

National Rural Network (NRN)

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

NRN objectives

- To 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 agri-food sector, 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)

Activities

- Documents: analysis & 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

The Network for whom?

- National and institutional actors: Regions and other Ministries
- European Commission: several committees & panel of experts
- European Rural Networks (thematic working groups)
- «Rural» actors: Local action groups, Parks, local Institutions
- Other stakeholders: agriculture organisation, environmental associations, labour union
- Research system
- Farms

Network with whom?

- Regions& stakeholders
- Several CREA centers
- ISMEA and SIN