

Activities

Parallel to its publishing activities, the Network has organized scientific conferences, inviting academics and researchers of various disciplines from 15 countries. Such formula allowed to create a broad platform for the exchange of views and experiences. Moreover, the participants of the Network have taken part in a large number of international conferences dedicated to rural development issues.



One should note that the Network is a well-organized institutional body with a large intellectual potential of many institutes from Central and Eastern Europe. That is why the European Rural Development Network as whole and associated Institutes is an attractive partner for conducting and implementing research projects related to rural development.



Members of the ERDN and key institutions:

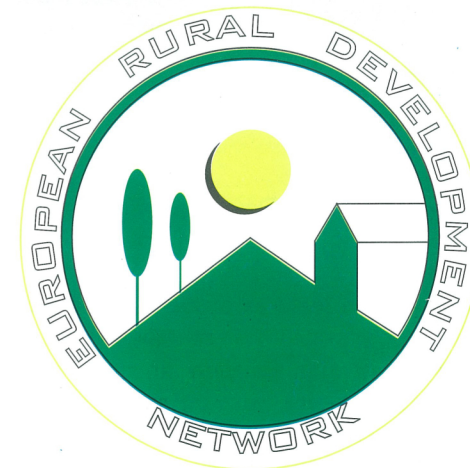
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Key associated institutions:

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Institute of Systems Biology and Ecology - Czechia
Research Institute of Agricultural Economics - Czechia
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Department of Geography, University of Oulu - Finland
Institute of Agricultural Development in Central and Eastern Europe - Germany
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The European Rural Development Network is a network of scientific institutions occupied with rural development.

One of the main features of the rural development issue is its complexity. When carrying out observation and analysis of the situation in rural areas and conditioning its future, account should be taken of different scientific points of view – economic, spatial, conservational, social, engineering and information technological ones. Combining the results of research in multiple fields of science provide a high added value.

The scientific network of the European Rural Development Network was set up in 2002 to integrate efforts and competencies of various Polish and European research institutions in a jointly conducted work on the state and paths of transformation of rural areas, farming in particular, especially in the perspective of the extension of the EU and its future policies.

Thus the main objectives of the Network are parallel to the Community idea of building the European Research Area for agriculture and rural development. The Network is meant to encompass leading research centres carrying out research in the area of rural development particularly in the Central-Eastern Europe.

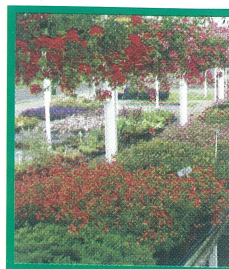


Main objectives



The main objectives of the scientific ERDN are:

- establishing a wide basis for co-operation of Polish and European scientific units in the framework of the expanding EU devoted to the analysis of the state, perspectives and strategies of action with respect to the development of rural areas in Poland and in Europe;
- integrating efforts and competencies of various Polish and European research institutions in a jointly conducted work in the area of rural development;
- facilitating international scientific and research co-operation in the scope of rural development and farming, in particular undertaking steps towards the preparation of applications for co-financing of scientific research within the Framework Programmes of the EU;
- undertaking initiatives for the incorporation into an all-European network.



Achievements

In course of several years of joint action, the Institutes comprising the Network have worked out a common model of action for the purpose of programming and implementing research activities.

A great accomplishment of the Network is its publishing series, Rural areas and development, consisting of articles dealing with rural development potential and development problems of environmental, social or economic nature. Three volumes of this series have been published to date:

- 2003, Alternatives for European Rural Areas, 136 pages, 9 articles.
 - 2004, Changing functions of rural areas in the Baltic Sea Region, 158 pages, 10 articles.
 - 2005, Rural development capacity in Carpathian Europe, 175 pages, 11 articles.
- Full texts of articles are available on our website.

