

The Swedish Rural Network capacity building for LAGs

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

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The EU RDP article 68: Each Member State shall establish a national rural network,

In Sweden the tasks are:

”...to bring together parties involved in or affected by the Rural Development Programme, through information activities, exchanges of experience.....

to improve the RDP 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.”



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What is a network?

Connections between people and organisations with different skills and without hierarchy

All members contribute with their resources

Membership is based merely on activity

Can have a formal structure with a service unit

Can be temporary or more permanent





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Different kind of NRN:s



Formal

Official within the
Managing Authority

For the whole RDP

Informal

Partially or totally
outsourced

Just for Leader





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The purpose of the Swedish Rural Network

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The Rural Development Program

Axis 1

Axis 2

Axis 3

Axis 4 Leader

The aim of the network

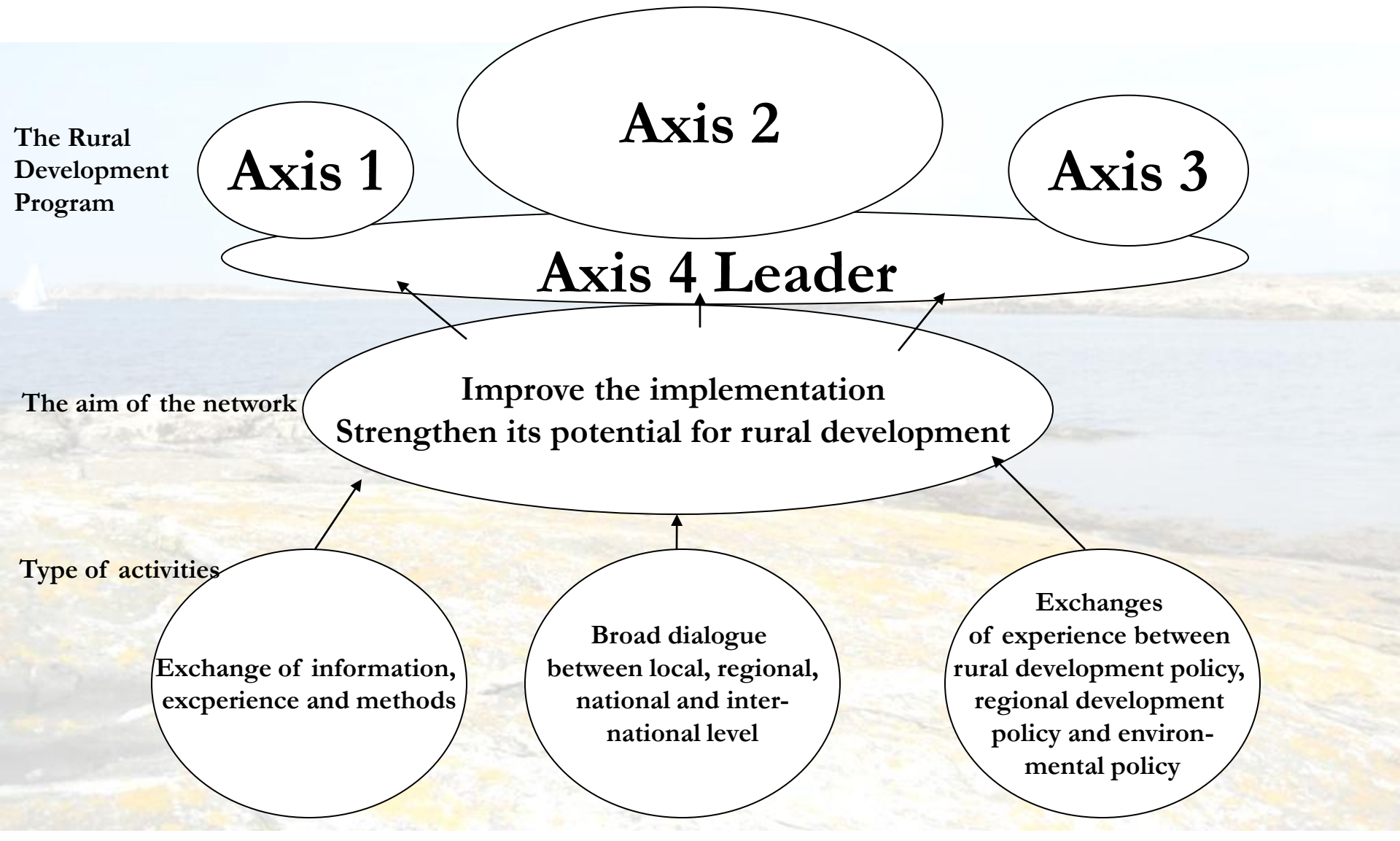
Improve the implementation
Strengthen its potential for rural development

Type of activities

Exchange of information, experience and methods

Broad dialogue between local, regional, national and international level

Exchanges of experience between rural development policy, regional development policy and environmental policy





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A formal, official network

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Network structure

- Membership for all rural actors at national level (but also LAGs)
- A Steering Committee of 11 members
- Network (service) Unit placed at the Managing Authority
- Many activities are driven by the members

MA support unit

- Helping LAGs in the set up process
- The Leader approach
- Helping the regional administrations in the approval
- Training of LAGs in regulation and administrative system



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Network activities

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- 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 Workshops
- Training and education, evaluation, leadership etc..
- Thematic working groups
- Scientific Council
- Support measures for LAGs
- Newsletter
- Web site



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Capacity building for LAGs

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- Mentorship financed
- Evaluation and follow up methods at conferences and as a pilot activity
- Seminars and exchange of experiences at national and regional conferences
- Best practice and award nomination



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Support for LAG networking

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- Inviting LAGs to national conferences
- Organising and supporting a structure for LAGs coordination
- Network cheques to start up transnational cooperation (Study trips to initiate contacts)
- Helping to find partners
- Distributing partnership offers
- Coordinating/Organising reception of study trips from other member states
- Organising thematic study trips
- Help to organise interregional cooperation



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Thematic studies and program follow-up



- Including LAGs in thematic working groups (Gender equality, Integration, Youth, Community planning, Environment and climate change, Local capital)
- Telephone Think Workshops (on demand) for the whole network or exclusively for Leader issues. 1 hour of structured well defined telephonenumber meetings with limited amount of participants and aggregation of the results.



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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
- EU Commission Thematic Working Groups

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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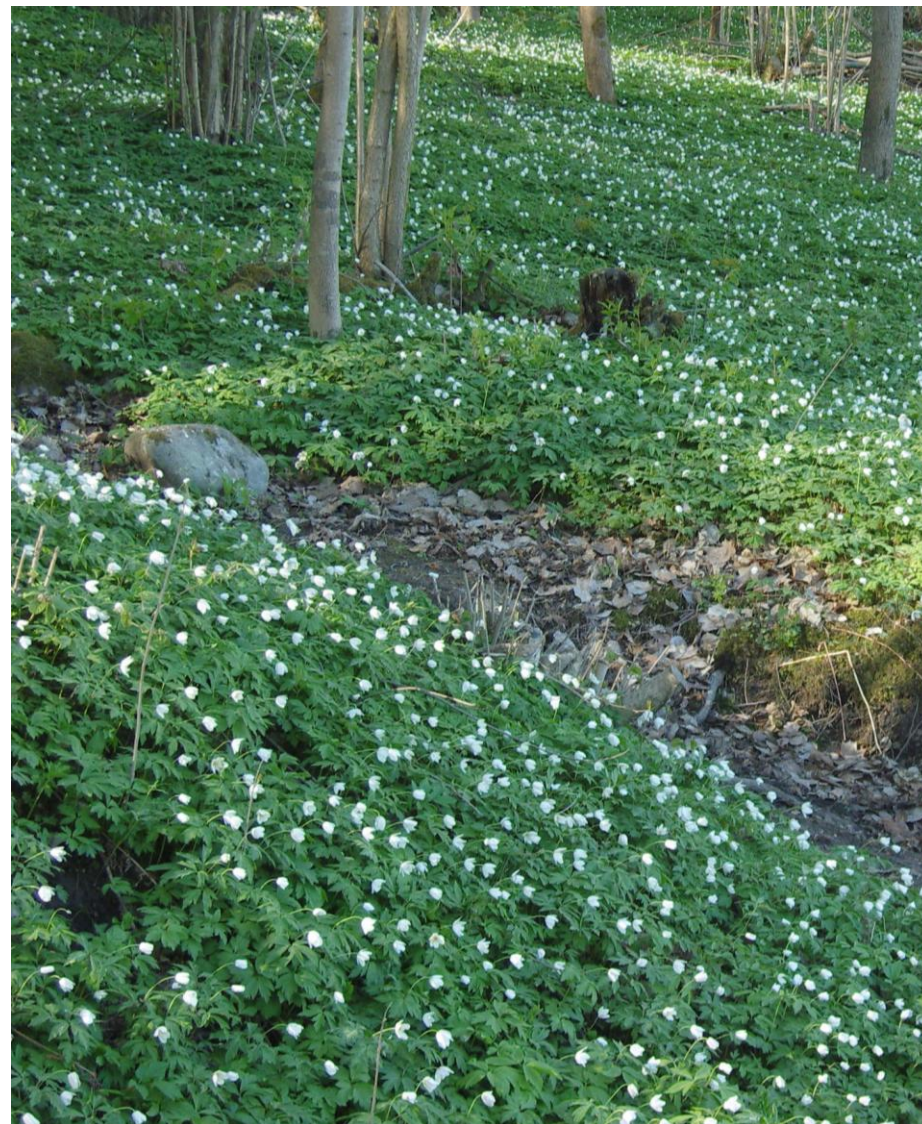
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Collecting and analysing experiences



➤ **”Think Workshops”:**

- 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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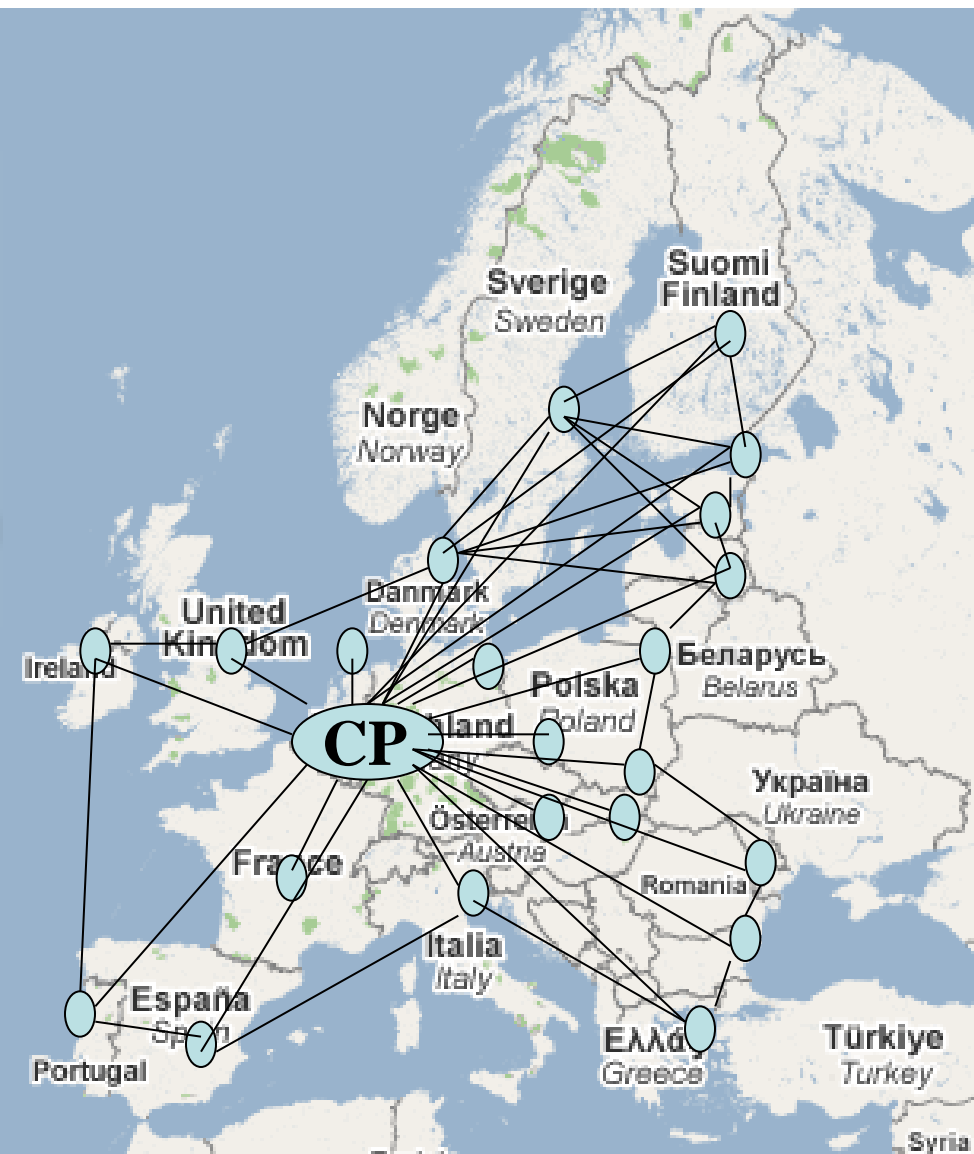
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International networking

The Contact Point for
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The hub for transnational
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Lots of direct interaction





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Some of the member organisations

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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