



Background Notes:

European Network for Rural Development 2007-2013

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Legal Basis

EC Regulation 1698/2005 - Article 67

Establishes a *European Network for Rural Development* for the networking of:

- **national rural networks** (NRNs)
- **organisations** and
- **administrations** active in the field of rural development



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Aims of the ENRD (Article 67):

- a) To collect, analyse and disseminate information on rural development measures;
- b) To consolidate good rural development practice;
- c) To provide information on developments in rural areas;
- d) To organise meetings and seminars;
- e) To set-up and run rural expert networks;
- f) To support the national networks and trans-national co-operation initiatives.

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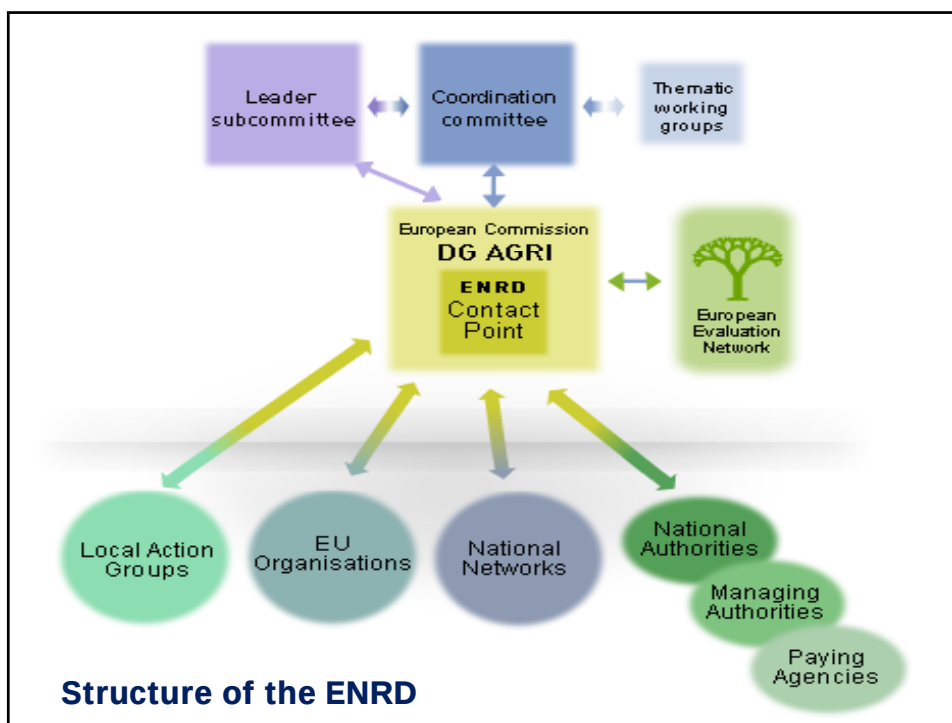
Implementing Rules for the Organisational Structure of the ENRD

Commission Decision No. 168 (20 February 2008)

Establishes 3 key structures:

- 1) Co-ordination Committee
- 2) Leader Sub-Committee
- 3) Thematic Working Groups (expert groups)

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Co-ordination Committee

Composed of 69 members:

- 27 from national rural networks (NRNs)
- 27 from Member State managing authorities
- 12 from EU-wide organisations
- 2 from Leader Sub-committee
- 1 from EU-wide LEADER organisation

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Tasks of the Co-ordination Committee

- To **assist** the European Commission in the preparation and implementation of network activities;
- To **ensure co-ordination** between the ENRD, national rural networks and organisations active in rural development at Community level;
- To **advise** the European Commission on the **annual work programme** of the ENRD;
- To **propose** the creation of Thematic Working Groups.

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LEADER Sub-Committee

Composed of 67 members *(same organisations as in the CC, but possibly different nominees)* :

- 27 from national rural networks (NRNs)
- 27 from Member State Managing Authorities
- 12 from EU-wide Organisations
- 1 from EU-wide LEADER organisation

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Tasks of the LEADER Sub-Committee

- To contribute to the work of the Co-ordination Committee;
- To advise the European Commission on the annual work programme of the ENRD concerning the LEADER axis;
- To contribute to the choice and co-ordination of thematic work on the LEADER axis;
- Support the European Commission in monitoring the implementation of trans-national co-operation projects.

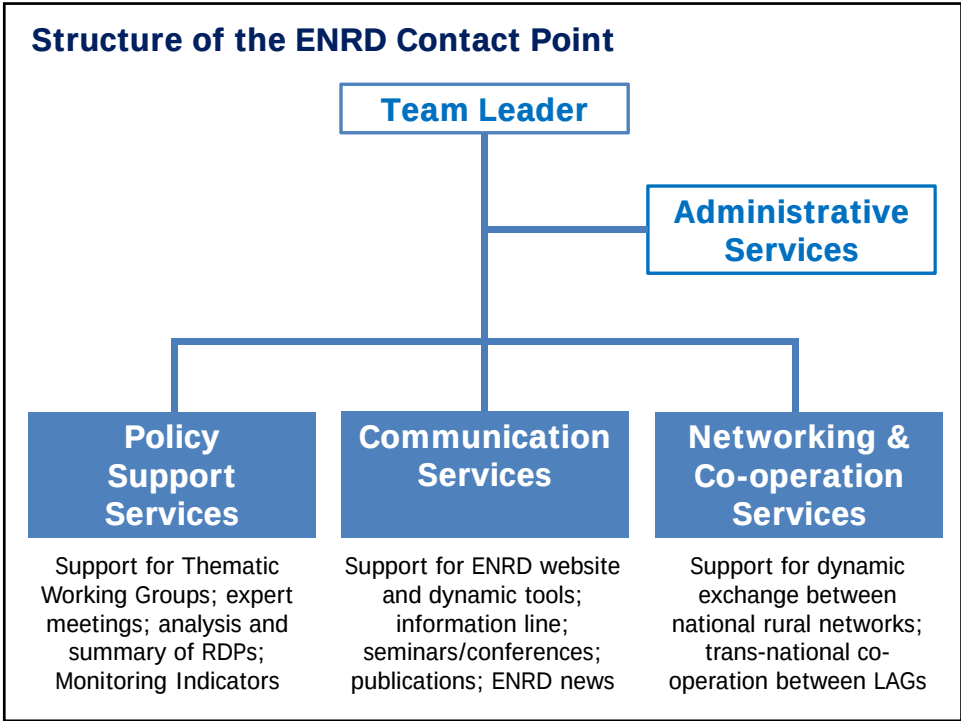
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Contact Point of the ENRD

- Provides technical assistance to the European Commission (DG Agriculture and Rural Development) supporting the operation of the ENRD
- Outsourced – consortium of 6 companies led by KANTOR Management Consultants
- 7 year contract renewed annually
- Permanent team of 20 people, plus a pool of external experts
- Based in Brussels

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Activities of the ENRD are planned annually – with a clear intervention logic

Overall Objective	To engage stakeholders in the effective and efficient delivery of EU rural development policy											
Strategic Objectives	KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT				KNOWLEDGE SHARING				EXCHANGE & CO-OPERATION			
Annual Strategic Priorities												
Annual Operational Objectives												
Annual ENRD/CP Activities												




Opportunities for engaging with other networks?

IPA Implementing Regulation No. 718/2008 - Article 183

“Beneficiary countries and organisations established in the beneficiary countries and administrations of beneficiary countries active in the field of rural development **shall have access to the European Network for Rural Development** established by Article 67 of Council Regulation (CE) No 1698/2005. Relevant detailed provisions shall be agreed with beneficiary countries.”



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