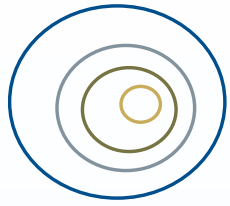


Rural Research and Strategy Partnership

Introducing the work of the RRSP

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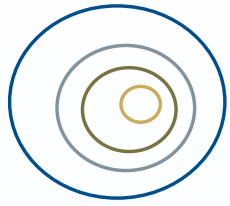
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Who we are?

The Rural Research and Strategy Partnership (RRSP) is a new partnership of some of the South East's leading research organisations:

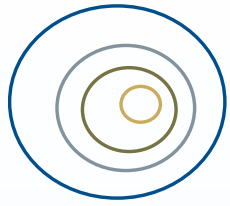
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- University of Reading
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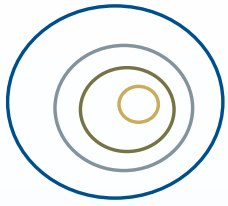
Why form this Partnership?

- South East England needs practical and innovative solutions to its rural issues;
- Its rural policy makers want to be more confident and knowledgeable about the impact of their initiatives;
- Until now, there has been no formal rural research network in the region, despite the South East's high density of tertiary education and research establishments.

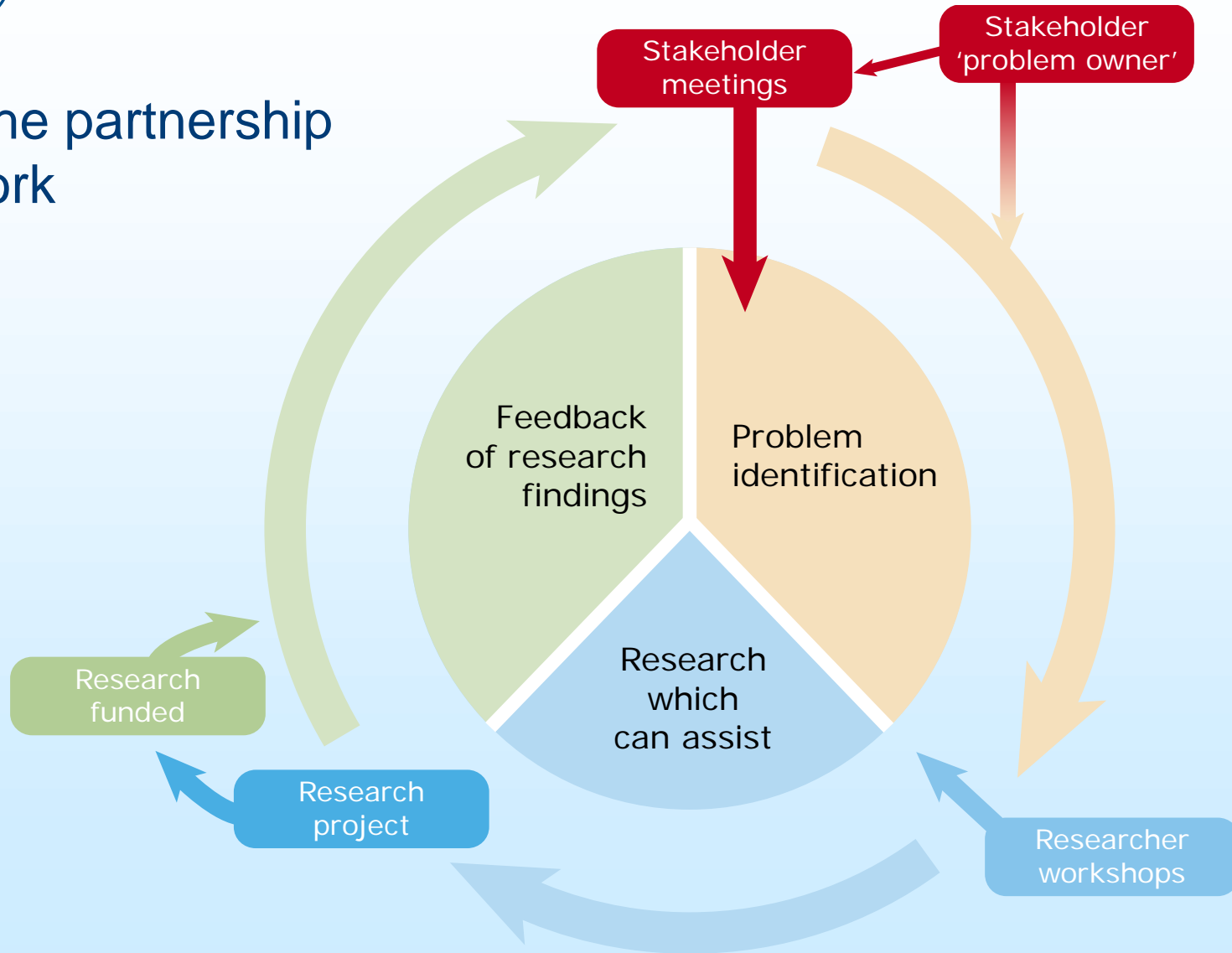


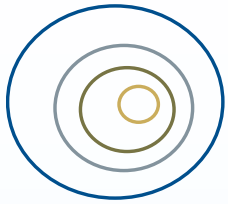
RRSP's Function

- To broker and co-ordinate collaborative thinking between regional stakeholders and the research community;
- To help make sure the right people have the right information at the right time to make shrewd judgments and investments.



How the partnership will work





Likely RRSP Activities

Stakeholder interactions

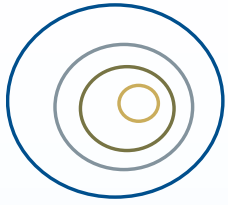
- Help define and channel information about practical rural problems to the researcher community;
- Stakeholder workshops/meetings, a Stakeholder steering group.

Research project formation

- Scoping new project ideas and identifying expertise;
- Identifying funding opportunities.

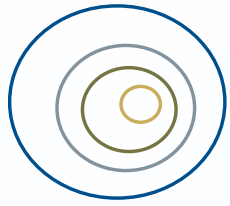
Knowledge Transfer

- Mechanisms which help bring research results brought into use.



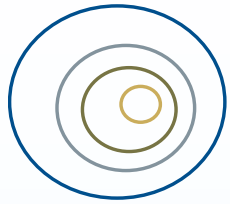
What topics will RRSP focus on?

All issues which affect rural sustainability.



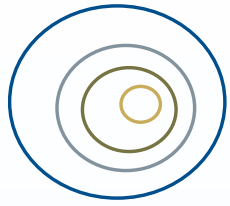
What will success look like?

- Sharing of data on 'hot topics';
- Increasing research portfolios addressing rural issues;
- Improved collaboration between researchers and policy makers.



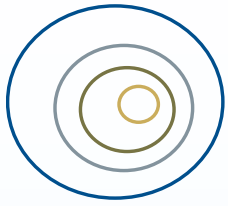
What happens next?

- Formation of a small **stakeholder steering group** to guide the work of the partnership;
- Co-ordinator to **meet with researchers** from partner institutions;
- Running of **research workshops** on selected topics in Summer and Autumn 2008;
- Launch official **RRSP website** as a medium for information exchange;
- Target: development of at least one successful research project by Spring 2009.



How can you get involved?

- Tell Co-ordinator which topics are important;
- Join our mailing list (news/events);
- Bookmark website;
- Consider joining stakeholder steering group; (to be chaired by Jacinta Thorley, Chief Executive of SE Rural Communities Council);
- Fund some research projects!



Messages for stakeholders

South East is rich in high quality research



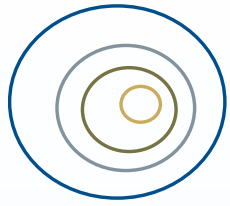
This wealth is a major source of advantage for the region.

Your problems are interesting to researchers!



If “hotbed of the British economy” can solve its problems, these insights will be in high demand, worldwide.

SEEDA has the national lead for sustainability, so there are exciting opportunities for collaboration with other UK regions and internationally.



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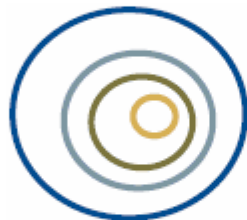
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What is the Rural Research and Strategy Partnership (RRSP)?

The RRSP has been formed to broker and develop collaborative thinking between South East England's rural policy makers and the research

The RRSP will catalyse the formation of new collaborations between the above groups, through the following activities:

- **Channelling information about practical rural problems:**
From the problem 'owners' to the research community, using Stakeholder meetings and a Stakeholder steering group
- **Research workshops:**
To focus researchers from different organisations and backgrounds on these problems
- **Assisting development of new, high quality research projects:**
To develop new, collaborative research projects and solutions to the rural problems
- **Increasing the focus on knowledge transfer mechanisms:**
To help researchers get their research results brought into use.