

# A warm welcome to Åhus 12 of May!



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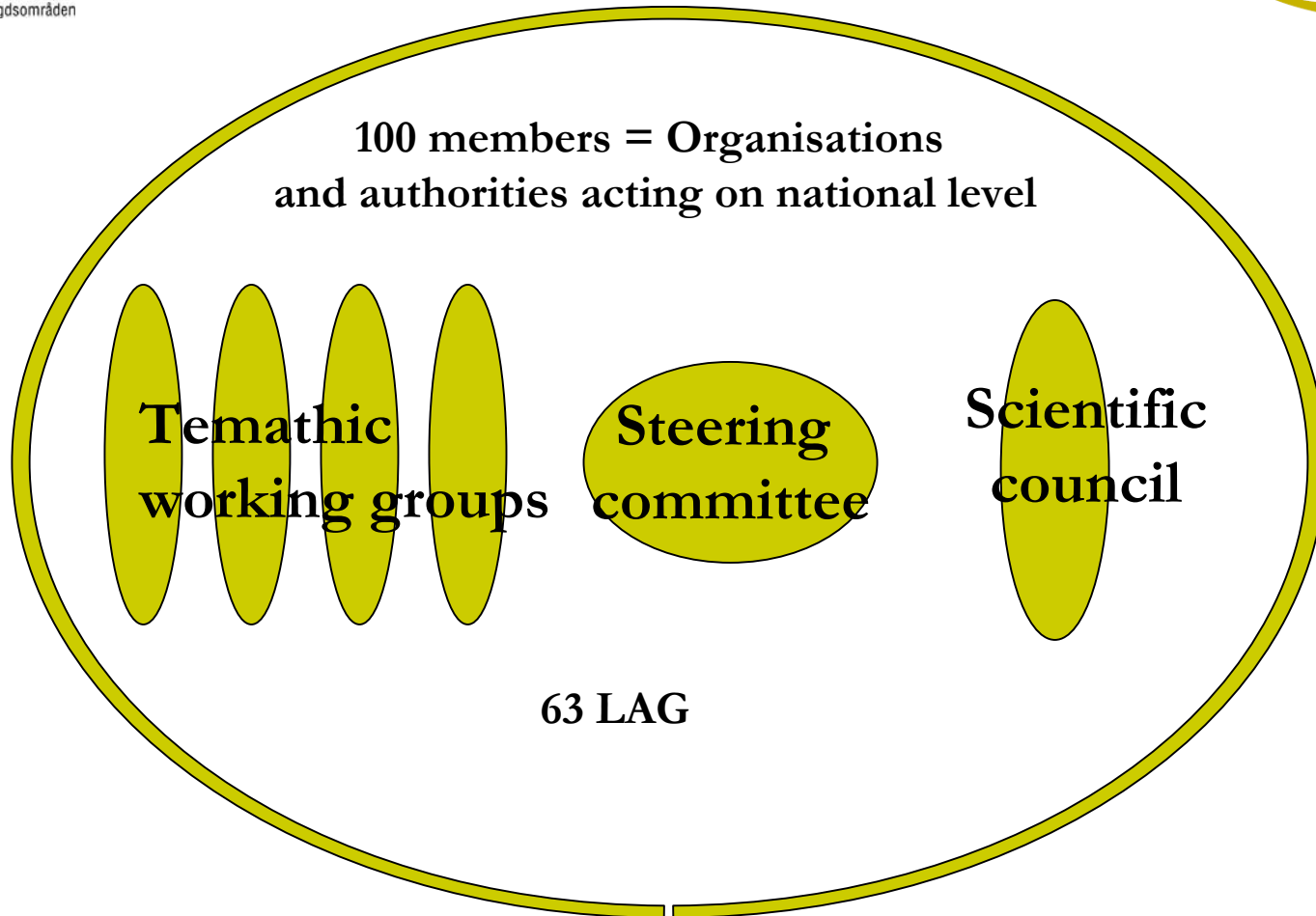




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# Structure

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NÄTVERKET



**Today:**

- almost 100 national actors represent stakeholders + 62 LAG:s
- 50 ongoing activities



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## Steering committee



**-Constructed and working as a partnership of Leader-type  
-Preparing and making priorities for the network,  
membership, the annual activity plan and network cheques.**

The Swedish Board of Agriculture (managing authority)

The Federation of Swedish Farmers

The Federation of Private Enterprises,

The Swedish Society for Nature Conservation

The Swedish associations of local development groups

The sub-network of LAGs

The Swedish association of Local Authorities and Regions “All Sweden shall Live”

The Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

A youth network, called U-land, started during the Leader+ period

The Swedish National Rural Development Agency

The Swedish Federation of Rural Economy and Agriculture Societies

One representative from the 21 county boards (responsible for regional strategies, regional implementation and regional partnerships)



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# The progress in the Swedish Rural Development Programme



(output indicators)

## Axis 1

- Most measures seem to reach the targets
- Problems with the measure "Support for cooperation for the development of new products, process and technologies" and the measure of "infrastructure to development and adaption of agriculture and forestry"

## Axis 2

- Most measures seem to reach the targets
- Problems with some measures in regional priorities for natural heritage and organic forms of production



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# The progress in the Swedish Rural Development Programme (output indicators)

## Axis 3

- More problems than axis 1 and 2
- Most problems with measures for improving the quality of life



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# LAGs in Sweden

- 63 LAGs (54 + 9)
- Covering 95% of rural areas
- Most of them are totally new
- Regionalised through the County Administrations
- Discussion about the roles  
LAG - Municipalities - County Administrations



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# Activities for the LAGs

- Conferences for all LAGs, 1/ year
- Conferences for managers and chairmen, 2-3/ year
- Supporting regional LAG meetings
- Coordination group for LAG chairmen
- Training courses, information material
- Mentors program
- Network "cheques" for transnational cooperation
- Support for participation in international conferences
- Distributing partner search
- Supporting LAG representatives in other forums



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# Projects in the LAGs

Measure	Projects
1 (in axis 1)	16
2 (in axis 2)	39
3 (in axis 3)	261
4 (Cooperation measure)	10
5 (LAG Running costs)	22
Total	348



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# Prioritized areas 2009



- Intergration and equality
- Environmentally sustainability
- Rural attractiveness
- Leader
- Increased cooperation



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# Activities



## **Network cheques**

- Seminars, animators, cooperations

## **Thematic groups and think tanks**

## **Network meetings**

## **Specific activities for LAG**

- Training, mentors program, meetings, promoting transnational cooperation

## **Website and other information channels**

- Monthly newsletter, media activities, leaflets, etc.

## **Transnational networking**

- EN, Nordic/Baltic cooperation

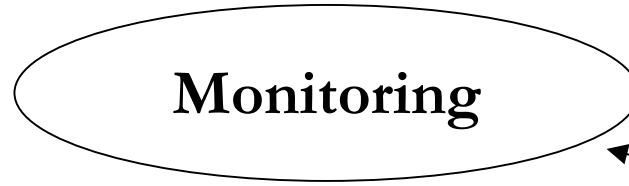
## **Scientific council and researchers conference**

## **Continuously follow up the network performance**



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# How to involve network members in ongoing evaluation and learning



Revise the RDP?

Statistics showing the progress of the RDP

+ Complementary facts =

More knowledge about the progress

Analyses and conclusions about:  
*"Whats behind the statistics and indicators?"*

- Experts in the managing authorities
- Specific groups in the network addressing specific themes (Think tanks, Scientific council, steering committee, thematic working groups, different network meetings)

More capacity among all actors involved in the implementation of the RDP and **more result-orientated measures**