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NRN Self-assessment: Outcomes of the 2nd NRN meeting in Latvia

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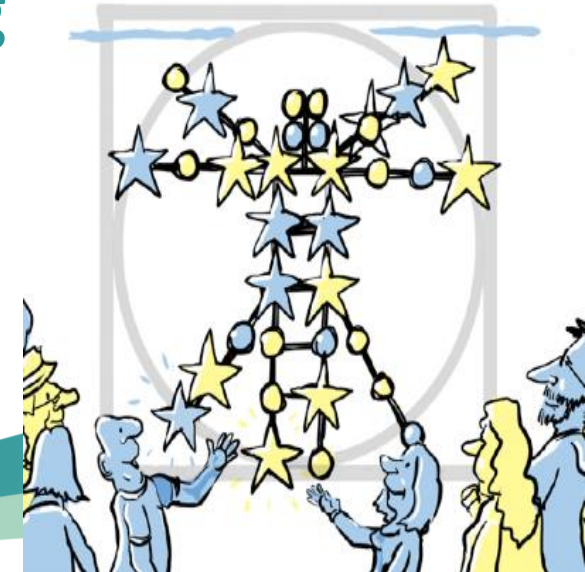
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Starting point

NRN self-assessment has become increasingly important towards the end of 2007-2013 and in 2014-2020

Important for:

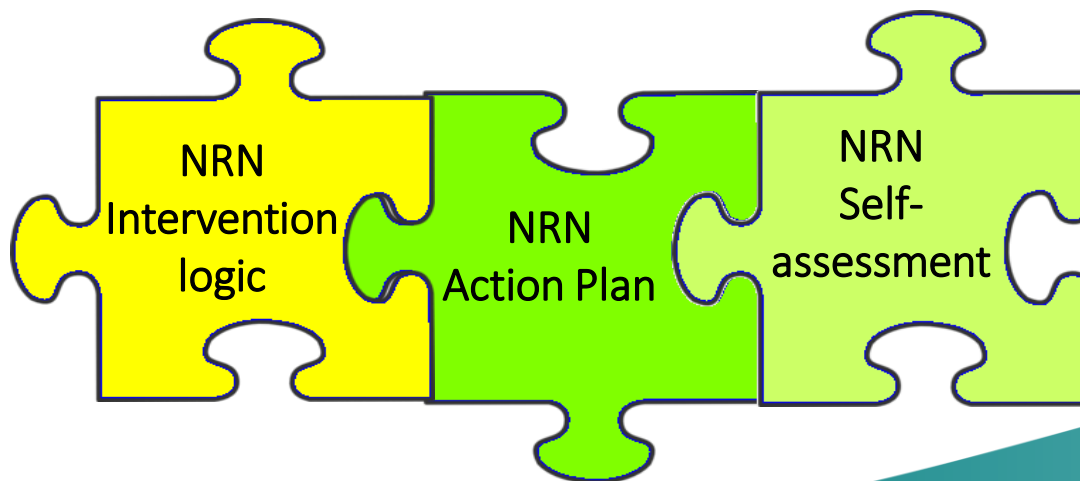
- ✓ understanding achievements (outputs & results) of networks
- ✓ improving continuously networking activities
- ✓ demonstrating the added value of networking



NRN Meeting in Latvia

Aimed at:

- ✓ raising awareness about the importance of NRN self-assessment – importance of starting early on!
- ✓ help to create links between:



Discussion points during meeting

- **Common network statistics** (“output indicators”): what data to collect collectively to demonstrate outputs of NRNs at the European level?
- How to make network statistics **meaningful (SMART)** & aligned with mandatory data collection?
- How to work together/ assist NRNs in carrying out **qualitative self-assessment** (with focus on results)?



Main challenges for NRNs

- Quantitative indicators are often not meaningful: focus on **quality rather than quantity**
- Defining and collecting **common network statistics** – diversity of networks
- Identifying **useful methods for qualitative assessment (results)** – great interest for NRNs
- **Scope and interest for joint working among NRNs & European Networks**

