



"Flexibility is our greatest strength!"

NRN objectives

The Estonian NRN defined **four objectives** in line with the mandatory objectives set by EU Regulation No 1305/2013:

- ➔ To **improve** the quality of RDP implementation
- ➔ To **increase** the involvement of stakeholders
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- ➔ To **facilitate** the promotion of innovation in agriculture, food processing, forestry and in rural areas



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Membership

The Estonian NRN is open for everyone that has an interest in rural development.

Who can join the network?

The NSU and RDP management

The NSU and the Managing Authority

- ✓ The Estonian NSU is **part of the Rural Economy Research Centre** (which is a public body managed by the Ministry of Rural Affairs/ Managing Authority (MA)).
- ✓ The NRN's general activity plan is presented yearly to the Ministry along with the RDP Technical Assistance plan.
- ✓ The MA and the NSU also coordinate on communication actions within the RDP communication group (see below).

The NSU and the Monitoring Committee

- ✓ A representative of the Rural Economy Research Centre is a member of the RDP Monitoring Committee (MC).
- ✓ The NSU activities are presented under the **MC agenda item**, including activities under the general RDP communication activity plan and strategy.



NRN Governance



The Estonian Rural Network Support Unit (NSU) has up to **10 employees**. The NSU organises the Cooperation Chamber meetings, which take place at least twice per year.

The Cooperation Chamber (up to **30 organisations and RDP technical staff**):

- ✓ coordinates the NRN activities and links them to RDP goals,
- ✓ advises the NSU when preparing and implementing the NRN action plan.

Permanent **working-groups** on LEADER, short supply chain and innovation.



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Communication



The **Communication Strategy** of the Estonian RDP and its activity plan (both coordinated by the Managing Authority), include activities to be carried out by the NRN.

To coordinate the actions among different stakeholders, an **RDP communication group** - with representatives from the Paying Agency, the Managing Authority and the Network Support Unit - has been set up. It will meet twice per year.



Download: Communication Plan (EE)

NRN Self-assessment



In addition to collecting the **mandatory indicators** and the ENRD common network statistics, the Estonian NRN regularly **collects monitoring data** (i.e. feedback from events) in an electronic database.

This monitoring data is used for self-assessment purposes, seeking an improvement in the implementation of different activities, including events' planning and organisation (collected feedback is discussed before the next similar event at a regular Rural Network Unit meeting, and the necessary corrections are made.)



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Timeline of NRN Workplans

1st period

01 Jan 2015– 31
Dec 2015

2nd period

1 Jan 2016 – 31
Dec 2017

3rd period

1 Jan 2017 – 31
Dec 2017

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NRN Resources

Financial resources (2014-2020)

Budget (€)

Total NRN public funds: 2 180 570

Out of which national co-financing: 495 584

Out of which EAFRD: 1 684 986



Human resources (NSU)

No

Number of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff

8

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