



Introduction to the RDPE & UK National Rural Networks for Mendinet

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Introducing the UK National Rural Network

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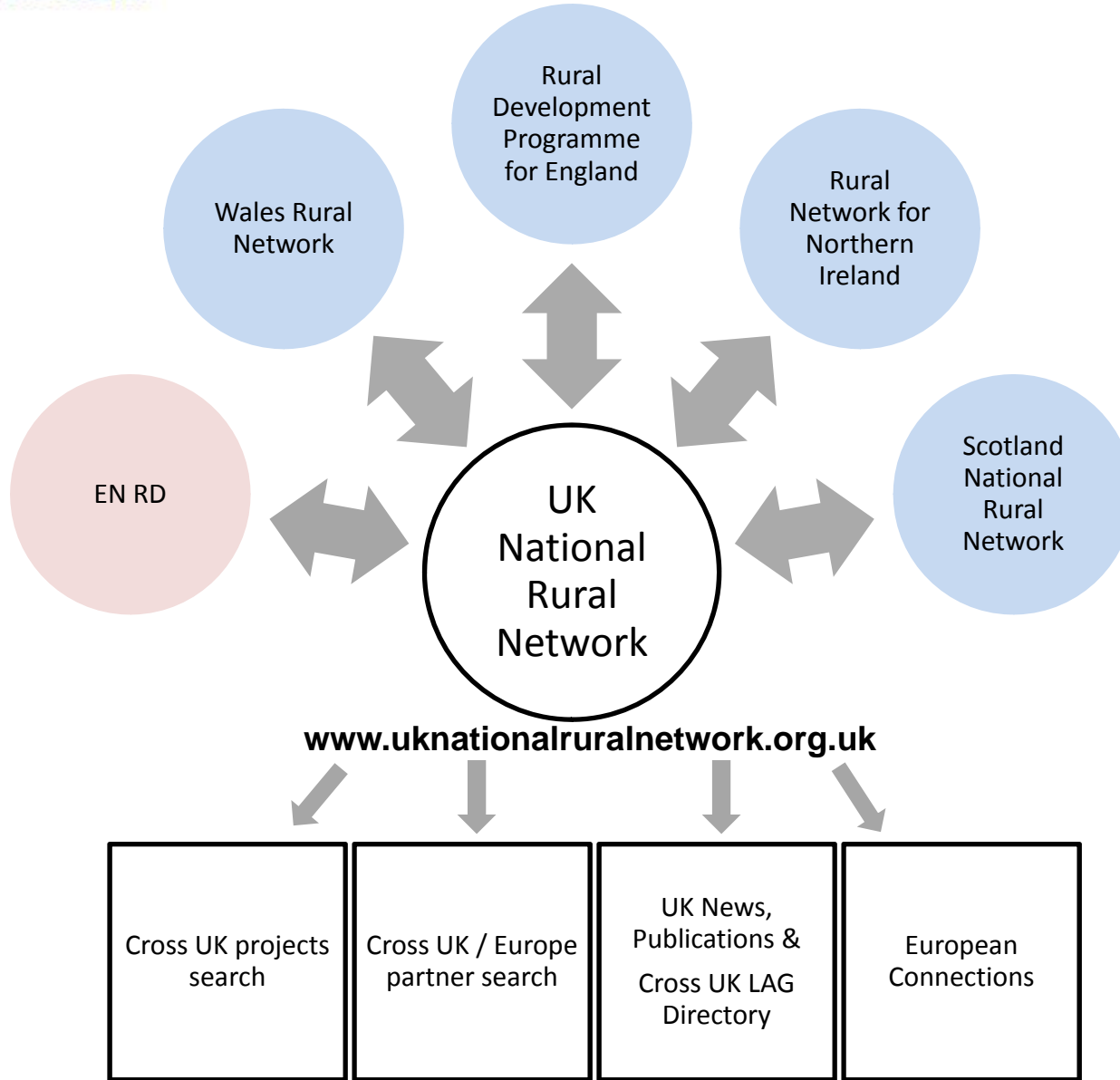
Background to the UK NRN

- Requirement of:
 - European Rural Development Regulation
 - Programming documents agreed between the four countries of the UK & the EC
- Operational context:
 - Four rural development programmes & networks operating in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland & Wales 2007-2013



What is the UK NRN?

- A hub linking the networks of the four RDPs across the UK
- Our function is to support the delivery of the four RDPs through the exchange of experience, transfer of knowledge & sharing of ideas across UK and EU
- Direct link to the ENRD & the networks of other member states across Europe
- Resource for everyone involved in or with an interest in the RDPs – a 1 stop shop for this information at the UK level.





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Expertise and good practice on rural development policy design, management and implementation within the four Rural Development Networks and the European Network for Rural Development.

England

The RDPE Network will work with and build on existing networks to support the implementation and evaluation of RDPE, through the exchange of good practice and experience.

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Northern Ireland

The Rural Network NI will help to identify and share good practice, lessons learned and experience gained in the delivery of rural development programmes.

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Scotland

The Scottish National Rural Network (SNRN) aims to build upon existing Scottish networks connecting rural Scotland and promoting rural growth.

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Wales

The aims of the Wales Rural Network are to share good practice and promote co-operation between schemes and programmes operating under the Rural Development Plan (RDP).

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Introduction to the RDPE Network

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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 Delivery in England

- 3 Main Delivery Organisations
 - Natural England
 - Forestry Commission
 - Regional Development Agencies
- Managing Authority – Defra

What is the RDPE Network?

- Requirement under the European Rural Development Regulation
- Purpose is to:
 - Support the delivery of the RDPE...
 - Through the exchange of ideas, experience and practice...
 - Across the four axes...
 - Policy design, programme management & 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

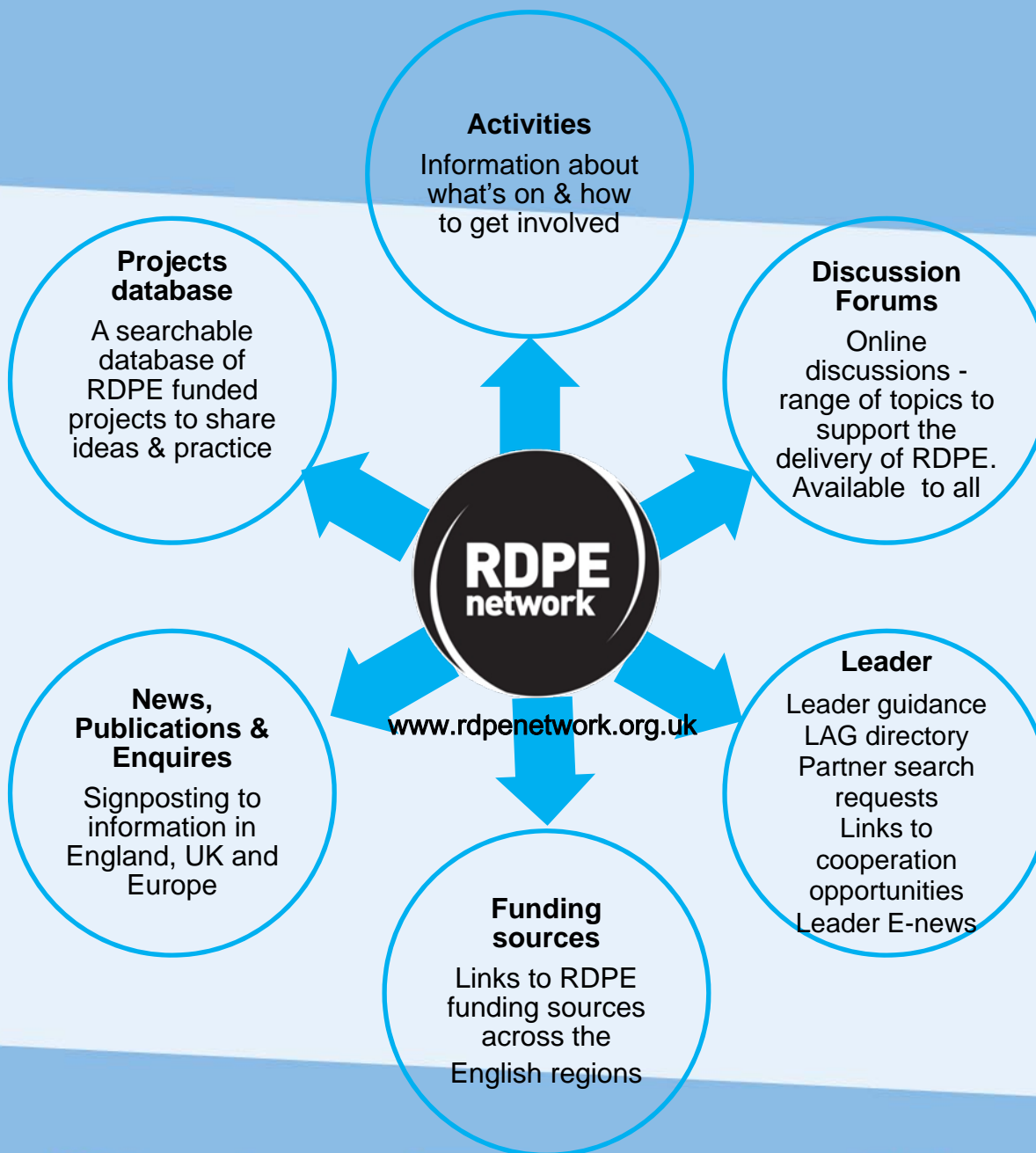
What do stakeholders want?



- 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 implications of these.

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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What's on

Find out what the RDPE Network has been doing since its establishment and how you can get involved in upcoming activities.

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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

- ▶ [Local food outdoor catering \(Farm Shop expansion\)](#)
- ▶ [Fruit Juice Production](#)
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The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development: Europe Investing in rural areas.



Links to the UK and Europe

- **UK National Rural Network**
 - Hub between the RDP Managing Authorities & Networks in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland & Wales
 - www.uknationalruralnetwork.org.uk
- **European Network for Rural Development**
 - Access to the networks in every Member State
 - Updates on policy debates, guidance, delivery approaches & co-operation opportunities

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