



“Connecting for a better future”

NRN objectives

The Bulgarian NRN:

- Aims to improve the quality of the Rural Development Programme;
- Increases the interest of the wider public towards rural areas;
- Maintains, supports and structures the conversation between the MA and stakeholders.

Membership

The membership is **open** to all rural stakeholders. The criteria is to be an organisation or institution involved in sustainable local and regional development, promoting employment and improving the quality of life in rural areas.

Who can join the network?

Another fundamental principle which determines the types of participants in the National Rural Network is connected to the representation of all past and current potential beneficiaries of the RDP (2007-13) and RDP (2014-2020).

The NSU and RDP management

The NSU and the Managing Authority

The NRN is **established within the MA**, located at the Ministry of Agriculture with some activities outsourced or contracted to an external service provider.

A call for tender is to be opened to select a company to which the NSU will be outsourced (as of March 2017).

The NSU and the Monitoring Committee

The Monitoring Committee of the RDP **approves the strategic decisions** on activities performed by the Steering Committee.



NRN Governance

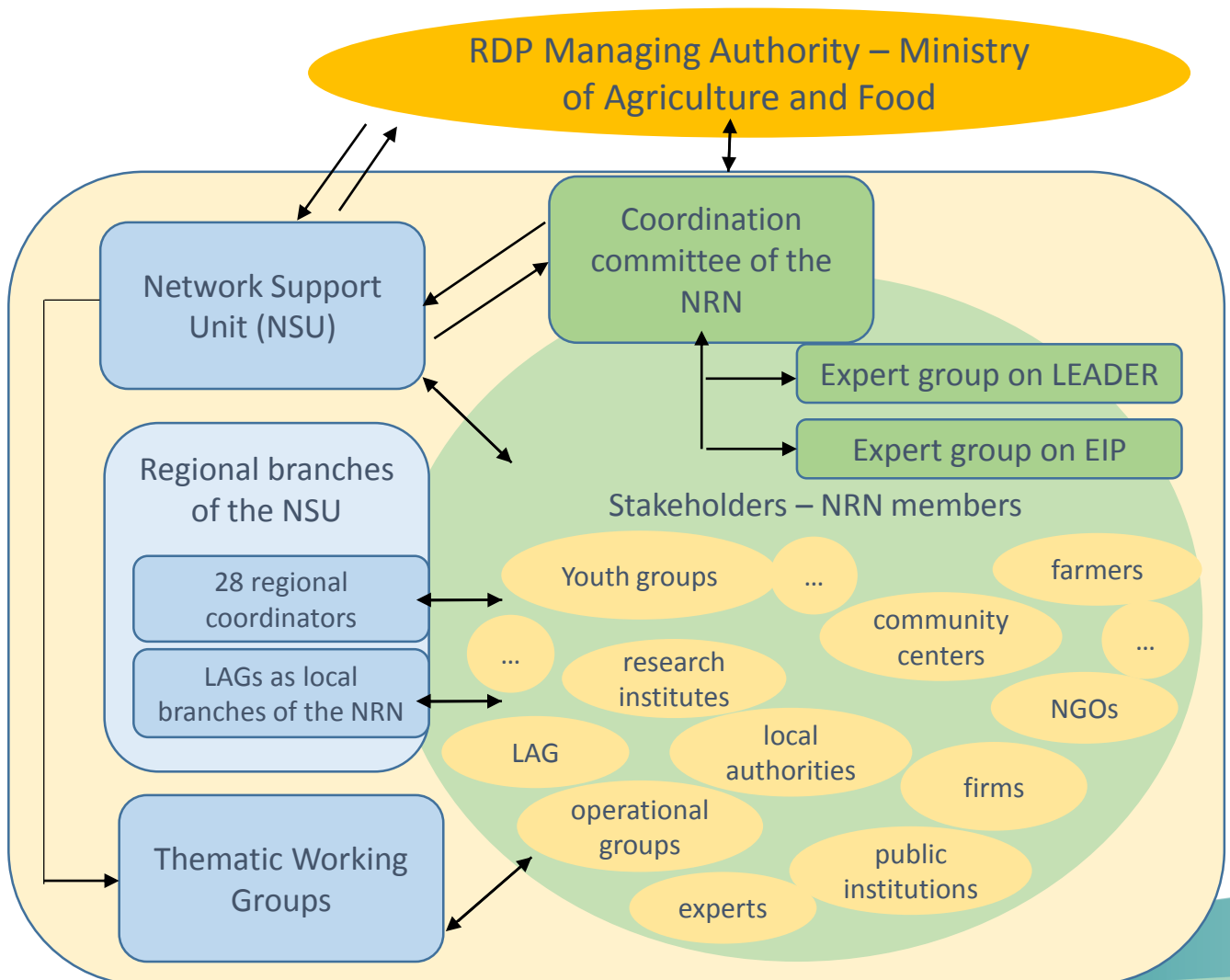
Steering Committee

The role of the Steering Committee is **to take key decisions** on the activities of the network. It consists of a maximum of 15 members - representatives of all major stakeholder groups and networks who will participate on a voluntary basis. The Steering Committee will elect a chairman from among its members on a rotational basis for a term of two years. The Chairman represents the NRN at the Monitoring Committee of the RDP (2014-2020).

Tasks of the SC

The **main tasks** of the Steering Committee are:

- ✓ To make recommendations on the selection of priorities and theme;
- ✓ To approve its action plan and communication plan and their amendments which made in the process of implementation;
- ✓ To receive and approve reports;
- ✓ To monitor the progress of the program;
- ✓ To offer advice and
- ✓ To support the self-assessment of the overall activities of the Network.





NRN Resources

Financial resources (2014-2020)	Budget
Total NRN public funds:	€2 062 130
Out of which national co-financing:	N/A
Out of which EAFRD:	49.5%

Human resources	No
Number of part-time equivalent (FTE) staff	2

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WORK IN PROGRESS!!!



The Communication Plan and the Self-Assessment plan are currently under preparation.

Updates will be published as the work progresses.