



Seminar Capacity Building for National Rural networks



Workshop A: Strategic Framework for national Rural Networks

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Aim of Network

-Art. 67 of Reg. 1698/2005

- Collect, disseminate and consolidate at Community level good practice
- Provide information on developments in the Community's rural areas and in 3rd countries
- Organise meetings and seminars at Community level for those actively involved in Rural development
- Collect, analyse +disseminate information on Rural Development measures

Aims -continued

- Set up and run expert networks with a view to facilitating an exchange of expertise and supporting implementation and evaluation of the rural development policy
- Support the national networks and transnational cooperation initiatives.

How to Network –Art. 68 of Reg.

- Action plan
 - AWP for European Network
 - Action plan for National Rural Networks, containing at least:
 - Good transferable practices
 - Network management
 - Organisation of exchange of experience + know-how
 - Preparation of training courses for LAGS in formation
 - Technical assistance for inter-territorial and transnational cooperation.

How ambitious should we be?

Commission expectations

- To collect structured feed-backs from implementation of Rural development, reflecting territorial, thematic and operational concerns.
- To develop activities based on common goals, with a strong potential to promote training and knowledge development.
- To reinforce the efficiency of the rural development policy, contributing to the better designing of rural development programmes by:
 - accurately targeting the needs identified in the national strategy plans,
 - and responding to the European strategic guidelines for rural development.
- To create dynamic meetings and debates on shared concerns for the present and for the future of rural areas.
- To secure communication between stakeholders at all levels.

Issues to be resolved

Balance of work

- European/national/regional/local
- Issues to be tackled
- Methods of networking
- Individual/group/traditional/electronic/formal/informal
- Resources of time, funding, support organisations.

Strategic approach

- Strategy concentrating effort on key issues
- Formal structure involving stakeholders
- Based on consultation of stakeholders
- Balance of issues, methods
- Deployment of resources
- Use of different media and methods
- Use of support structures (national, Contact Point, existing organisations).
- Prioritising work