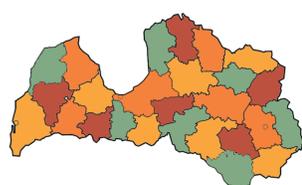




# LATVIAN RURAL NETWORK: VALSTS LAUKU TĪKLS

## Background



75 Regional representatives in 26 regions



Informal - open to everyone

MID-TERM EVALUATION 2007-2013

EX POST EVALUATION 2007-2013

EVALUATION FOR AIR 2017

ONGOING EVALUATION

OTHER

In Latvia, the National Support Unit (NSU), is supported by 'regional antennae'. Since 2008, the Latvian NSU has been responsible for providing technical assistance to the NRN, through developing and coordinating the implementation of the NRN's Action Programme and Annual Work Plan.

*"To promote rural business start-ups, economic efficiency and support rural youth."*



## LATVIAN NRN DATABASE

Projekts	Notikuma veids	Kategorija	Nosaukums	Grupas nr	Kas izveidoja	Birojs	Sākuma datums
Atbalsts lauku jauniešiem uzņēmējdarbības veicināšanai (pilotprojekta teritorijas)	Mācības	Lauku attīstība	Atbalsts lauku jauniešiem uzņēmējdarbības veicināšanai 2.diena.				29.09.2017
Atbalsts lauku jauniešiem uzņēmējdarbības veicināšanai (pilotprojekta teritorijas)	Mācības	Uzņēmējdarbības uzsākšana un veicināšana	Atbalsts lauku jauniešiem uzņēmējdarbības veicināšanai 1.diena.				22.09.2017

The Latvian NRN has developed a database that allows it to track and plan events and additional work carried out. **This database has grown in importance due to its usefulness for evaluating the work carried out, as well as providing the basis for reporting on a wide range of information about the situations in rural areas.** The database has been used by the evaluators for the Annual Implementation Report submitted in 2017 to evaluate the NRN as well as for FA 1A and 1C and for Priority 4.

The **database is available online**, allowing it to be filled by each of the regional representatives of the NRN in a decentralised approach. The following information can be found in the database: *planned activities, responsible persons, team(s) involved, quantitative and qualitative objectives for each activity per quarter and year, a task tracker for each team member, guidelines for each activity and a space for additional documentation if necessary, etc.*



## Steps of Implementation

1. Due to the large number of events and people involved in the NRN's activities it was assessed that **a tool for both planning and evaluating these activities was needed.**

2. The database established by the Latvian Rural Advisory and Training Centre has been added to and **adapted to meet the current needs of the stakeholders.**

3. Data gathering and the **provision of data to the MA, the evaluator and other stakeholders (ENRD) are currently ongoing.**



## Recommendations

- **Develop a database for the aggregation of information for specific needs (evaluation) which is easily filterable.**
- Resources can be more effectively used through **sharing existing data and information between different stakeholders** for evaluation purposes.
- Facilitate the **improvement of cooperation between evaluators and LAGs.**

