



1st Meeting of the
**European Rural Networks'
Steering Group**

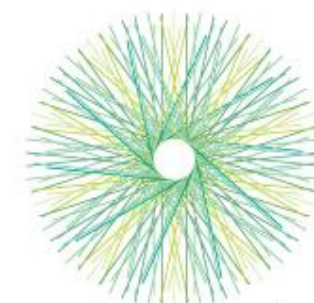
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Session 2 introduction: Topics and priorities

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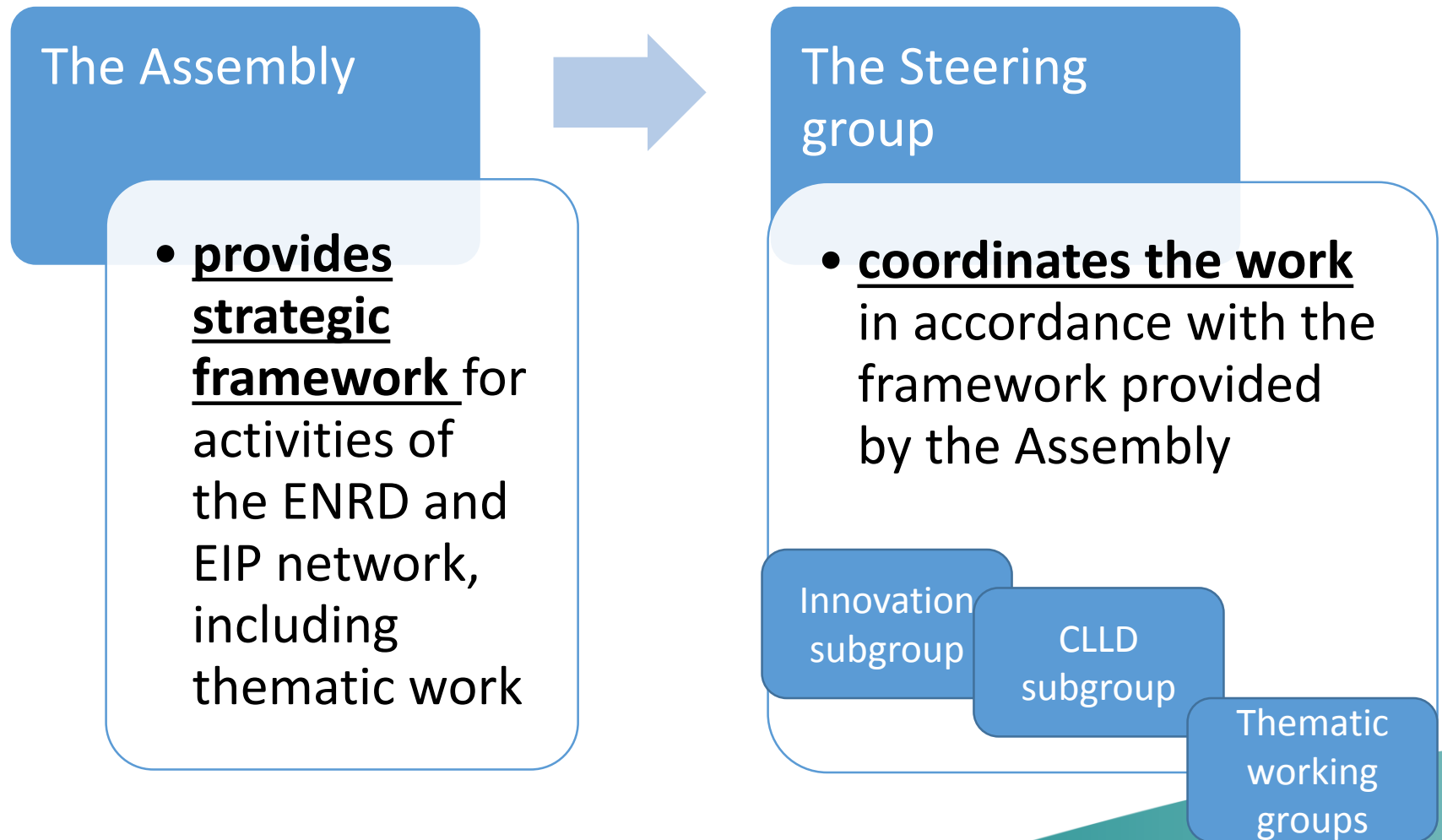


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Steering Group's role



Different sources for suggestions on topics

EU-wide objectives: e.g. Growth and jobs, simplification, etc.



RN Assembly



ENRD 2007-2013: Coordination
committee and Leader
subcommittee



Other suggestions

Topics from the Assembly (1)

- **Management and performance of RDPs (reducing error rate)/ simplification of administrative procedures and rules for support (e.g. simplified cost options) / Financial viability and feasibility / Financial instruments**
- **Empowering advisory services (translating innovation needs, sustainable farming, etc.) / knowledge transfer**
- Market innovation / food production and processing /social innovation (marketing skills of farmers etc.)
- Local food / short-supply chains and rural-urban partnerships
- Risk management at farm level

Topics from the Assembly (2)

- Sustainable management of natural resources: raise awareness and show benefits /focus on outcomes / biodiversity
- **Sustainable and efficient input use / farming methods and systems / soil quality / water management**
- Pillar 1 – Pillar 2 linkages
- Climate change
- **Circular economy / waste management / energy efficiency**

Topics from the Assembly (3)

- **Demographic change in rural areas: attracting young farmers / young entrepreneurs raise awareness and understanding of their needs + involve older people**
- Social inclusion (involving ethnic minorities) / unemployment / education
- Cooperation for diversification / integrated approaches to territorial development
- Multi-fund approaches
- **Themes related to self-assessment and evaluation:**
 - Support for M&E about CLLD strategies / multi-funded strategies
 - Evaluation of local development strategies / LAGs' self-assessment

Principles and criteria for themes

Wide interest across EU:

- is this theme relevant for your institution/organisation/country
- Are you prepared to work with it?

Timely relevance:

- most important at this point of the rural development programming cycle

Past lessons:

- To what extent has this theme been approached at the EU level?

Balance:

- Between "methodological" and "topic"-based themes
- Between different rural development objectives

Thank you !

