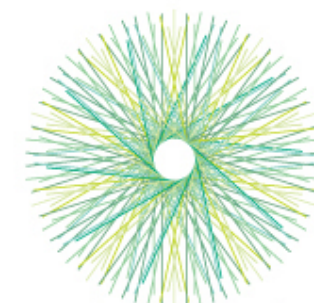


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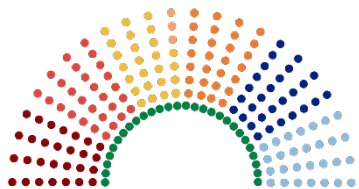
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EU Rural Networks' Governance Structure

Antonella Zona, DG AGRI

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)

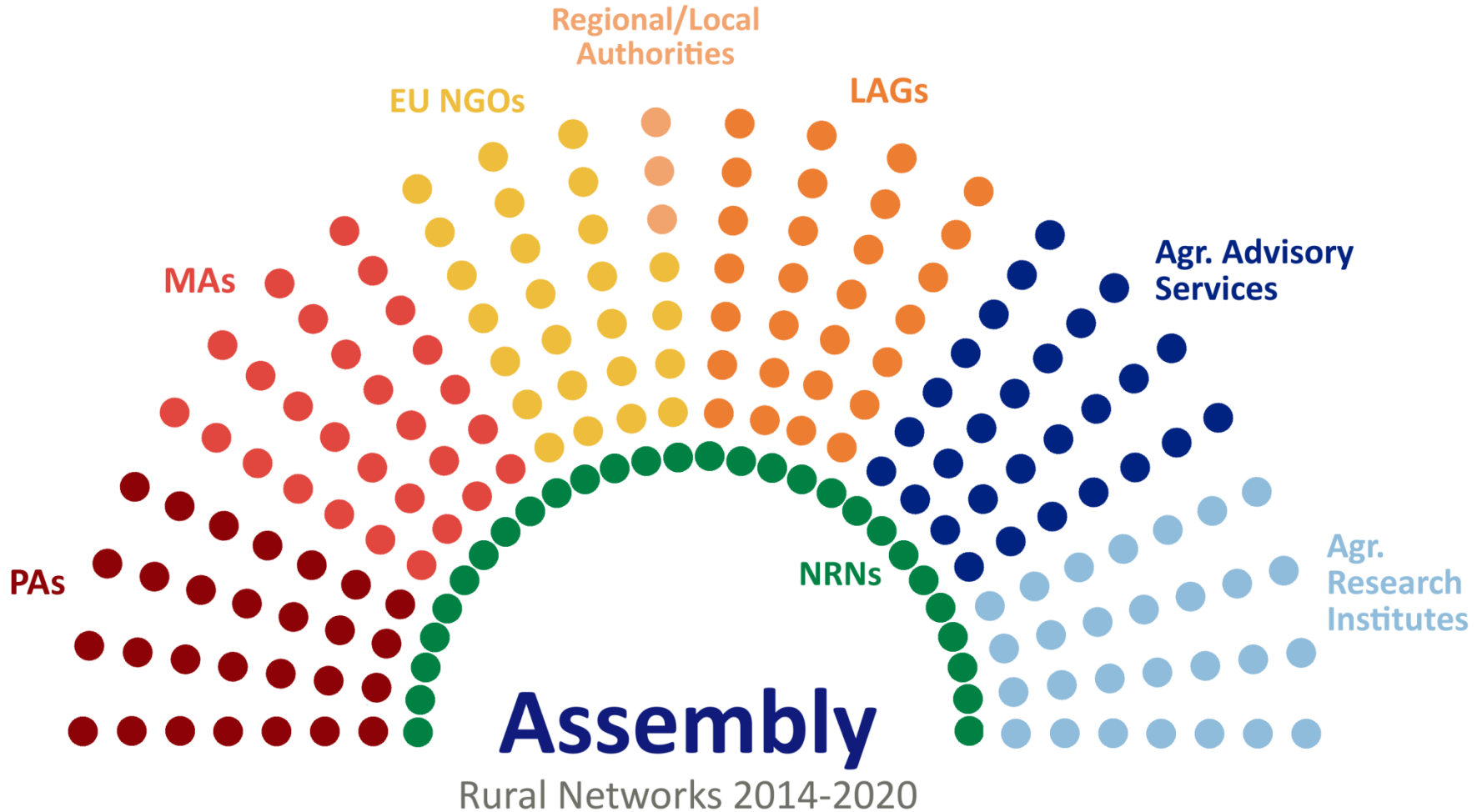
Functionality and Responsiveness

- **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

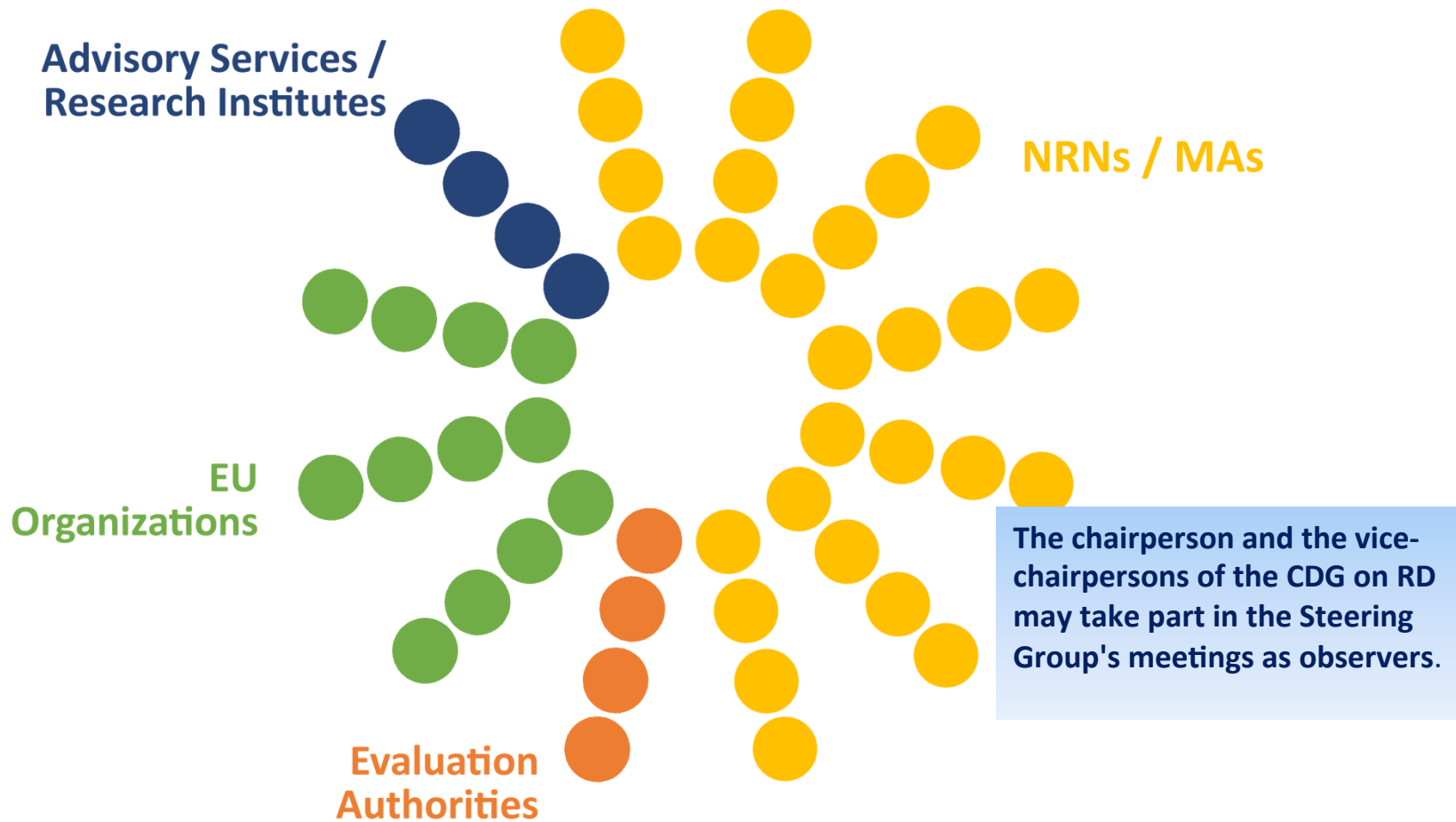
Provide the STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK for the activities of the ENRD and of the EIP-AGRI network

(including the thematic work)

Ensure appropriate monitoring and assessment of the activities of Rural Networks

Propose Steering Group's members

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



Prepare, implement and follow-up of networking activities (e.g. workplans)

Coordination and follow-up of thematic work

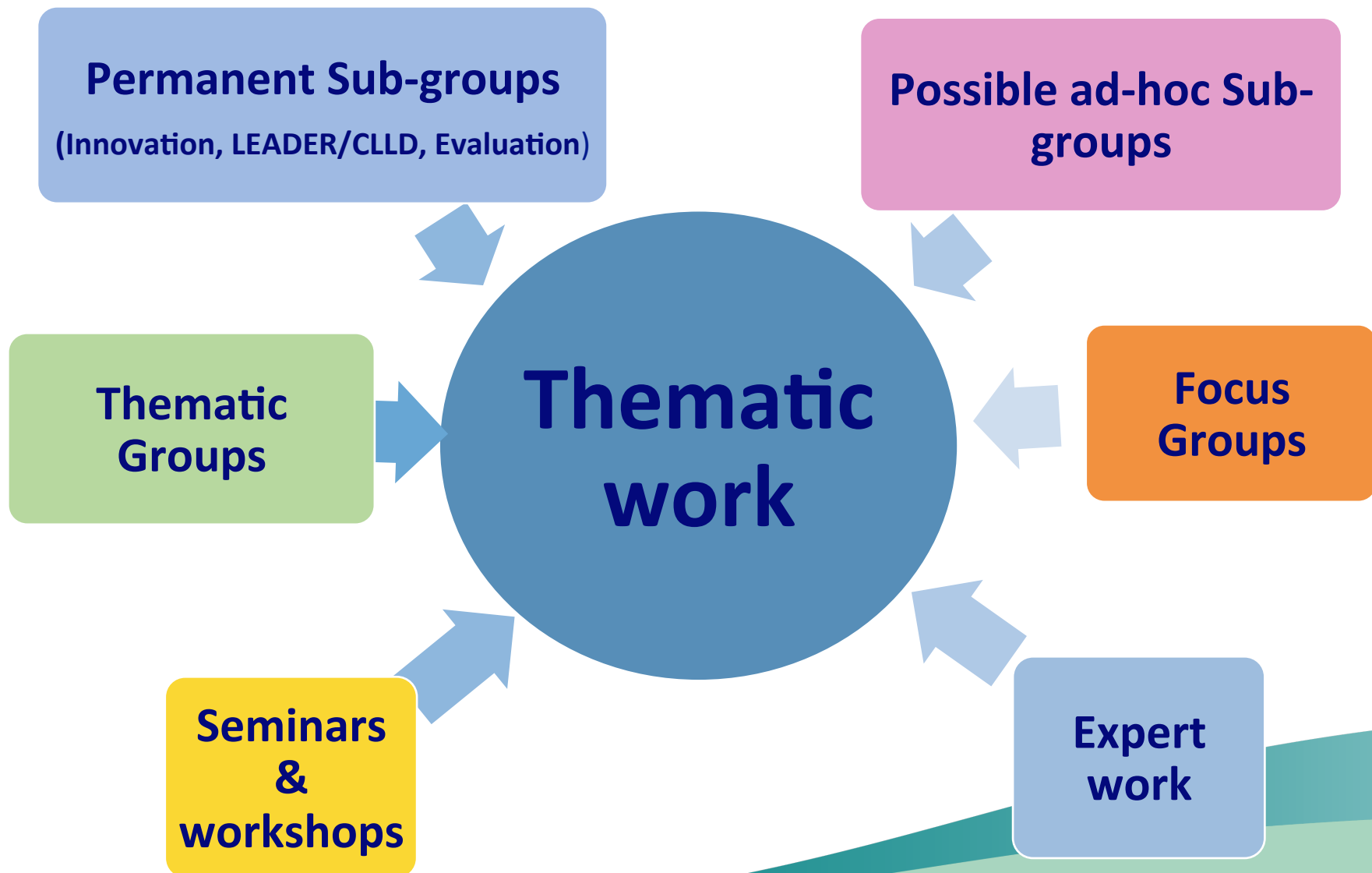
Assess Rural Networks' activity on an ongoing basis and coordinate with other groups

Always in accordance with the framework provided by the Assembly

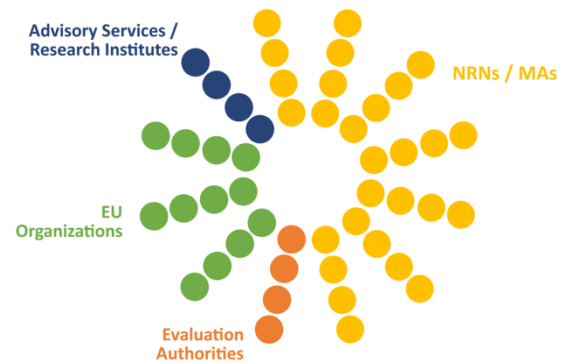
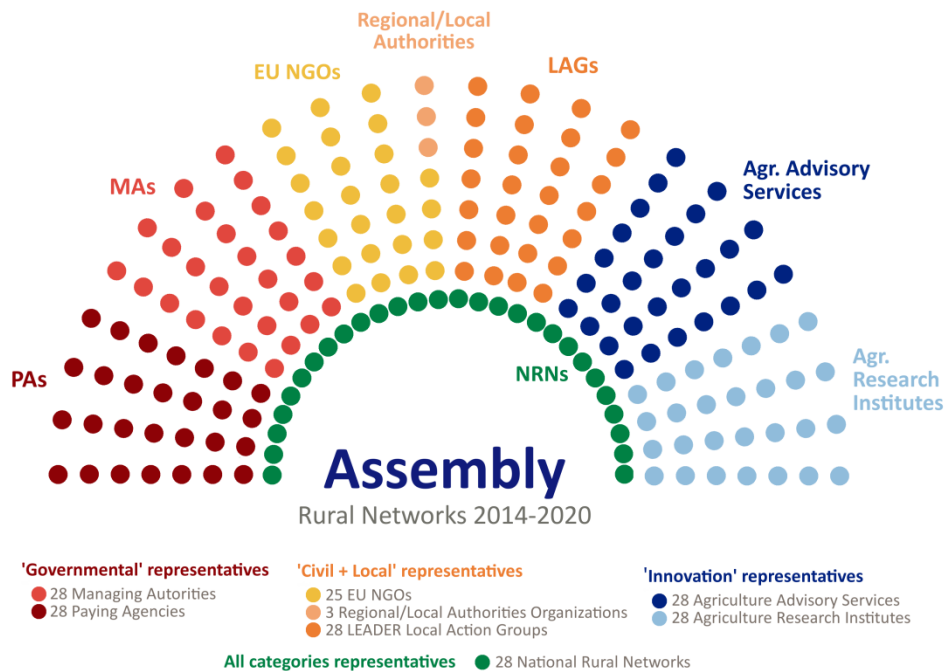
Reports its activity to the Assembly



Flexibility and Targeting



Commission Implementing Decision 2014/825/EU



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