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# The Italian “*National Rural Network*”

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# NATIONAL RURAL NETWORK 2007 - 2013

- **Art 67 EC Reg. 1698/2005 establishes the *European Rural Network***
- **Art 68 EC Reg. 1698/2005 establishes *National Rural Networks***
- **Art 66 (3 par) : MS with regionalized programming system → NRN as a single Programme**

## The “NATIONAL RURAL NETWORK 2007-2013”

Decision of Approval C(2007) n. 3824, 14th August 2007

1. **APPROVED BEFORE ALL THE ITALIAN RDPs → activities started in 2008**
2. **FIRST “NRN Programme” approved in the EU-27**
3. **BUDGET 83 millions of EURO (50% EAFRD)**

# NATIONAL RURAL NETWORK 2007 - 2013

## STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME

- **Programme** (Decision of Approval C(2007) n. 3824, 14th August 2007)
- **Action Plan** (implementing document for the total 2007 – 2013 period) approved by Monitoring Committee on March 2008
- **Annual Plans** (list of forecasted activities for the year)

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## MAIN CHALLENGES

- **Widening the participation in Rural development Policies (RDPs address and NRN activities)**
- **Overcoming national differences ( human resources' skills, RDP management, procedures, monitoring & evaluation)**
- **International dimension (exchange of experiences, good practises, innovations)**

## NRN ADDED VALUE

- ✓ **TO ENHANCE NSP and RDP : *PERFORMANCES, IMPACTS, FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY (N+2) rule, INTEGRATION AMONG POLICIES***
- ✓ ***Better Knowledge and Visibility of Rural Development Policies' role and impacts***



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## WHICH MEMBERS ?

### OPEN and INCLUSIVE approach

- According to art. 68 (1) **National Partners:**
  - **ALL** administrations engaged in RD (*national, regional, LAGs, etc.*)
  - **ALL** organizations engaged in RD (*professional, environmental, technical, cultural, chambers of industry-commerce, cooperatives, other networks; NGO's*)
- **The “European Rural Network” and any other relevant international partners** (international organizations, Think-Tanks, NGO's, other NRN)
- **LIST of 15 other networks playing a role in rural areas**  
(i.e Consumers, Universities, Euro Info Centres, National contact points of VI-VII° EU Research Programme, European Business and Innovations Centres (BIC), Interact, EUROPE DIRECT centres, etc.... )

## HOW TO MAKE NRN?

- ✓ **INCLUDING “Key actors” as NRN MEMBERS and organizing the competences they can give → participation to NRN activities through **THEMATIC TASK FORCES****

### **THEMATIC WORKING GROUPS set by Italian NRN:**

- LEADER Approach
- COOPERATION
- MONITORING and EVALUATION
- FARM COMPETITIVENESS
- ENVIRONMENT and CROSS COMPLIANCE (soil, water resources, climatic changes, agro-energies, biodiversity)
- FORESTS
- LANDSCAPE CHANGE,
- INTEGRATED PROGRAMMING (among measures, food chains)
- INTEGRATION among RD and OTHER POLICIES
- YOUNG FARMERS and equal opportunities

- ✓ **INTEGRATING NRN with other NETWORKS (national / international; official and not) → IN ORDER TO EXPAND NRN activity results**

## Human resources involved in NRN activities

- Ministry and Regional officials: involved in specific activities (TTF)
- Human resources coming from Ministry's Technical Assistance Institutes (INEA; ISMEA; SIN).
- For specific know-how → further national and international human resources
- Outsourcing of some actions or activities: when special support is needed

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## 3 GLOBAL OBJECTIVES

- 1) **IMPROVEMENT OF GOVERNANCE**
- 2) **STRENGTHENING OF THE MANAGERIAL AND PLANNING CAPACITIES**
- 3) **DIFFUSION OF GOOD PRACTISES AND KNOWLEDGE**

## Task Force Cooperation

The TFC of the NRN 2007-2013 programming will support the Ministry of Agricultural Policies in the role of **coordinator of rural cooperation policies**:

- ❖ Exchanging of experiences and expertise
- ❖ Technical assistance for interterritorial and transnational cooperation
- ❖ Technical assistance for cooperation among Institutions:
  - **Networking** among the related stakeholders and with EN RD
  - **Information** activities for rural stakeholders
  - **Exchange of governance experiences and good practices**



## Main duties

- The Task Force aims at fostering cooperation between territories and those involved in rural development
- Horizontal support to NRN Task Forces for developing cooperation activities
- Develop cooperation activities in the framework of the European Network for Rural Development
- It operates through “back office” activities in cooperation projects among inter-territorial, transnational and cross-border Institutions
- It identifies the opportunities for cooperation at a community level
- It fosters the exchanging of expertise, developing a network of experts.

## Main activities

- ❖ “Twinning” Projects (34 projects since 1999)
- ❖ Twinning project within Italian Regions
- ❖ Territorial cooperation – Objective 3 (Interregional, Transnational, Cross-border cooperation programmes, IPA-CBC, ENPI-CBC)
- ❖ EuropeAid – Technical assistance
- ❖ Study Visits – TAIEX
- ❖ FAO, IFAD, World Bank projects, etc. ....
- ❖ Leader axis (EAFRD)





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# Thank you !

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