

Priority themes for EU Networks

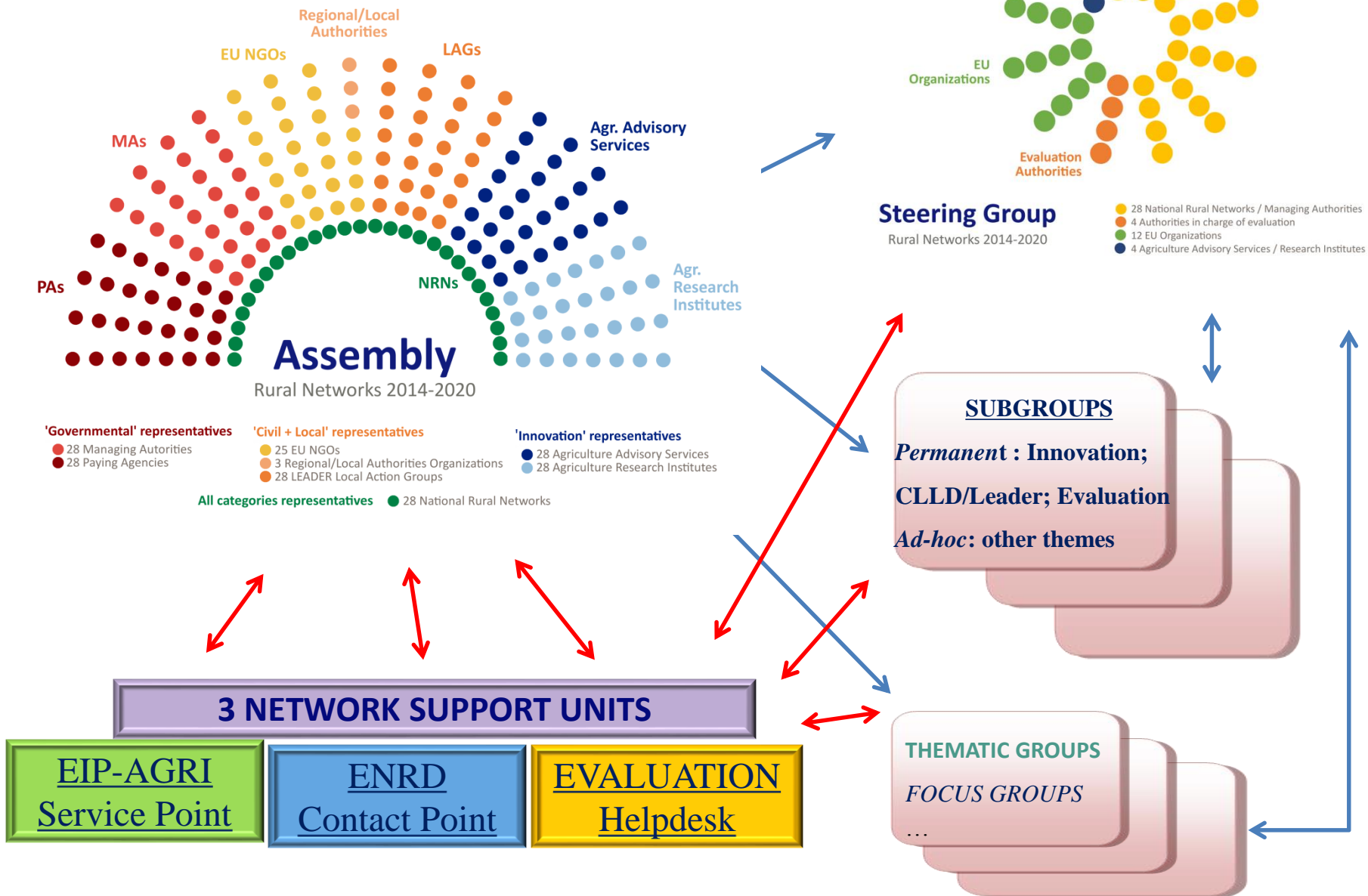
Outcomes from the RN Assembly and the Steering Group

Thematic Group on RDP implementation - 1st Meeting

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Some context

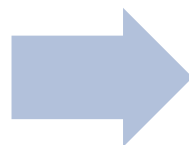
Commission Implementing Decision 2014/825/EU



Steering Group's role

The Assembly

- **provides strategic framework** for activities of the ENRD and EIP network, including thematic work



The Steering group

- **coordinates the work** in accordance with the framework provided by the Assembly

Innovation subgroup

CLLD subgroup

Thematic working groups

Identified priority topics

Principles and criteria for themes

Wide interest across EU:

- is this theme relevant for your institution/organisation/country
- Are you prepared to work with it?

Time relevance:

- most important at this point of the rural development programming cycle

Past lessons:

- To what extent has this theme been approached at the EU level?

Balance:

- Between "methodological" and "topic"-based themes
- Between different rural development objectives

N*	Selected topic (not ranked)	Priority
1.	Simplification (for all, in order to achieve the relevant objectives)	++
2.	Empowering advisory services – Knowledge transfer – Broader innovation	++
3.	Local food – Short Supply Chain – Rural-urban partnership – Small farms	+
4.	Pillar 1-Pillar 2 linkages	++
5.	Demographic change & social inclusion	+
6.	Multi-fund approaches	+
7.	Green economy related to job and growth	+
8.	Starting-up the NRNs	+
9.	Evaluation of networking activities - NRNs	+
10.	Climate change	+



Some conclusions/reflections:

- Good balance between themes
- Clear interest and urgency to focus on the **launch of the new RDPs** (time relevance)
- Good initial discussion on topics and issues, but still scope for sharpening the focus
- There is more work to be done to choose the best ‘packages’ of networking tools (also considering limitations)