

# Rural Policy Network and Working Methods

## Government

- Budgetary guidance

## Ministerial Group on Rural Policy

- Reports
- Special programmes
- Resolutions

## Parliament

- Budgetary guidance

## Rural Network of the Parliament

- Negotiations
- Communication

## Rural Policy Committee (YTR)

Members of YTR (31 members from 27 organisations incl. 7 ministries, other government organisations and rural associations).

**Secretariat**, steered by the **Secretary-General**, prepares the matters. About 60 secretaries from various organisations.

## Partners of YTR

Island Committee

Village Action Association of Finland

Association of Rural Researchers and Developers

Network of Rural Professors

## Other programmes to promote rural and regional development

### EU Programmes

- Rural Development Programme for Mainland Finland, regional rural development plans of Centres for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment (ELY Centres) and local plans of LAGs 2007–2013
- Structural Fund Programmes (ERDF and ESF) 2007–2013

### National regional development programmes

- Regional Cohesion and Competitiveness Programme (KOKO) 2010–2013
- Centre of Expertise Programme (OSKE) 2007–2013
- Resolution on Island Policy
- Resolution on Urban Policy

### Regional programmes

### Municipal rural programmes

### Village plans

## Working methods of YTR

### Rural Policy Programme

- Action programme of YTR 2009–2013

### Preparation of Government's rural policy outlines

- Reports, special programmes, resolutions

### Implementation and follow-up of Government and Rural Policy Committee programmes

### Theme and work groups (a total of 14 to 17 groups)

- Themes include rural living, food, tourism, well-being, Leader, enterprise, culture, civic activity

### National rural research and development projects

- 50 to 70 projects financed each year

### Rural proofing

### Communication

- About 10 publications/year
- Ruralpolicy.fi website
- Internet newsletter Liiteri
- Newsletters, news and press releases of theme and work groups

### Negotiations and seminars

## International cooperation

EU, OECD, Nordic Council of Ministers, development cooperation, bilateral cooperation (esp. Sweden and Estonia), several international organisations (ERA, ERCA, ELARD, HNSL, IRN)