

GOVERNMENT Ministries responsible for development funds

MINISTERIAL GROUP OF RURAL POLICY

RURAL NETWORK OF THE PARLIAMENT

RURAL POLICY COMMITTEE (RPC)

Members of the Committee (29)
represent nine ministries and several other organizations related to the welfare of the rural population and rural development

Secretary General

Secretariat

Deputy Secretary General and Secretaries in Different Organisations (60)

Project Group

National R&D Projects on Rural Development

Rural Policy Programme

- Work Programme of Rural Policy Committee
- Special Programme of the Government, perspectives:
 - Rural Development of the Central Government
 - Regional Section

Other Programmes Enhancing Rural and Regional Development

- EU Programmes
 - Rural Development Programme
 - Regional Rural Development Plans of the TE Centres and Local Rural Development Plans of the LAGs
 - Structural Fund Programmes
- National Regional Development Programmes
 - Rural Policy Programme
 - Regional Centre Programme
 - Centres of Expertise Programme
 - Island Programme

Theme and Work Groups

- Sparsely Populated Rural Areas (TG)
- Welfare Services (TG)
- NGOs (TG)
- Culture (TG)
- Nature and Landscape Services (TG)
- Natural Products (TG)
- Rural Housing (TG)
- Rural Tourism (TG)
- Rural Entrepreneurship (TG)
- Food Finland (TG)
- Swedish-speaking Actors (TG)
- Rural Contractualisation (TG)
- Interaction between Urban and Rural Areas (WG)
- Work Group for the LAGs
- Work Group for Communications
- Work Group for Rural Proofing
 - many groups have partner groups and actors also in regional level

Close Partners

- Island Committee
- Village Action Association of Finland
- MUA Association (association of rural research and development) and Network of Rural Professors

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION (cooperation with international organisations (eg. OECD) and implementing international projects)