

Background

National Rural Networks (NRNs) have proved to be a useful component of rural development policy in 2007 – 2013. Building on positive experiences, the establishment and operation of National Rural Networks will continue in the next programming period.

NRNs are supported by the EAFRD either inside a territorial rural development programme (RDP) or as a separate National Rural Network Programme - NRNP.

They are subject to evaluation, as all other rural development interventions financed by the EAFRD, in order to demonstrate their contribution to the EU rural policy objectives and the development of rural areas.

To enhance capacities in the evaluation of rural networks the Helpdesk of the European Evaluation Network for Rural Development is organising this interactive workshop which will provide an opportunity for participants to discuss and exchange experiences, information and knowledge on how achievements of rural networks and results/impacts of their activities can be assessed both in relation to the *ex post* evaluation of the 2007-2013 programming period, and in the 2014-2020 programming period.

Read more:

[Publications of the Evaluation Helpdesk](#)

[Good Practice Workshop on Evaluation of National Rural Network Programmes - Brussels, Belgium – 7 February 2012](#)

How to reach the meeting venue?



Istituto Nazionale di Economia Agraria (INEA)
Via Nomentana, 41 - 00161 Rome, Italy.

Further information: [Underground map >>>](#) [Events >>>](#)

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Good Practice Workshop

National Rural Networks: how to show their benefits

Rome, 10-11 April 2014

Venue information:

Istituto Nazionale di Economia Agraria (INEA), Via Nomentana, 41
00161 Rome, Italy

Participation is limited and therefore subject to confirmation via e-mail. Please register by **21 March** [here >>>](#)

Thematic focus

The Good Practice Workshop aims to provide a forum for the discussion and exchange of good practice and experiences among Managing Authorities of RDPs, NRNPs, NRN representatives and evaluators.

Objectives

- **Sharing good practice** in evaluation of national rural networks and national rural network Programmes of 2007-2013;
- **Identifying main challenges and solutions** in the evaluation of networks' activities and their added value in the implementation of rural development policy and enhancement of networking in rural areas;
- **Transferring lessons learnt with respect to evaluation of NRNs** in 2007-2013 into the 2014 - 2020 period

Main target audience

Managing Authorities of RDPs and NRNPs, evaluators, NRN representatives

Method

Presentation of case studies, discussions, group work.
Working language: English.

Outcome

The workshop documentation will be published on the [website](#) of the European Evaluation Network for Rural Development and presented to Evaluation Expert Committee.

Agenda 10 April 2013

10:00 Setting the frame

• Welcome	N.N. Representative of Hosting Organisation
• Objectives of the workshop and agenda of the day	Evaluation Helpdesk
• The requirements and Commission expectations on the evaluation of national rural networks	European Commission DG AGRI
• Practice in evaluation of NRNP in 2007-2013, distinction between evaluation and self-assessment evaluation, challenges, solutions and findings	Evaluation Helpdesk
• NRN contribution to RDPs/NRN evaluation, challenges and solutions	Contact Point of ENRD

12.00 Lunch

13:30 Sharing experiences

• Case studies from Member States on evaluation of NRN	Case study presenters (evaluators, Managing Authorities, experts)
• Reflection round on case studies	Evaluation Helpdesk

17.00 End of day 1

19:00 Optional social event (to be confirmed)

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09:00 Identifying effective responses

• Framing of the day	Evaluation Helpdesk
• Presentation of the draft Guidance on evaluation of NRN	Evaluation Helpdesk
• Testing the guidance - interactive working session: Developing intervention logic and M&E framework	Evaluation Helpdesk

11:00 Coffee break

11:15 Concluding session

• Presentation of group work results, Q&A	Moderation Evaluation Helpdesk
• Conclusions and recommendations	
• Next steps	
• Workshop closing	

13.00 End of workshop (light lunch)

Please note: Flight, transport and accommodation needs to be arranged by the participants.