

# Structure & Functions of the NRN

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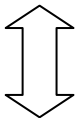


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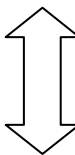
- The NRN falls under the responsibility of the Managing Authority for Rural Development (MRRA)
- A number of rural representatives from various sectors were appointed to form part of the Steering and Coordination Committees
- Communication flow between the Maltese NRN and the European Network for Rural Development (ENRD)

**NRN**  
**Structure**

**Ministry for  
Resources and Rural  
Affairs (MRRA)**

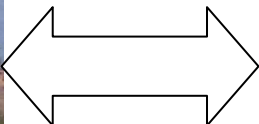


**Managing Authority**

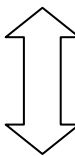
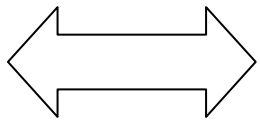


**Coordination  
Committee**

**Steering  
Committee**

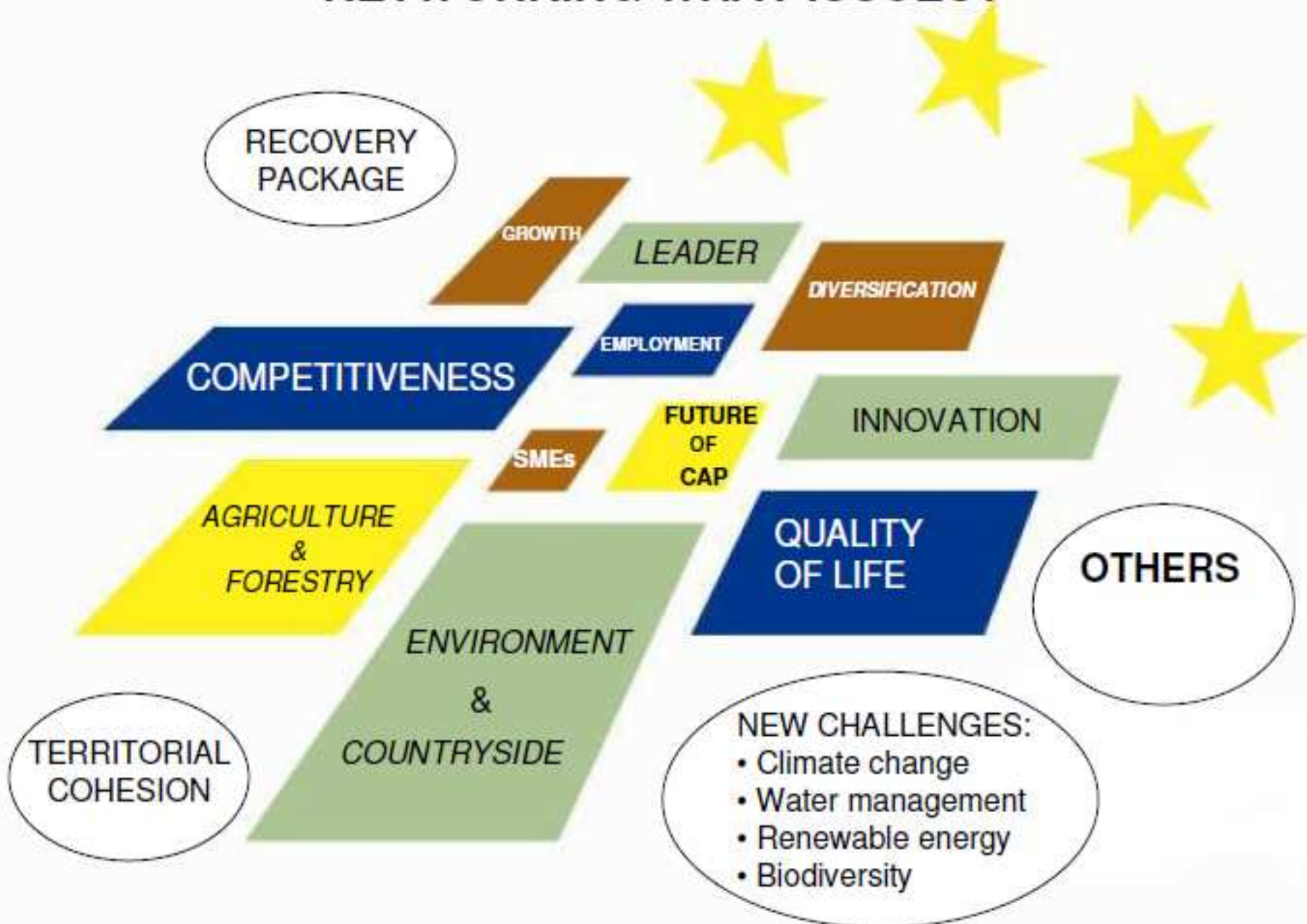


**National Rural  
Network**

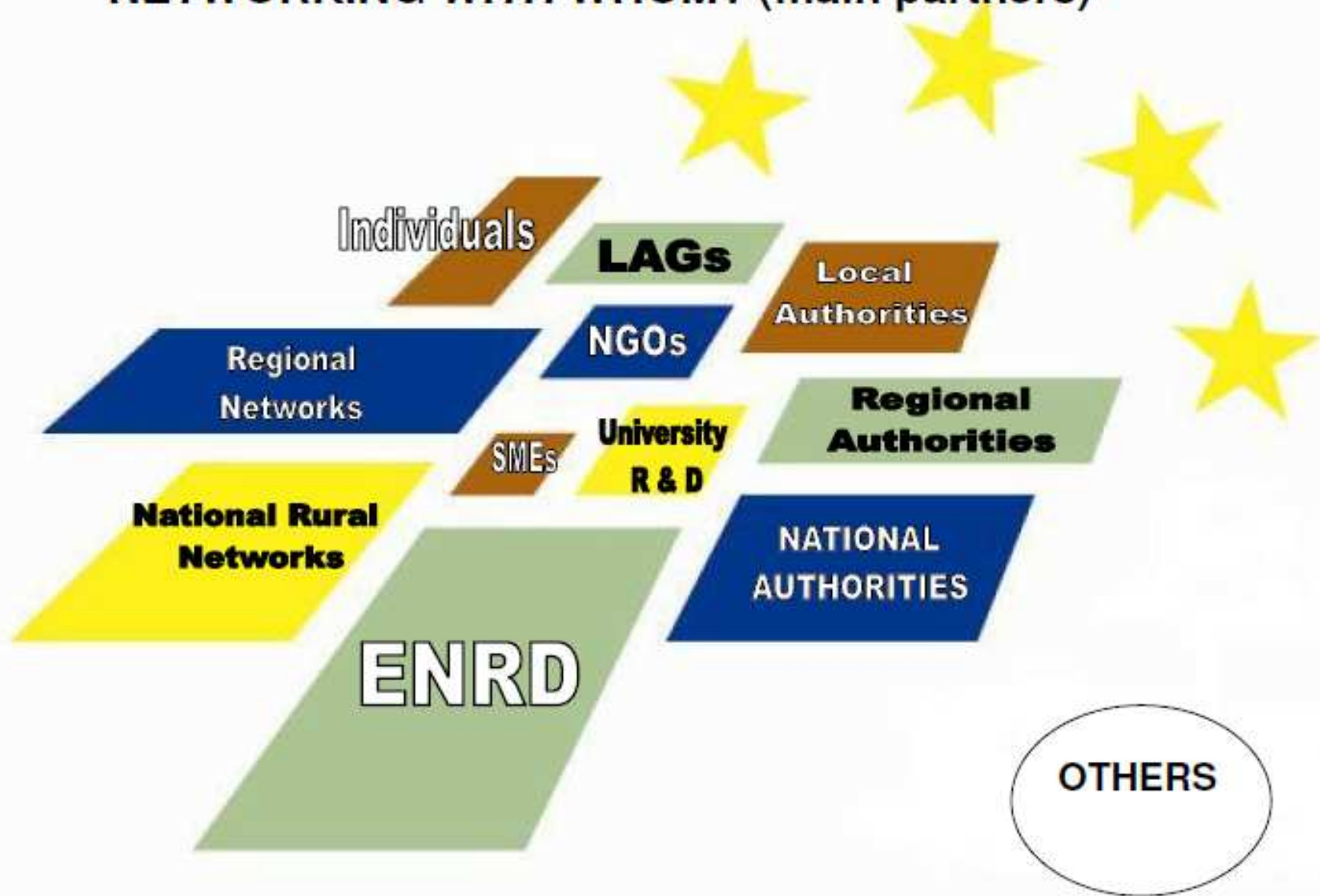


**European Network  
for Rural  
Development (ENRD)**

# NETWORKING WHAT ISSUES?



## NETWORKING WITH WHOM? (main partners)





# The Steering Committee

- Responsible for ensuring the smooth and efficient functioning of the NRN whilst ensuring compliance with the relevant EU regulations
- To define thematic areas to be adopted by focus groups, organisation of events and the overall planning and implementation of the National Rural Network Action Plan. The committee shall ensure that rural stakeholders are actively participating in the activities planned.



# Functions of the Steering Committee

- **Proposals/ Recommendations** – concerning the NRN are evaluated during Steering Committee meetings. The Committee will aim to reach decisions concerning the network through unanimous consent.
- **Compliance** – responsible for ensuring that the NRN complies with the relevant EU regulations governing the functions of the NRN
  - Must be in line with:
    - the legal requirements of EC 1698/2005 and EC 1974/2006
    - National Policies
- **Planning** – Discussing and planning the quarterly and annual work plans of the NRN as well as identification of the appropriate thematic areas of focus of the NRN
- **Communication** – Ensuring that the NRN has a communication plan and that information is disseminated effectively to the various members and stakeholders.



# Roles and Responsibilities of Steering Committee Members

- Attend meetings as advised by the NRN coordinator
  - Once every quarter in the first year
- Ensure that there are clear mechanisms for capturing and reflecting stakeholder views in planning and decision-making processes
- Ensure that the NRN is effectively engaging all local stakeholders
- Establish mechanisms for informing stakeholders of the Steering Committee's future plans
- Establish procedures to report to all stakeholders for performance, impacts and outcomes
- The NRN Coordinator compiles reports to the Steering Committee
- Give feedback on the reports generated





# Membership of the Steering Committee

- Representation from the Ministry for Resources and Rural Affairs
- A representative from the Managing Authority
- A representative from the National Rural Network (within the MA)
- Representation from the farming sectors – (Livestock & Crops)
- Representation from the Local Action Groups (LAGs)
- Representation from the NGOs

# Steering Committee Members

1. Mr. Joe Caruana – (Chairperson) Head Paying Agency
2. Dr. Mario Spiteri – Director Animal Welfare, Promotion and Services (MRRA)
3. Mr. Carmel Abela – MRRA Advisor
4. Mr. Donald Aquilina – Managing Authority
5. Mr. Daniel Grima - NRN Coordinator
6. Dr. Ian Castaldi Paris - Majjistral Action Group
7. Dr. Joseph Grech - Gozo Action Group
8. Mr. Silvio Schembri - Galxlokk
9. Mr. Gaetano Buttigieg - Livestock - KPH
10. Mr. Louie Naudi - Crops – ATB
11. Mr. Victor Rizzo - NGOs – Din I-Art Helwa



# The Coordination Committee

## Purpose

- To implement, support and advise the actions and activities designated by the Steering Committee of the National Rural Network
  - Meeting at least twice a year
  - Service providers could attend Coordination Committee meetings but are not part of the Committee



# Functions of the Coordination Committee

- Inform and support the work of the NRN staff within the department
- Providing feedback on the effectiveness of the outputs of the NRN
- Communicate through their own networks with those involved in delivering the programme
- Generating and sharing initiatives which will make the programme more effective
- Approving and coordinating the activities required for the implementation of the action plan and reviewing the work of the NRN from the previous year



# Membership of the Coordination Committee

- Representatives of the MRRA
- Representatives of the Managing Authority
- The Manager of the National Rural Network
- Representatives of the LAGs
- Representatives of the key organisations that will be involved in actions under the RDP. This would include:
  - Landowners
  - Farmers representatives
  - Tourism interests
  - Local Councils
  - Environmental NGO

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6. Mr. John Galea - Managing Authority
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14. Mr. Vincent Attard - Nature Trust
15. Ms. Mary Louise Mangion - Public Representatives – Malta Tourism Authority
16. FCCS Cooperatives
17. Gozitano - Producer Organisations



## How do rural actors engage with the NRN?

- Through their representative organisations
- By attending conferences and workshops
- By enrolling on the mailing list
- By using and contributing to future newsletters
- By using the tools found in the upcoming website