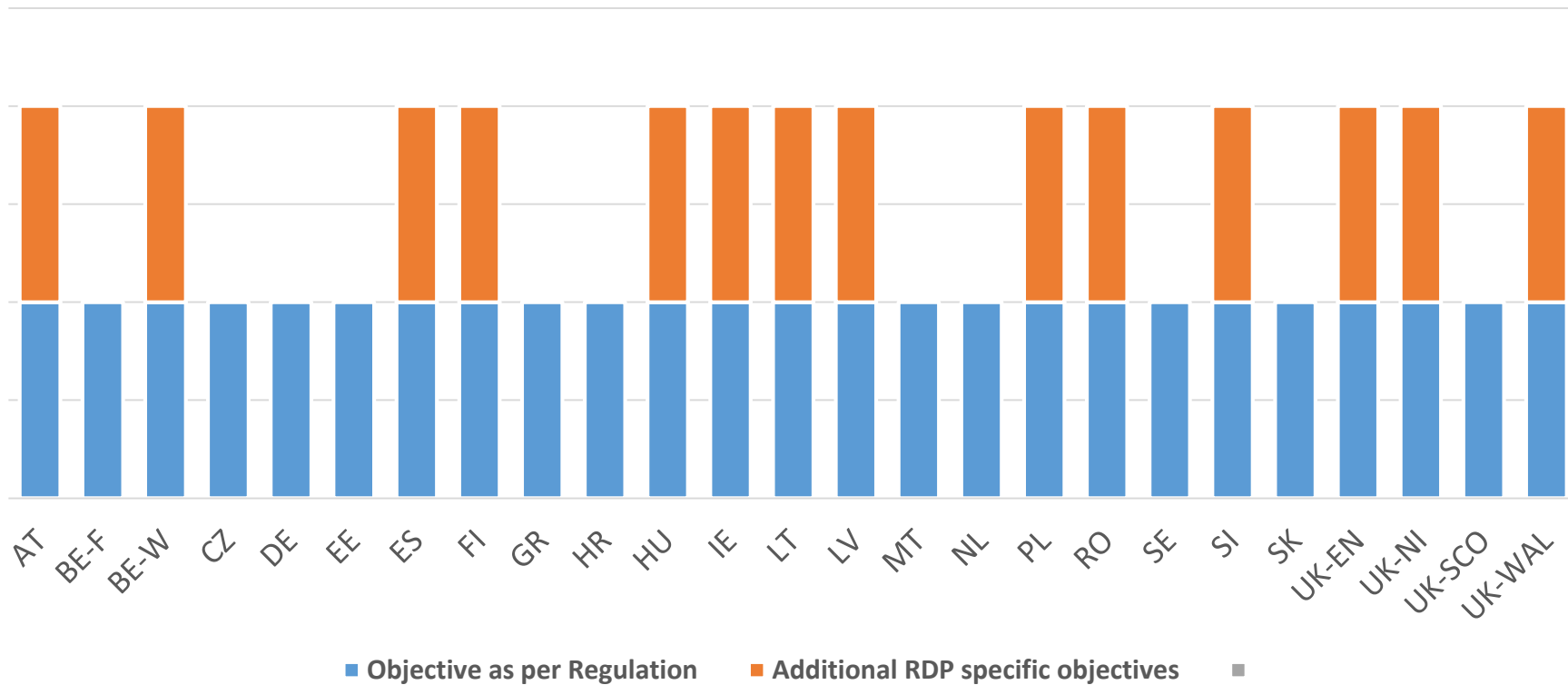


# Preliminary findings

- NRN objectives
- Membership
- NRN Structure
- NSU and RDP Management
- Funds

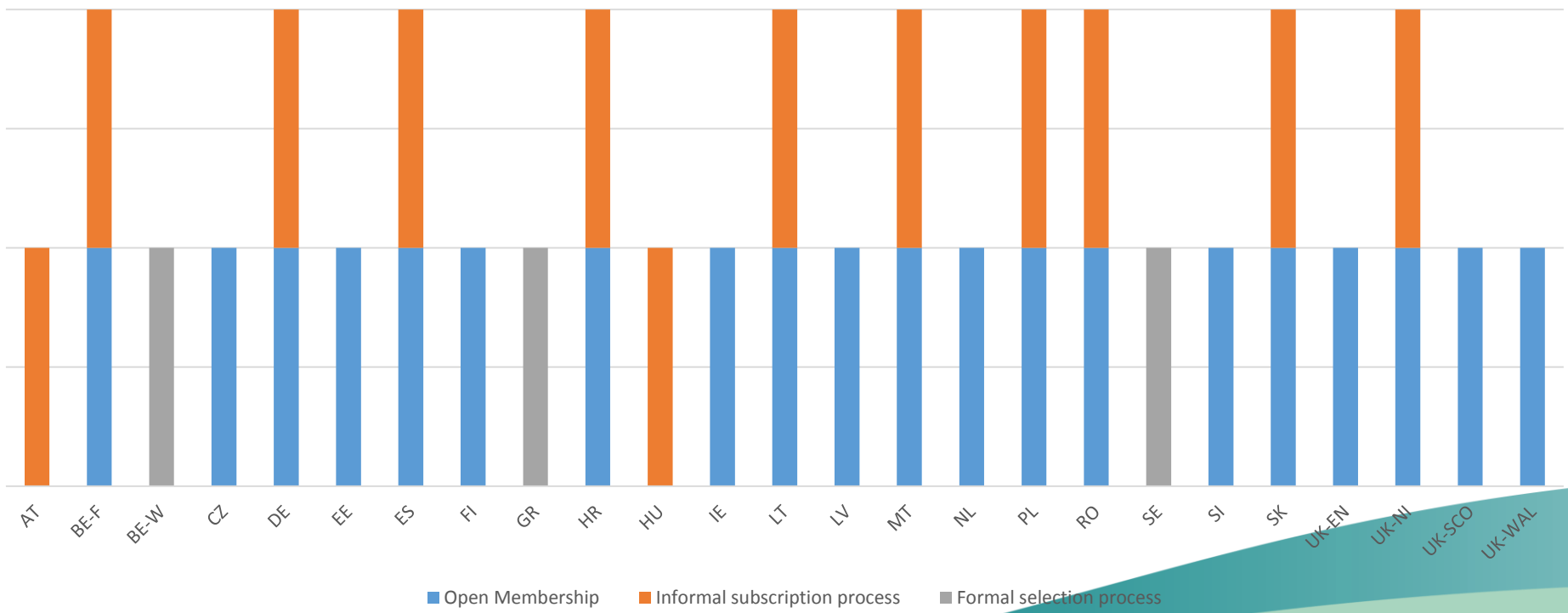
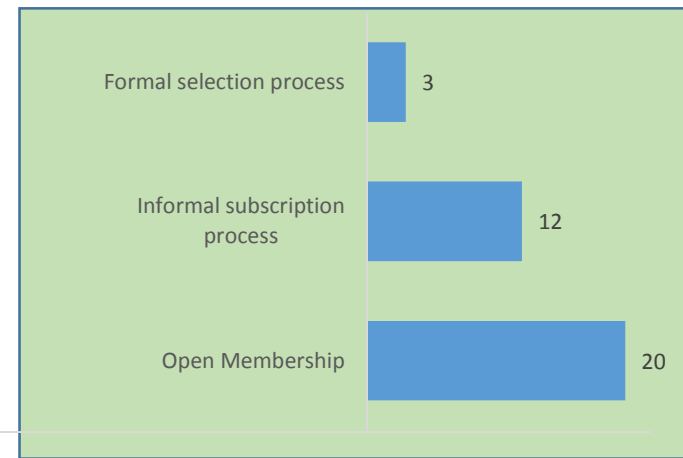
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# Membership

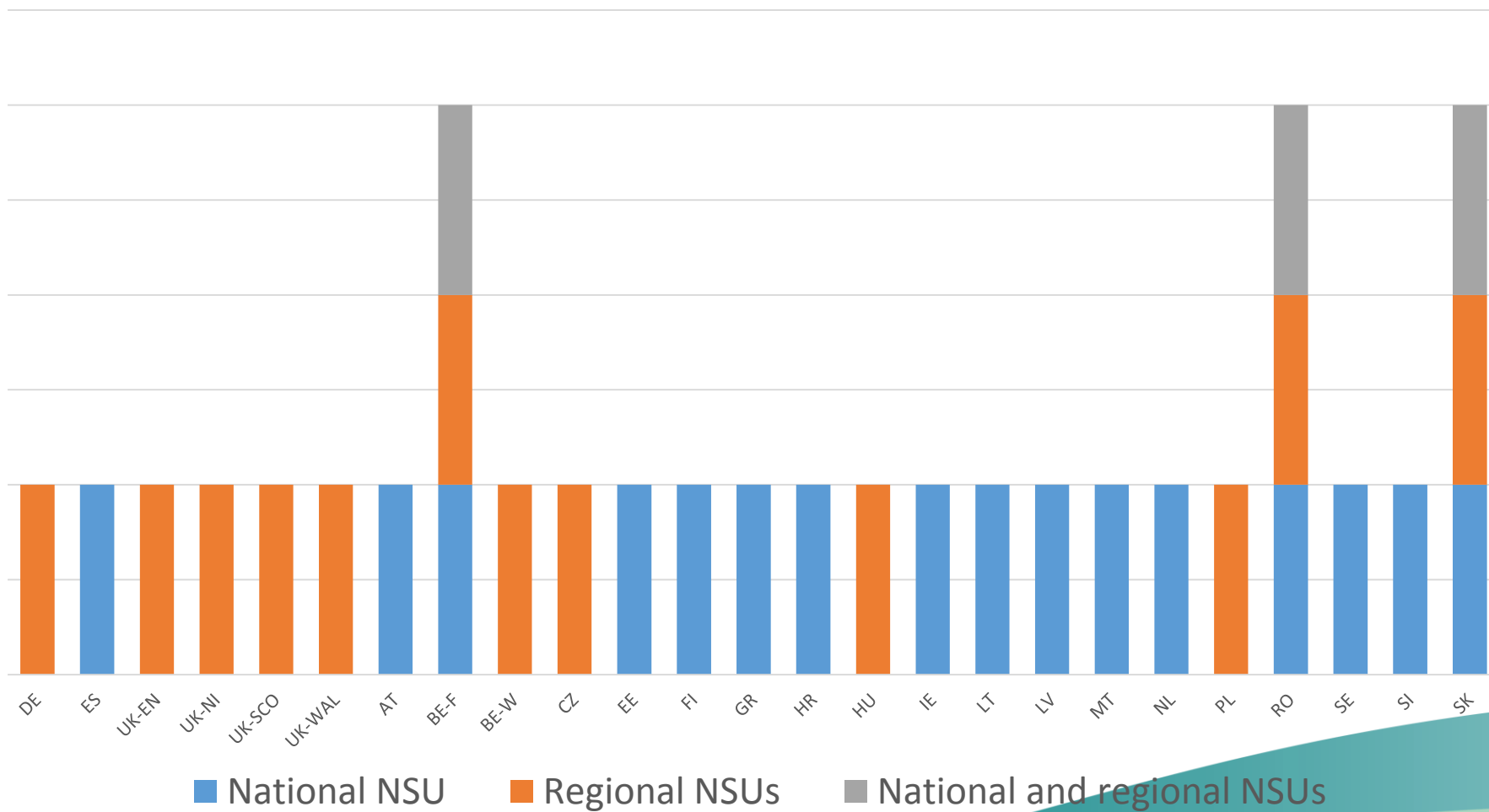
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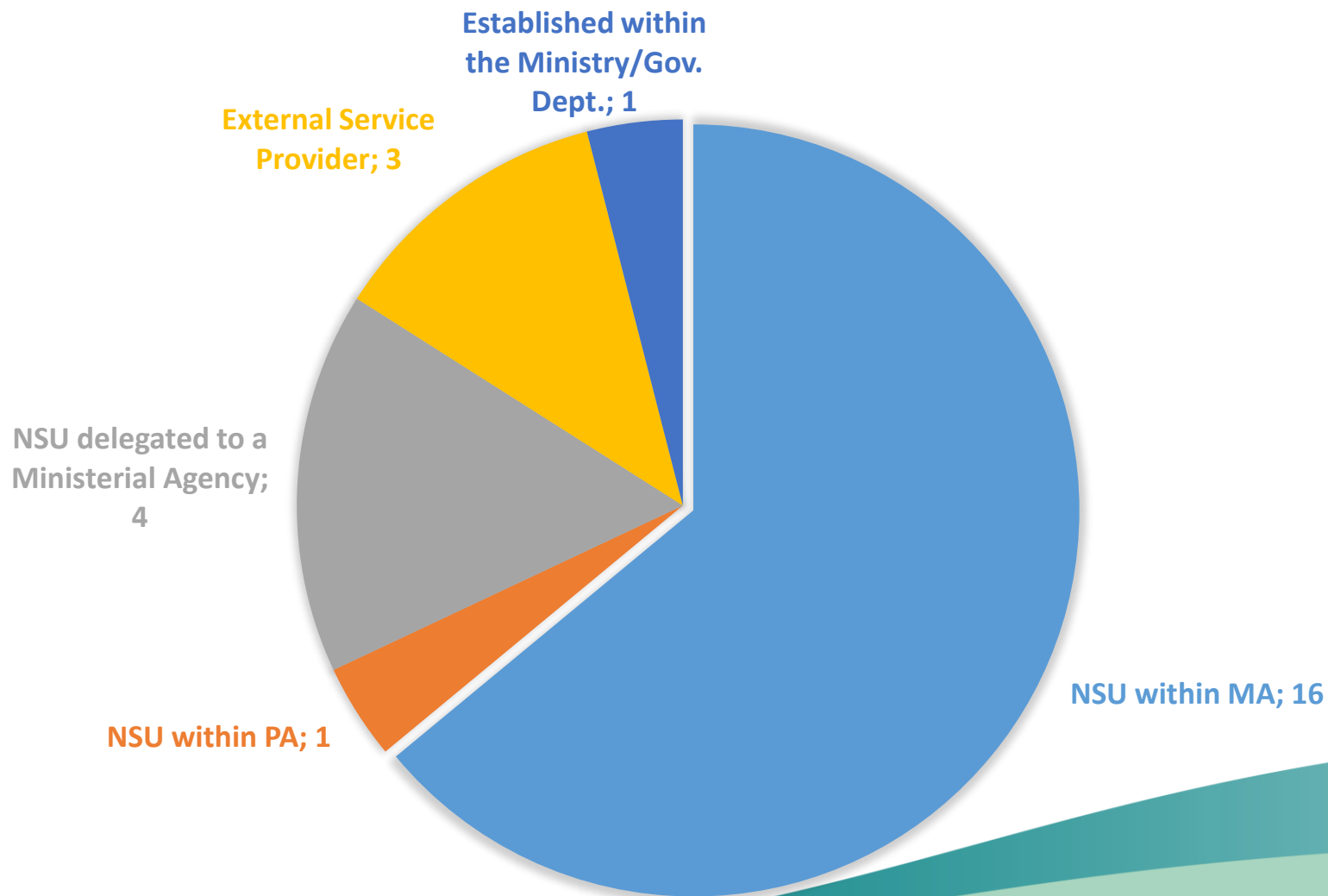
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# NRN Structure

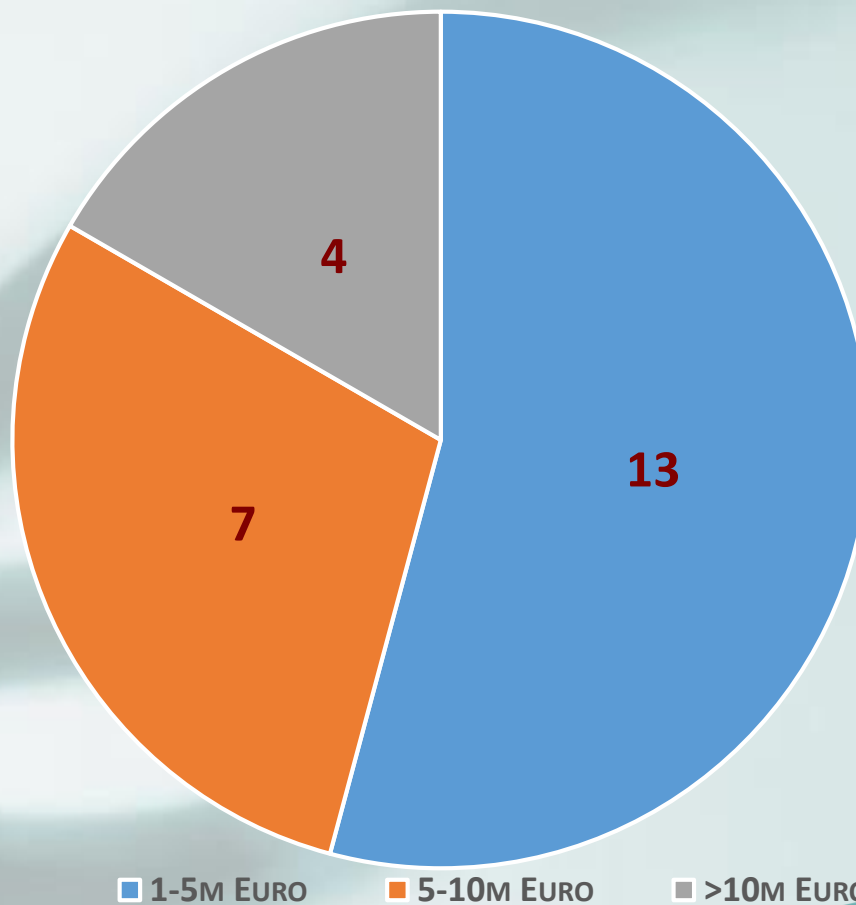


# NSU and RDP Management



# Funds

No of NRNs per BUDGET range





# What's next

- To collect the 3 missing profiles
- To complete the analysis (4 profiles)
- Ad hoc publication – Rural Connection
- Update of information: on-going

# Thank you for your attention!

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