

A step further: **SETTING UP A RURAL DEVELOPMENT NETWORK UNDER IPARD IN TURKEY**

Launching event of the Turkish National
Rural Development Network
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Why a rural development network in Turkey now?



Many economic and social areas, technological and governance contexts in IPARD and with different results

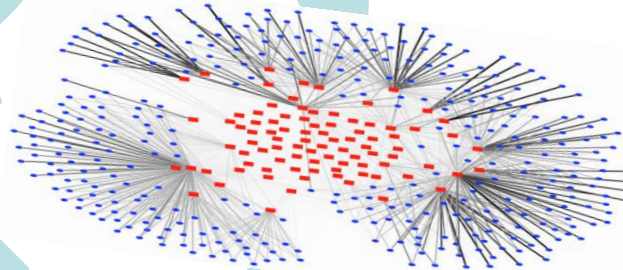
IPARD at mature stage

Knowledge and innovation as a motor for growth in knowledge economy

More role for stakeholders (incl. LEADER)

Complexity of rural development process and policy

Technological progress enables more networking and information sharing





A Rural Development Network



"Added value":

- Information flow
- Participation
- Inspiration and transfer of ideas for projects
- Motivation
- Mutual understanding
- Mutual learning
- Better relations



Objectives of Rural Development Networks



European
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Better programmes

More participation

- A. Stakeholders' involvement in rural development
- B. Dialogue between farmers and research community
- C. Inclusion of all stakeholders in the knowledge exchange process

- D. Exchange of expertise and good practice
- E. Improve the quality of RDPs
- F. Support the evaluation of RDPs

More awareness

- G. Informing the broader public on the benefits of rural development policy





Tasks of National Rural Development Networks



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Collection of examples

Facilitating thematic and analytical exchanges

Training and networking for LAGs

Networking of advisors and innovation support services

Communicating, also to broader public

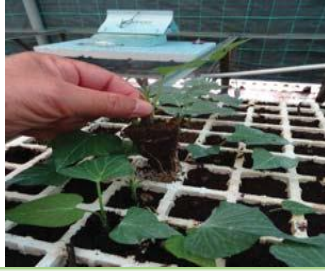
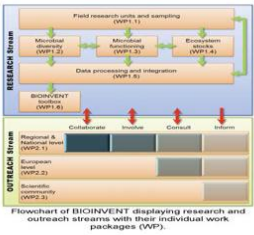
Disseminating monitoring and evaluation findings

Contribution to networking at the EU level



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Types of Activities

Thematic groups/focus groups

Analysis on RD and Innovation

Good practices

Guidance/trainings

Websites/social media

Publications

Events

Networking (NRNs, LAGs, OGs)

Transnational Cooperation



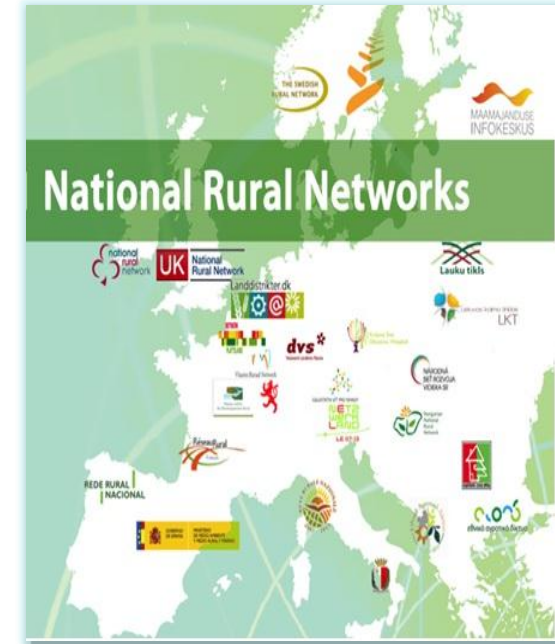
Rural Development Networks in the EU



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Commission

EU level

National level



Contact
Point

Evaluation
Helpdesk

EU
Innovation
Partnership
Service
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YouTube



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National Development Networks under IPARD



- A flexible and gradual process – **build the Network in time – some activities started informally already!**;
- Turkey to define their **core thematic priorities (linked with IPARD) and choose the organisation** structure
- **LEADER** should be present in the Network
- Based on clear **longer term work plans** (financed from IPARD)
- Turkish Network and its members welcome at the relevant events the **EU Network for Rural Development**– check and register no special invitation needed:
https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/networking/nrn-meetings-workshops_en

Wishing you success!

Examples of thematic priorities for networks under IPARD



Innovation in the agri-food processing

Introducing EU standards throughout the food supply chain

Building short supply chains for increased added value for farmers

Women active in rural diversification

Creating rural tourism products

Valorising local products and crafts for rural diversification

Building local associations and organisation in rural areas

Training and reinforcement of LAGs

Cooperation with EU rural and innovation networks

Agricultural advisors as agents for knowledge transfer