



RDPE Network & UK National Rural Network

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Outline

- Background to the UK NRN and RDPE Network
- Overview of RDPE Network
- Overview of UK NRN
- Network Unit - Role of the CRC

Rural Development Regulation



- Priorities for rural development – content focus for Networks:
 - Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sectors (Axis 1)
 - Improving the environment and the countryside (Axis 2)
 - Improving the quality of life in rural areas and encouraging diversification of the rural economy (Axis 3)
 - Building the local capacity for employment and diversification (Axis 4 – cross cutting)



RDPE Network

2008-2013

RDPE Network Overview

- Legislative requirement – European Rural Development Regulation and RDPE Programming Document agreed with EC
- Goal – ‘The aim of the RDPE is to safeguard and enhance the rural environment, improve the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sectors and foster competitive and sustainable rural businesses and thriving rural communities’
- **Support the implementation of RDPE through the exchange of experience, knowledge, ideas, practice, lessons learnt ..**

Who is the RDPE Network for?



- RDR – ‘Each Member State shall establish a network, which groups the organisations and administrations involved with rural development’
- Themes – policy design, management & implementation across the four axes
- Local, regional, national, European levels
- Public, private, third sectors

What difference will it make?



- Real contribution to the RDPE through:
 - Adding value to the funding available by sharing ideas, practice, experience knowledge and lessons learnt;
 - Between the 4 axes and across policy design, programme management and implementation.

Underpinning principles

- Bridging bottom-up implementation and top-down policy
- Build legitimacy through stakeholders influencing the structure and activities of the Network
- Build on existing structures to avoid duplication and maximise synergies
- Operate to embed integrated, sustainable development and link the environmental, economic and social objectives and activities under the RDPE

What do stakeholders want?



- Market Research and Stakeholder Engagement Project – Oct 08 to Feb 09.
 - To enable RDPE stakeholders to influence the development and priorities of the RDPE Network
 - Includes: Scoping the current RDPE policy priorities, programme management and implementation arrangements within 8 regions
 - Includes: Developing the CRCs understanding of stakeholder needs and expectations of the Network and resulting implications.

Priorities for 2009-10

Informed by stakeholders:

- Website – news, publications, projects, discussion forums, activities
- Projects database – across the axes
- The Leader approach
- Integration in RDPE



UK National Rural Network (UK NRN) 2008-2013

UK NRN Overview

- Link four country networks of UK
- Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales networks and managing authorities supportive & committed
- Defra / EC agreement includes - UK point of contact; E-communication; Data, information, knowledge and experience between UK and Europe – the ENRD and European Evaluation Network; and Intra-UK co-operation

Network Unit – The CRC

Role of the CRC

- Establish, develop and operate the UK NRN and RDPE Networks – the ‘Network Unit’
- Utilise CRCs ongoing activities to identify and promote good practice and lessons learnt.
- Working with and through others is **ESSENTIAL** to success
- Clear opportunities for joint working with stakeholders and existing networks as the RDPE Network is developed – add value and avoid duplication.



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RDPE Network:

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UK NRN:

www.uknationalruralnetwork.org.uk



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Environment Secretary Hilary Benn has announced measures to increase financial aid for rural businesses to help them through the economic downturn.

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→ Activities

[Rural Services Network and RDPE Network discussion on integrated delivery](#)

The Rural Services Network and the RDPE Network are jointly hosting a discussion around further developing integrated delivery of RDPE.

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→ Project exchange

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Find out what worked for others, what they struggled with and how they overcame the challenges they faced. Each region has different funding priorities and guidelines but people have found it useful to learn from the experiences of others and you may be able to apply this information to your own project.

Help others benefit from your practice, experience and lessons learnt. Take a few moments to fill in our simple project submission form and add details of your project to our database.

Looking for a project?

Local food outdoor catering (Farm Shop expansion)

[South East](#) RDPE 50% Private investment 50% RDPE £3058 [0 user notes](#) 2 days ago by Ken Brown

Fruit Juice Production

[South East](#) RDPE 40%, private investment 60% RDPE £48,000 [0 user notes](#) 2 days ago by Ken Brown

Seasoned Firewood

[South East](#) RDPE 74%, private investment 26% RDPE £26,000 [0 user notes](#) 2 days ago by Ken Brown

Bluebell Dairy

[East Midlands](#) RDPE / NTI (New Technology Initiative) for equipment [Approx. £143,000 \(RDPE\) / £10,000 \(NTI\)](#) [0 user notes](#)

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