

The Swedish Rural Network

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Sweden – a long coast line





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Swedish RDP

SEK 36,5 billion, aiming at:



Strengthening the competitiveness in farming and forestry

Protecting biodiversity

Preserving cultural heritage

Meet the climate challenges and develop renewable energy

Create new employment

Increase the number of enterprises with new products and services

Increase the number of visiting tourists

Village renewal and development

Better service and access to broadband



A National Rural Network (NRN) in all EU member states



The EU RDP article 68: Each Member State shall establish a national rural network, which groups the organisations and administrations involved in rural development.

In Sweden understood:

”...to bring together parties involved in or affected by the Rural Development Programme, through information activities, exchanges of experience.....
to improve its implementation and strengthen its potential for rural development. ... serve as
a national and transnational forum for wide-ranging exchange of information
to broaden dialogue on implementation at and between local, regional, national and international levels.”

The purpose of the Swedish Rural Network

The Rural
Development
Program

Axis 1

Axis 2

Axis 3

Axis 4 Leader

The aim of the network

Improve the implementation
Strengthen its potential for rural development

Type of activities

Exchange of information,
experience and methods

Broad dialogue
between local, regional,
national and inter-
national level

Exchanges
of experience between
rural development policy,
regional development
policy and environ-
mental policy

A formal, official network

Basic structure

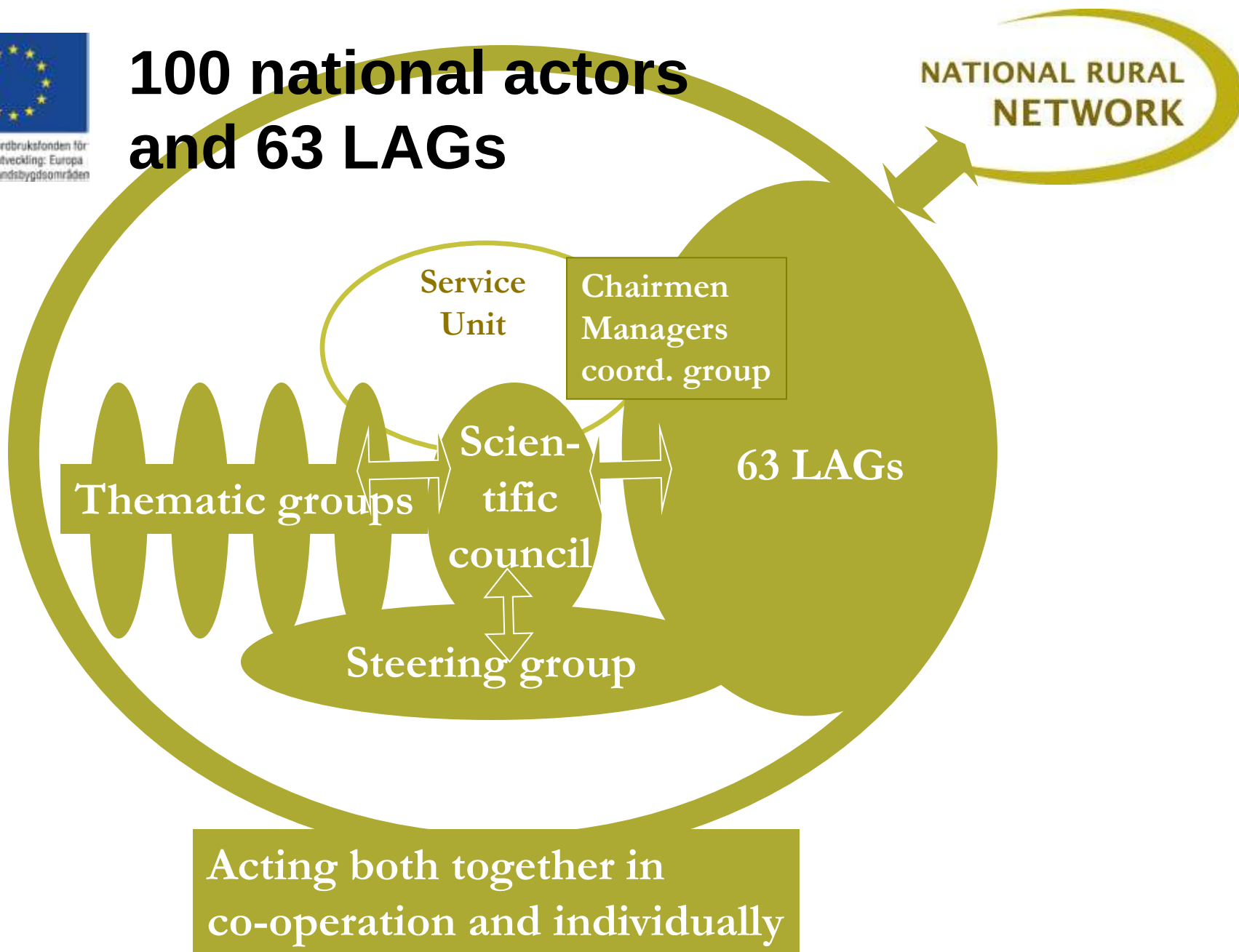
- Members:
All actors at national level working with rural development
- A Steering Committee of 11 members
- Network (service) Unit at the Managing Authority
- Activities driven by the members



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100 national actors and 63 LAGs

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Some of the member organisations



Swedish Association for Breeding of Warm Blood Race Horses
National Federation of Community Halls
Swedish Biodiversity Centre
Farmers Union, LRF
Swedish mapping, cadastral and land registration authority (Lantmäteriet)
Ecological Farmers
Swedish Society for Nature Conservation
Swedish Board of Fishery
National Association All Sweden Shall Live (The village movement)
Swedish Federation of Rural Economy and Agricultural Societies, HUSH
Leader LAG:s
Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences
County Administrations
Association Young in Rural Areas
Royal Academy for Forestry and Agriculture
Many more

Network activities

- Yearly
 - 2 network conferences
 - 1 national Leader conference
 - 1 Rural Gala with awards for best practice
- Meetings with Leader managers and chairmen
- "Cheques" for member activities
- "Cheques" to LAGs for transnational cooperation
- Telephone Think Tanks
- Training and education
- Thematic working groups
- Animation activities for the RDP
- Support measures for LAGs
- Newsletter
- Web site

Collecting and analysing experiences

➤ "Think Tanks":

- The RDP implementation
- CAP post 2013
- Think tanks on demand
 - Local food processing
 - Entrepreneurship

➤ Surveys

- Regional partnerships
- Cooperation LAGs/County Adm
- Research "shadows"
- Good practice – yearly Rural Best

➤ Thematic working groups

- Gender equality
- Integration
- Youth
- Community planning
- Environmental challenges
- Local risk capital





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Participation in international thematic groups



- Focus groups: Bottom up approach, Transnational co-operation....
- Relevant examples (success factors, innovations, transferability, sustainability, effectiveness)
- Forestry
- Social farming
- Rural Entrepreneurship
- EU Commission Thematic Working Groups

The aim of this conference is to establish an arena for researchers with an interest in the Nordic rural areas as an empirical field. For this purpose biennial conferences circulating between the Nordic countries are planned. The first conference will be held in the Stockholm-Uppsala region in Sweden in 3-5 May 2010 with the following sub themes:

- New understandings and use of nature and landscapes
- Flows of people, ideas and images
- Politics and policy

Deadlines are as follows:

Oct 15th	call for abstracts posted
Dec 15th	deadline for abstracts
Jan 15th	abstracts accepted/rejected
April 15th	deadline for papers

Registration to nrf@sol.slu.se no later than March 15th, 2010.

Keynote speakers include:

Professor *em* **Ottar Brox**, Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research

Johannes Nørgaard Frandsen, Head of Department Institut for Litteratur, Kultur og Medier; University of Southern Denmark

Professor **Katherine Gibson**, College of Asia and the Pacific, The Australian National University,

Professor **Erik Westholm**, Institute for Future Studies, Stockholm

The conference is hosted by the Department for Urban and Rural Development, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences and Swedish National Rural Network in collaboration.

Visit our conference website for more information and registration:

www.sol.slu.se/nrf

The planning committee for the conference includes:

Cecilia Waldenström, Assistant professor, Rural Development, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden

Ann-Kristin Ekman, Professor in Rural Development, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden

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Hilke Thümler, Professor of Rural Policy, MTT Agrifood Research Finland

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Hanne Tanvig, Senior researcher and adviser, Forest & Landscape, University of Copenhagen

Marit S. Haugen, Research Manager, Centre for Rural Research, Trondheim, Norway

Karl Benediktsson, Professor of Human Geography, Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences, University of Iceland

Conference coordinator is *Stina Powell*, Department of Urban and Rural Development, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. Stina.Powell@sol.slu.se

We look forward to receiving your submissions, and to meeting you in Sweden next year! Most welcome!



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**Nordic Rural Futures:
pressures and possibilities
Research conference May 2010**

RURAL PARLIAMENT

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Don't miss!

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How do we develop the rural areas?

The Rural Parliament is Sweden's largest meeting place with dialogue, inspiration and exchange of experience.

The main purpose of the Rural Parliament is to motivate and inspire participants to start new rural projects and develop the countryside even more than today. The aim is to discuss the current "tool-box" (Rural development programme including Leader, national tools, other relevant EU-programmes). What kind of "tool-box" is needed after 2013?

We will look into the future – what will be the living conditions 2020? We will focus on three themes: transport, climate and energy. Researchers will describe scenarios for the future, 2020/2025, and their impact on the rural areas.

We will show the participants different rural projects that has been, and

still are, successful. There will be 10 seminars in English and 70 seminars in Swedish. The seminars and the visit to different rural projects will cover topics such as energy (water wind, sun, biodiesel production) tourism, nature projects, culture, youth projects, integration etcetera.

5-9 of May

Where generations
meet rural
development
happens!





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Thank you!

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Information about the Swedish Rural Network

The Rural Network shall reinforce the implementation of the Swedish Rural Development Programme 2007-2013.

The Swedish Rural Network invite You to The Swedish Rural Gala 2010, 23:rd of November 2010. [More information](#)

[More information about the nominated here](#) (only in Swedish)

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[Follow-up of the Swedish national Rural network 2007-2009](#)

[The nominated to the Swedish Rural Gala 2009](#)

[Leader in the Swedish Rural Network](#)

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[Power Point about the Swedish Rural Network](#)

[Power Point from the 12th of May about the Swedish Rural Network](#)

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International networking

The Contact Point for
ENRD

The hub for transnational
cooperation

Lots of direct interaction





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Experiences from LEADER II and Leader+

Networking linked people and competences

Created capacity building

Created personal relations

Lifted good examples

Facilitated cooperation projects

Gathered and distributed information

Created a Competence Pool

Etc.....