



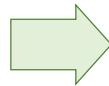
*“The Scottish Rural Network (SRN) encourages rural development by sharing information, ideas and good practice. We work with, and for, anyone who lives, works or has an interest in rural Scotland.”*

### NRN objectives

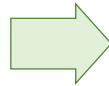
The key purpose of the Scottish Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 is to help achieve sustainable economic growth in Scotland’s rural areas.



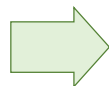
**Increase the involvement of stakeholders** in the implementation of rural development



Improve the **quality of implementation** of the rural development programme



**Inform the broader public** and potential beneficiaries on rural development policy and funding opportunities



**Foster innovation** in agriculture, food production, forestry and rural areas

### Membership

There is no formal membership, the **Network is open to all parties** with an interest in rural development. The Network Support Unit has undertaken a stakeholder mapping process, which identified key internal and external stakeholders who they consult as part of our annual work programme planning cycle.

*Who can join the network?*

### Four regional network support units (NSUs) in the UK

- The Scottish Rural Network forms **part of the UKNRN**. However, there is no overall UK RDP and each region (Scotland, Wales, England and Northern Ireland) has its own Programme and NSU.
- Scotland currently has secretariat of the UKNRN and share best practice and develop joint approaches with the other NSUs where appropriate.





## The NSU and RDP management

### The NSU and the Managing Authority

- The NSU is established within government department/ministry (but not in the MA or PA).
- The Scottish NSU sits as a **ring-fenced team within the Agriculture, Food and Rural Communities Directorate of Scottish Government.**
- The Rural Development Programme Team within Scottish Government act as the MA.
- The NSU has close links with **MA who approve the SRN annual work programme.**

### The NSU and the Monitoring Committee

- The **Rural Development Operational Committee (RDOC)** reviews the progress of the SRDP and advises the Joint Programme Monitoring Committee (JPMC).
- The **JPMC monitors the overall strategic direction** of the European Structural and Investment Funds.
- It is the role of the **RDOC to provide expert advice** on fund-specific technical and operational issues to the JPMC.
- The RDOC meets twice a year in the spring and autumn.
- The **SRN Action Plan is approved by the RDOC** who also input into the annual work programme.

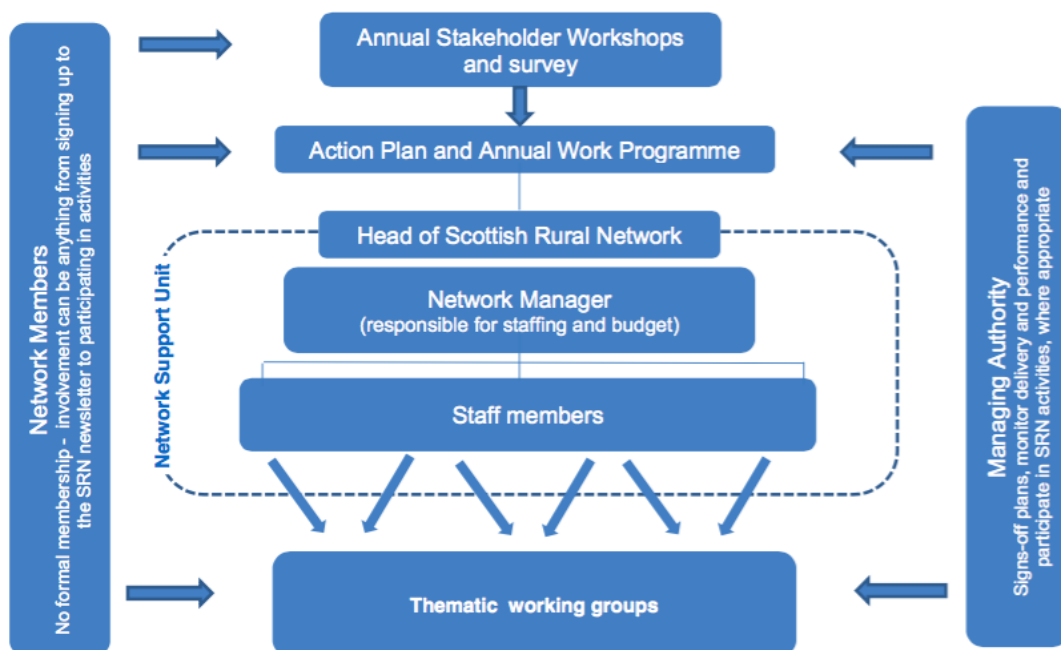
## NRN Governance



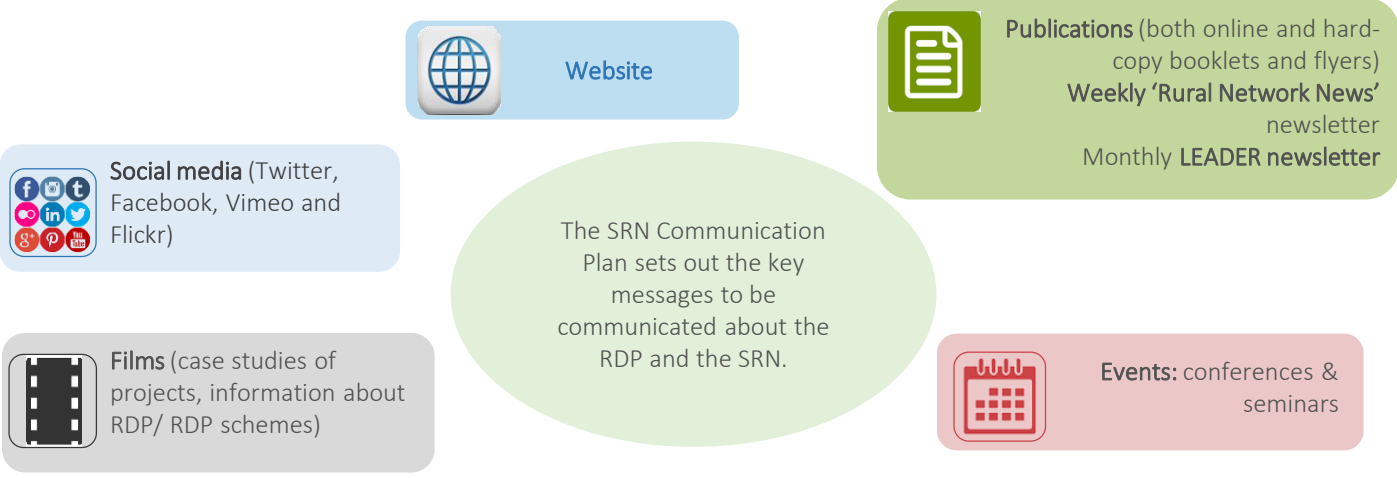
The NSU develops the **annual work programme with input from a wide range of stakeholders.** The work programme is signed-off by the Managing Authority and shared with the RDOC.

The annual work programme includes the **introduction of thematic groups** (anticipated for late 2016). These will be groups of experts, key stakeholder and practitioners who come together to work on how Scotland can address specific rural development challenges and/or take advantage of opportunities.

### Governance and delivery model for Scottish Rural Network 2014-2020



## Communication



## Timeline of NRN Workplans



 *Planning cycle of the Scottish NRN*

## NRN self-assessment



Information about all the NRN activities are captured on a **database**.



An **annual online stakeholder survey** is undertaken in December/January, along with stakeholder workshops to gauge user satisfaction and any changes in needs/priorities.



This information is used to inform the development of the **Annual Work Programme** each year.





## NRN Resources

| Financial resources (2014-2020)     | Budget     |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Total NRN public funds:             | £4,000,000 |
| Out of which national co-financing: | £2,548,000 |
| Out of which EAFRD:                 | £1,452,000 |

| Human resources                            | No  |
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| Number of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff | 6.8 |



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