

**1st Meeting of the
European Rural Networks'
Assembly**

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EU Rural Networks' Governance Structure

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BASIC PRINCIPLES

Coordination and synergies

- Joint structures for ENRD and EIP-network
- Common Strategic Framework

Broad inclusiveness

- **FORUM for the CORE GROUP**
- National Rural Networks
- Governmental Stakeholders (MAs, PAs, Evaluation)
- NGOs and Local Stakeholders (Civil Dialogue, LAGs)
- Innovation Stakeholders (FAS, Research Institutes)

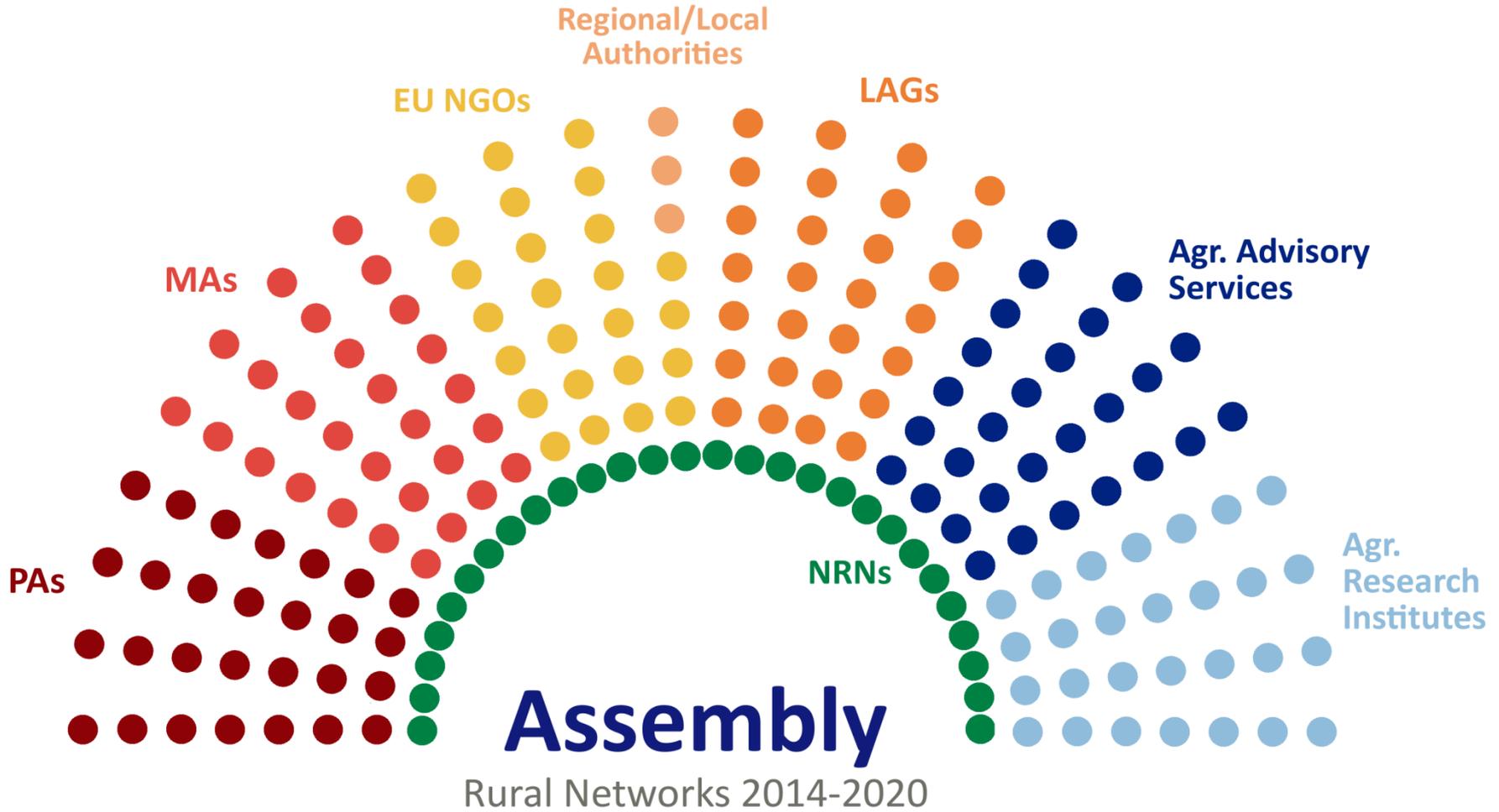
Functionality and Responsiveness

- **Smaller OPERATIONAL group**
- Preparing, implementing and following up
- Regular work and exchanges

Flexibility and better targeting

- Formal **SUB-GROUPS** (wide, "stable" themes)
- Flexible groups for specific thematic work
- Expert work and other tools

STRATEGIC LEVEL



'Governmental' representatives

- 28 Managing Authorities
- 28 Paying Agencies

'Civil + Local' representatives

- 25 EU NGOs
- 3 Regional/Local Authorities Organizations
- 28 LEADER Local Action Groups

'Innovation' representatives

- 28 Agriculture Advisory Services
- 28 Agriculture Research Institutes

All categories representatives ● 28 National Rural Networks

ASSEMBLY MEMBERSHIP

**Nominated by the
Member States**

- 28 National Rural Networks
- 28 Managing Authorities
- 28 Paying Agencies
- 28 Local Action Groups
- 28 Farm Advisory Service Providers
- 28 Research Institutes

**Members of the Civil
Dialogue Group on
Rural Development**

25 out of 29 members expressed interest

**Local and
Regional
Authorities**

3 organisations selected through
public call

Assembly's Rules of Procedure

- **STANDARD TEXT** used for all similar Commission Groups since 2010 (SEC(2010) 1360 final)
- Assembly is not a decision-making body
- Few organisation points to allow a smooth functioning
- Additional to operation points defined by Implementing Decision 2014/825/EU

Tasks of the Assembly

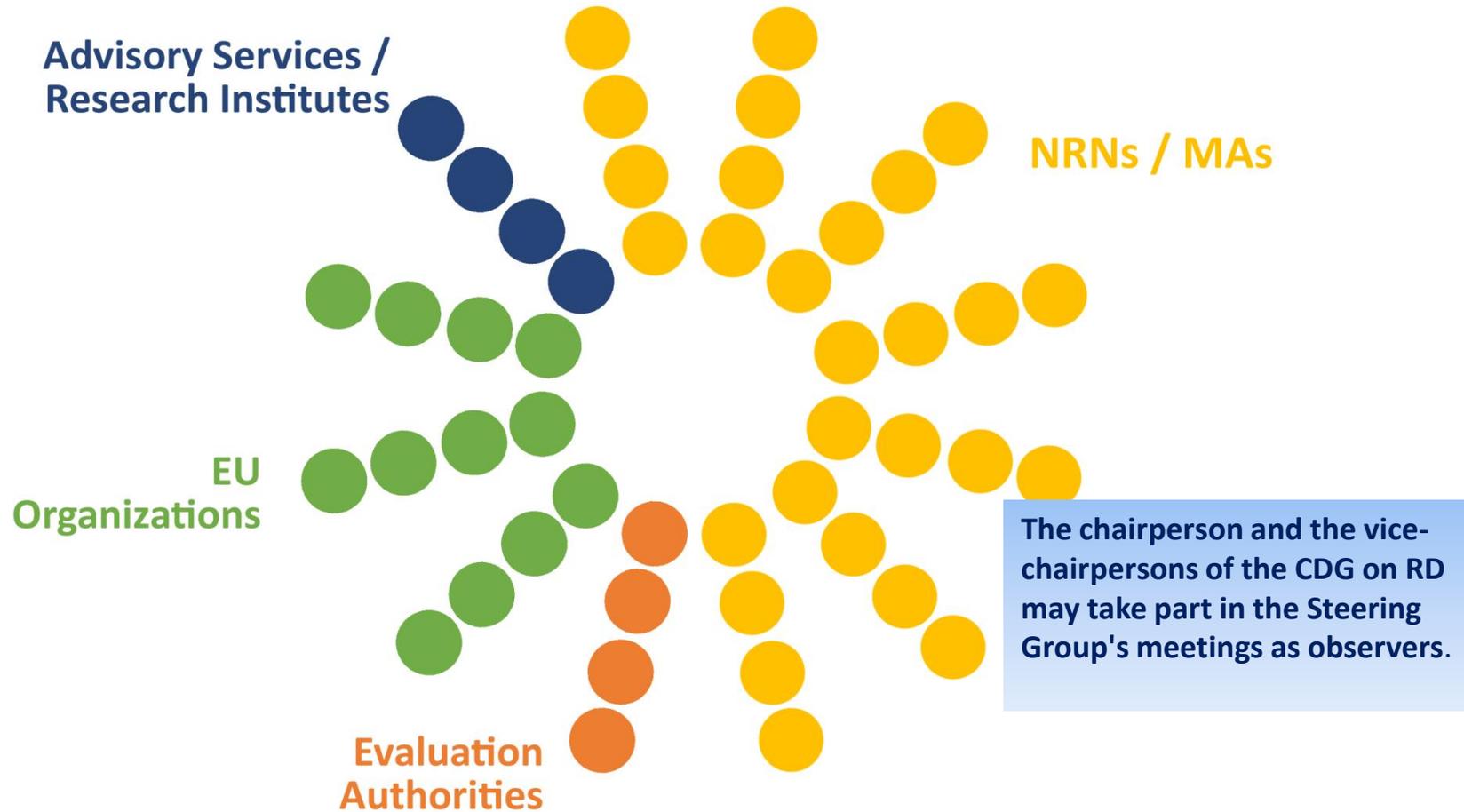
Promote exchange and networking

Ensure coordination between the ENRD and the EIP-AGRI network

Provide the STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK for the activities of the ENRD and of the EIP-AGRI network (including the thematic work)

Ensure appropriate monitoring and assessment of the activities of Rural Networks

OPERATIONAL LEVEL



Steering Group

Rural Networks 2014-2020

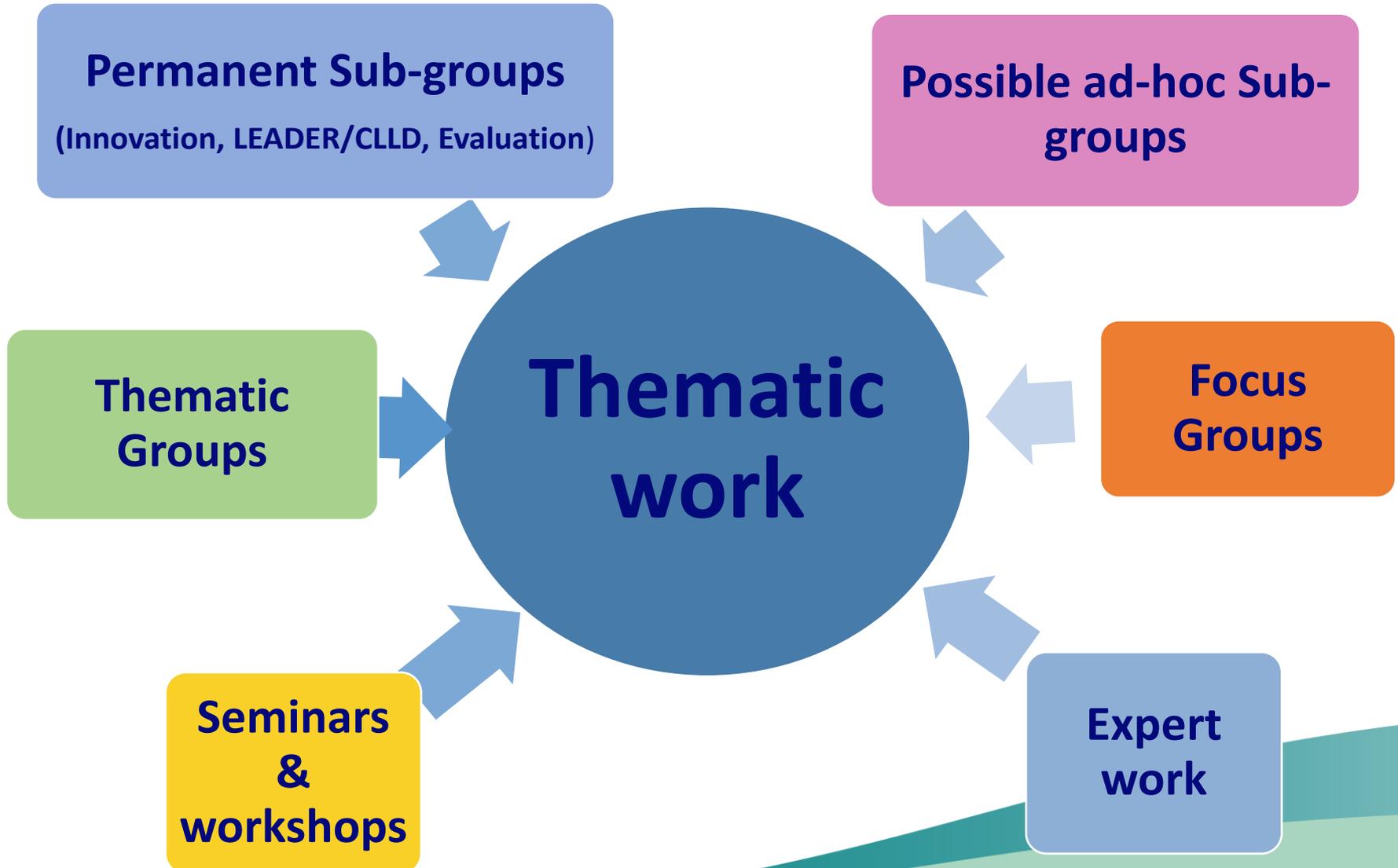
- 28 National Rural Networks / Managing Authorities
- 4 Authorities in charge of evaluation
- 12 EU Organizations
- 4 Agriculture Advisory Services / Research Institutes

Tasks of the Steering Group



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| Prepare, implement and follow-up of networking activities (e.g. workplans) |
| Coordinate and follows-up thematic work |
| Assess Rural Networks' activity on an ongoing basis and coordinate with other groups |
| <i>Always in accordance with the framework provided by the Assembly</i> |
| <i>Reports its activity to the Assembly</i> |
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Flexibility and Targeting



Commission Implementing Decision 2014/825/EU

