

# Members' involvement in Swedish NRN activities

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# Members & the Network

- The Rural Network becomes what we want it to be!
- The members' involvement is the base of a successful network
- The members need to experience the benefit of the Rural Network



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# NRN membership

- **All national organisations and authorities** working with or influencing rural development – are invited
- **Formal** membership
- **No personal** membership
- No membership fee
- **Applying for membership** indicating the activity level
- Expressing the added value to be an NRN member
- The Steering Committee approving the membership
- The SE network pays the members for work performed



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# Tool: form for members network initiatives

- Network initiativ from the members – suggestion
- The Steering Committee decide areas to work with
- The Steering Committee (15 persons) consist of members of the most important rural development and agriculture organisations/authorities.

In our case:

- The Board of Agriculture is the host to the Rural Network Support Unit



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# Achievements / Lessons

- **More active and responsible member** organisations operating in different network activities
- **Better involvement in rural development** with various stakeholders - The members involvement increased in network activities
- **More efficient implementation of the Swedish RDP** through members involvement
- The activities empower us to participate in rural development
- More cooperation: consumer - producer



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