

LEADER/CLLD Conference Strengthening Local Development through Cooperation

Programme

25 September, 2015
Conference Centre Stella Polare
Milano, Italy

12:15 - 12:30

Introduction to the Exchange Platform
Short presentation of the 10 posters exhibited in the exchange area

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch in the poster exhibition area

14:00 - 15:00

Parallel workshops: Practical approaches to strengthening local development through cooperation

1 - How to develop cooperation with Third Countries

Key challenges in preparing, financing and implementing cooperation projects with non-EU partners

2 - How to design a supportive delivery system for TNC

Analysis of key steps to design a well-functioning delivery system for TNC projects and issues that need to be addressed

3 - How to build capacity for TNC

What tools can be used to support LAGs at different stages of preparing and implementing cooperation projects

4 - How to facilitate cooperation between different CLLD Funds

Exchange between MAs and DGs interested in strengthening cooperation between CLLD Funds at different levels

15:30 - 16:00

Coffee break in the poster exhibition area

16:00 - 17:15

Exchange Platform

10 posters with examples of cooperation initiatives will be displayed during the whole day.

During the exchange platform, participants will be able to hear more about these examples and discuss them in small groups.

17:15 - 18:00

Drawing lessons from the exchange: summary and recommendations
Feedback from workshops and discussion

Closing comments

Paul SOTO (ENRD CP) and Matthias LANGEMEYER (DG AGRI)

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Background

The conference is part of a two-day event (24-25 September 2015) organised by the ENRD Contact Point and DG AGRI within the framework of Expo Milano 2015. The overall objective of the events is to improve LEADER/CLLD implementation, with specific focus on strengthening National Rural Networks' (NRNs) capacity to provide support and guidance to LEADER/CLLD stakeholders and to boost transnational and inter-territorial cooperation.

Objectives of the Leader/CLLD Conference

The main objective of the conference on "Strengthening local development through cooperation" is to exchange on how to support transnational and inter-territorial cooperation in the EU and with Third Countries. More specifically the event aims to:

- Promote peer learning between LEADER/CLLD stakeholders (Managing Authorities, Paying Agencies, NRNs, LAGs etc.) on improving delivery and harmonising rules for cooperation projects;
- Reflect on and highlight the applicability of local development methodologies in different rural areas within and outside Europe;
- Offer opportunities to strengthen cooperation between local partnerships within the EU and with neighbouring countries, and globally.

8:00 - 9:00

Registration at the Stella Polare Conference Centre

9:00 - 9:30

Setting the scene - introduction to the day

Welcome (Mihail DUMITRU, DG AGRI)

Overview of the objectives and agenda

(Urszula BUDZICH-TABOR, John GRIEVE, ENRD CP)

Keynote speech:

The challenges and practice of bottom-up local development

(Raúl Hernández GARCADIÉGO, Mexico)

9:30 - 10:45

LEADER and beyond: examples of cooperation projects

• Inter-territorial cooperation:

"Living on the Edge"

(Kristiina TIMMO, EE)

• Transnational cooperation (TNC):

"Mutual learning on local food promotion"

(Helle BØGE BREINDAHL, DK)

• Cooperation between different EU Funds:

"LAG-FLAG cooperation in Puglia"

(Nadia DI LIDDO, IT)

10:45 - 11:15

Coffee break in the poster exhibition area

11:15 - 12:15

The EU implementation framework for LEADER cooperation

Overview of the implementation framework and key changes in relation to the previous period

(Karolina JASIŃSKA-MÜHLECK, DG AGRI)

Panel discussion involving different types of actor

(Karolina JASIŃSKA-MÜHLECK, Séverine BRESSAUD, Boban ILIC, Petri RINNE)



16:00 - 17:30

The role of NRNs in capacity-building and training for LAGs

Introduction: Results of the NRN Survey on supporting LAGs through capacity building

Edina OCSKO (ENRD CP)

Continuous improvement of Finnish LEADER work

Juha-Matti MARKKOLA (Finnish NRN)

Thematic support to LAGs – The case of social inclusion

Hans-Olof STALGREN (Swedish NRN)

‘Across the country’ – Supporting Roma inclusion from a local perspective

Csaba BOHA (Zala County Roma Association, Hungary)

17:30 - 18:30

Closing of the event & future work of the ENRD

Main conclusions and future actions

ENRD Contact Point

Future work of the ENRD with NRNs – Presentation and discussion about future ENRD activities

ENRD Contact Point

Closing remarks

18:30 - 19:30

Cocktail & networking dinner

#NRNMeeting

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Special Edition NRN Meeting

The role of NRNs in supporting LEADER/CLLD

Programme

24 September, 2015
EU Pavilion, Expo Milan





Background

The Special Edition National Rural Network (NRN) Meeting is part of a two-day event (24-25 September 2015) organised by the ENRD Contact Point and DG AGRI within the framework of Expo Milano 2015.

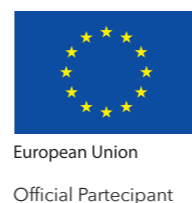
The overall objective of the events is to improve LEADER/CLLD implementation, with specific focus on strengthening NRNs' capacity to provide support and guidance to LEADER/CLLD stakeholders and to boost transnational and inter-territorial cooperation.

Objectives of the NRN Meeting

One of the main tasks of NRNs is 'to provide training and support for LAGs and, in particular, technical assistance for inter-territorial and transnational cooperation'.

The main objective of the NRN meeting is to strengthen the capacity of Network Support Units (NSUs) & NRNs to provide support and guidance to LEADER/CLLD stakeholders through mutual learning and exchange of relevant experience among Managing Authorities (MAs), NRNs and LAGs. More specifically, the meeting aims to:

- Improve NSUs' understanding of available tools and practices for providing support to LAGs and other LEADER/CLLD stakeholders;
- Improve NSUs' understanding of the support needs of both MAs and LAGs;
- Improve MAs' and LAGs' understanding of the potential of networks to improve LEADER delivery and the capacity of LAGs.



10:00

Registration (in the NH Fiera Milano Hotel)

10:45 - 12:30

Transfer to Expo Milano - Visit of the EU Pavilion

12:30 - 13:30

Welcome lunch

13:30 - 13:50

Introduction

Welcome by DG AGRI

Aldo LONGO (Director DG AGRI)

What to expect?

Structure & content of the meeting

Edina OCSKO (ENRD Contact Point)

The role of NRNs in providing training and networking for Local Action Groups

Paul SOTO (ENRD Contact Point)

13:50 - 15:30

NRN support to improve LEADER delivery

Main issues & challenges in LEADER delivery

Joanna GIERULSKA (Ministry of Agriculture & Rural Development, Poland)

Improving the coordination of funds: Multi-funded approaches in the French Regions

Nathalie PROUHEZE (National Rural Network, France)

Improving LEADER delivery through coordination between delivery stakeholders

Jan Drazsky FLORIAN (National LAG Network of the Czech Republic)

Improving the implementation of transnational and inter-territorial cooperation

Alistair PRIOR (Scottish Government)

Panel members:

Joanna GIERULSKA, Barbara LOFERER-LAINER, Hans-Olof STALGREN, David WILFORD & Speakers

15:30 - 16:00

Coffee break