

The NRN experience – A National Rural Network among research, Institutions and Farmers

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NATIONAL RURAL NETWORK (NRN)

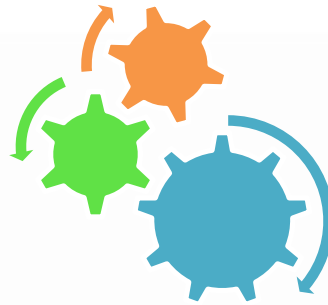
- NRN is a National **Program** supported by the EU Rural Development Policy (EAFRD)
- It's a «technical assistance» Program linked to implementation of the RDPs (1 national & 21 regional+1 NRN) through «**immaterial actions**»
- The Agricultural Ministry is the Managing Authority (MA)
- The **CREA is one of the implementing institution**, responsible for the fulfillment of some actions
- Research is a key factor for a quality technical assistance



NRN objectives

Improve the efficiency and effectiveness of rural development policy

- To increase the quality of the RDPs implementation
- To improve the participation of stakeholders
- To inform beneficiaries and social society on rural development policy and opportunities
- To promote innovation in the agricultural sector, in agrifood, forestry and rural areas



The actions

- Technical assistance aimed to coordinate rural policy at national level
- Capacity building activities addressed to the institutions and to «rural» stakeholders
- Animation & information
- Communication
- Networking (to increase relationship between actors, to **build thematic networks**, to promote **exchange of practices**, to **highlight new strategic themes** and to amplify their importance, to **spread innovation**)

The activities

- **Documents:** analisys&studies, strategic documents, guidelines
- **Events:** conferences, seminars, workshops, focus groups, other meetings
- **Peer to peer actions:** study visit, web communities, internships
- **Tools:** surveys, DB & data repository, georeferencing data, services, Pilot projects
- **Media & Communication:** institutional&educational campaigns, papers for a broader audience like brochure, social networks, videos



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Rete in evidenza

- Programma Rete Rurale Nazionale 2014-2020
- Piano biennale 2017-2018
- Network in evidenza
- Cosa sta facendo la Rete Rurale Nazionale

#PianetaPSR

In primo piano: Fondi Europei, il FEASR registra il miglior stato di avanzamento con l'11,25%. FEASR fermo sotto il 10% Europa: Omnibus, trovata l'intesa. Novità su greening, ecologia, clima, servizi consulenze"



#NuoviFondidiregione2017

Avvia il Concorso della Rete Rurale Nazionale per giovani agricoltori edizione 2017. L'attività è rivolta alla valorizzazione e diffusione delle buone pratiche nello sviluppo rurale realizzate da giovani agricoltori

PSRN

- Accordo di partenariato 2014-2020
- Programma Sviluppo Rurale Nazionale (PSRN)
- Scarica PSRN e documenti approvati con Decisione della Commissione C(2017) 5670 final del del 08.08.2017

PSR

- Programmi PSR approvati
- Attuazione finanziaria target
- Simulatore SF come utilizzare gli interventi finanziari nell'attuazione del PSR
- Archivio Bandi PSR 2014-2020
- Linee guida spese ammissibili

Comunicazione Feasr

Le esperienze regionali video documentativi

La redazione segnala

- 05/12/17 Congresso "Il servizio degli ecosistemi"
- 18/11/17 Rapporto sulla multifunzionalità agricola e l'agriturismo
- 13/11/17 Save the date: workshop "L'evoluzione del paesaggio rurale nazionale del paesaggio rurale"
- 07/11/17 Prospettive e applicazioni a supporto dell'attuazione della strategia forestale nazionale e delle politiche di sviluppo rurale

tutte le news iscriviti alla newsletter

RURAL TOOLBOX
 Strumenti per la gestione dello sviluppo rurale
 Produzione

NRN program and related documents

National program e related documents

Events, seminar, workshop related to thematic linked to Rural area

All call for tenders, main guidelines, state of payments (montly)

Montly review for stakeholder about themes linked to Rural development policy

Regional program e related documents

Price (yearly): best «young farmer project»

Communication of RDP

Repository of all documentation about Rural development (regulation, commission guidelines, interpretation, by priority and measures

The Network for whom?

1. **National institutional actors: Regions and other ministries**
2. **European Commission: several committies & panel of experts**
3. **Paying agency**
4. European Rural Networks (temathic working groups)
5. «Rural body»: Local action groups, Parks, local institutions
6. Other stakehoders: agriculture organisation, environmental associations, labour union
7. Research system
8. Farms, rural firms and citizens

MANAGING RDP
IN A
MULTI ACTORS FRAMEWORK

Network with whom?

- Ministry, Regions & stakeholders
- Several CREA centers
- **ISMEA e SIN (together with CREA implement NRN)**

«Concretly»

- **ONE PROGRAM (NRN)**
- **BI-ANNUAL OPERATION PROGRAMs.** 2017-2018 contains 27 «intervention» mainly by thematic. Each intervention contains: objectives, target, activities, outputs, person responsible (for each intervention there is a group of reasercher)

As example:

Leader, forest policy, biodiversity, short supply chain, social agriculture, monitoring and evalutation, animal welfare, renewable energy, ect...

-> **Theme are horizontal with respect to the implementation of all measures of an RD program**

→ **Serveral activities depending on the target**

- «helping» MA: trying to facilitate dialogues or the exchange of information between MA, paying agency and Commission, or between MA and possible stakeholders
- dissemination of information... inside the structure of MA, outside the structure of MA

In any case: positive spillover in terms of spread out knowledge!!

NRN is about building the network (people
and information at least!)
everyday work

SOME EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE NETWORK

«SYSTEM ACTIVITIES» (1)

SUPPORT NATIONAL PROGRAMMING

- ✓ Partnership agreement
- ✓ Allocation of budget between member states and regions
- ✓ Documents for national programmes
- ✓ National strategy for marginal areas
- ✓ National strategy for research and innovation
- ✓ Classification of rural and marginal areas
- ✓ National strategy for Forestry
- ✓ Support for coordination with other ESI funds (i.e.: ex ante conditionality)



MANAGING TOOLS

- ✓ Handbook for a RDP Management System
- ✓ Tool for calculation of standard output of farms
- ✓ Guidelines for eligible expenses
- ✓ Method for calculation of agri-environmental payments

«SYSTEM ACTIVITIES» (2)

MONITORING & EVALUATION

- ✓ Informatic procedures for monitoring
- ✓ National Monitoring of rural development policy
- ✓ Several data repositories & database (SIGRIA, statistics indicators, research projects, cooperation projects, Leader projects , Broad band, ecc.)
- ✓ Training course with e-learning technologies on evaluation (EVALPROG)



NETWORK REGIONAL UNITS

INFORMATION ON STRATEGIC THEMES

- ✓ Events e focus group

PARTECIPATION IN EU COMMITTEE

- ✓ Rural development committee, European Rural network, EU Evaluation expert committee, Leader Committee...etc...

«SPECIAL TOPICS»

Examples...

- ✓ BIOREPORT ON Organic farms
- ✓ Art. 68 in EU (coupled support to farms)
- ✓ Implementation of LEADER
- ✓ Implementation of measure to improve innovation transfer to farms
- ✓ Farms innovation needs
- ✓ Research system
- ✓ Sectoral cooperation
- ✓ Cooperation Leader projects



«TOOLS»

✓ **IRRIFRAME (EXTENSION SERVICE)**



✓ **WEB SITE for COOPERATION ANNOUNCEMENT**



✓ **HELPDESK ON COOPERATION**

✓ **ANIMATION FOR MARGINAL AREA THROUGH EXPERTS GROUP**

✓ **GEOGAL**



✓ **PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK**

«MEDIA TOOLS»

- ✓ **NETWORK WEBSITE & SOCIAL NETWORK (FACEBOOK, TWITTER)**

www.reterurale.it

- ✓ **MAGAZINE RRN**

- ✓ **APPROCCIO LEADER E SETTIMANA LEADER**

- ✓ **VIDEO**



« SPECIAL » OR « PILOT » PROJECTS

RURAL EXCELLENCES

- ✓ publication of more than 100 cases of successful farm experiences
- ✓ Excellences could be engine for social innovation
- ✓ Excellences could be tool to increase network

From RURALAND to RURAL4LEARNING

- ✓ Information campaigns in the schools
- ✓ Photo award
- ✓ RURALCAMP (Tutoring rural seminar) for university students & for students of technical agrarian schools
- ✓ Ad hoc website to promote «elearning»



«THEMATIC NETWORKS»

- ✓ **NETWORK «LEADER»**
- ✓ **NETWORK «MONITORAGGIO E VALUTAZIONE»**
- ✓ **NETWORK «FORESTE»**
- ✓ **NETWORK «INNOVAZIONE»**
- ✓ **NETWORK «AGRICOLTURA SOCIALE»**



A GALAXY OF ACTORS



Payment AGENCIES

EU Institutions

National Institution

Regional Institution

Research Institution

Stakeholders

Rural Actors

Consulting Firms

... e several others