European Network for *Rural Development*

Réseau wallon de Développement Rural

1. Annual Work Programme (AWP) 2012: priorities supporting RDP implementation

- The Network maintains an annual work programme based on an annual self-assessment process. The current AWP has been approved on January 2012. The AWP is presented and adopted at each Network Permanent Committee meeting. At the same moment are adopted the working program related to each working group.

- The current AWP focuses on 12 thematic working group priorities.
- Information about the priorities is available on:
  - EN version: http://www.reseau-pwdr.be/media/264692/121119_m_walloon-networkforruraldevelopment.pdf;
  - FR version: http://www.reseau-pwdr.be/menu-de-gauche/groupes-de-travail.aspx

- NRN's activities typically used to implement these priorities:
  - Regional or European seminars,
  - Field visits,
  - Working groups,
  - Meetings,
  - Flemish/Walloon joint events.

2. Thematic Initiatives launched by the Network

- **New thematic issues that the network is planning to address:**
  - Foresight (future of rural areas) and economic development of rural areas.
  - Issues addressed by the events:
  - June 2012 – Regional seminar : Networks
  - October 2012 – Regional workshop : Rural economy
  - November 2012 – Regional Workshop : Young and Farmer
  - December 2012 – Regional seminar : New mobilities
  - Issues addressed by working groups:
  - All the 12 topics treated by the Network are addressed by working groups.

- **Issues addressed by committees/steering groups:**
  - Next programming period
  - Self-assessment

- **Issues subject of surveys/consultation/analysis:**
  - Consultation of RDP beneficiaries active in tourism: needs, items to be approached within working group;
  - Analysis of our members' networking activities (systemic approach).

- **Thematic issues addressed in other ways:**
  - Mobility, Multifunctional agriculture, Young farmers, Tourism is addressed through field visits.

- **Information about thematic initiatives available on:**
  - http://www.reseau-pwdr.be/menu-de-gauche/ev%C3%A9nements-du-r%C3%A9seau.aspx

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1.2 LEADER-related activities

- Support to the LAGs is provided by the NSU for cooperation support, by the MA through administrative follow-up and by Interface Leader through training, financial and administrative support.
- Training and events are organized for LAGs:
  - NSU organizes specific LAG's meetings twice per year;
  - Interface Leader organizes training for LAG's.
- Information about the trainings is available on: http://www.frw.be/index.php?id=161.
- Information about the events is available on:
  - LAG's Network agenda on the Network Web site: http://www.reseau-pwdr.be/menu-de-gauche/agenda.aspx;
  - http://www.reseau-pwdr.be/menu-de-gauche/r%C3%A9seau-gal/agenda-du-r%C3%A9seau-gal.aspx.
- The NSU/MA provides guidelines or other supporting documents. Follow a list of documents and websites where they are available.
  - Good/best practices files: http://www.reseau-pwdr.be/menu-de-gauche/bonnes-pratiques/bonnes-pratiques-wallonnes.aspx;
  - Practical guide on cooperation: http://www.reseau-pwdr.be/autre/guide-de-la-cooperation.aspx;
  - Practical guide on how to provide an application for LEADER;
  - Specific newsletter for training 'Temps fort': http://www.reseau-pwdr.be/ressource-m%C3%A9thodologique/temps-fort!-n%C2%B01.aspx.
- The network supports LEADER implementation also by organizing seminars and small LAG's thematic group.
- The NSU provides support for inter-regional and transnational cooperation by providing partners search tool, cooperation guide, etc.
- The NSU/MA plans LAG visits abroad or events hosting LAGs delegations in Wallonia.
- The NSU/MA provides partner search facilities, guides, other support documents. Documents are available on:
  - LAG's blog: http://guide-coope.blogspot.be.
- Another form of support for cooperation is the organization of training organized by the NSU together with Interface LEADER.

3. Relevant Experiences/Good Practices

- **Identification of EAFRD-funded projects representing relevant experience:**
  - Good practices are collected through a regular survey realized by NSU and by free proposals from LAG's and other network stakeholders. Good practices are collected also through the direct collaboration between the NSU and administrations in charge of beneficiaries follow-up.

- **Communication and dissemination of relevant experience:**
  - Good/best practices files : http://www.reseau-pwdr.be/menu-de-gauche/bonnes-pratiques/bonnes-pratiques-wallonnes.aspx;
  - Publication and communication tools:
    - Ruralités Magazine,
    - Monthly newsletter,
    - Website;
    - Information alert system,
    - Resource center,
    - Social networks (Facebook and Twitter),
    - Videos,
    - Thematic leaflets,
    - Press release.
  - Information about publications and communication tools is available on: see chapter 7 'Documents'.

4. Monitoring and evaluation of networking

- The network doesn't assess its performance through RDP evaluation or through a formal NRN-P evaluation.
- The network implements both quantitative and qualitative annual self-assessment.
- Self-assessment/evaluation reports are available on: http://www.reseau-pwdr.be/media/264692/121119_m_walloonnetwork-forruraldevelopment.pdf.

5. Communication

- The network has a communication plan and also a RDP communication. The RDP communication is not public.
- The network uses all communication tools in a complementary way.

6. Cooperation interests of the Rural Network

- The areas in which the NRN seeks to offer or exchange cooperation with other rural networks is on communication

7. Documents

- List of publications, info materials, videos, etc:
  - Ruralités Magazine: http://www.reseau-pwdr.be/menu-de-gauche/centre-de-ressources/magazines.aspx;
  - Monthly newsletter: http://www.reseau-pwdr.be/menu-de-gauche/centre-de-ressources/lettres-dinformation.aspx;
  - Website;
  - Information alert system: http://www.reseau-pwdr.be/veilles;
  - Resource center: http://www.reseau-pwdr.be/menu-de-gauche/centre-de-ressources/recherche-globale.aspx;
  - Social networks (Facebook and Twitter): http://www.facebook.com/pages/R%C3%A9seau-rural-wallon/266680454766;
  - Videos: http://www.facebook.com/pages/R%C3%A9seau-rural-wallon/266680454766;
  - Images: http://www.reseau-pwdr.be/menu-de-gauche/centre-de-ressources/phototh%C3%A8que.aspx;
  - Thematic leaflets: http://www.reseau-pwdr.be/carnet-du-r%C3%A9seau/erosion,-coul%C3%A9es-boueuses-et-inonda-tions-carnet-du-r%C3%A9seau-n%C2%B01.aspx;
  - Press release.

- For an exhaustive list: See "catalogue des publications" (http://www.reseau-pwdr.be/bibliographie/catalogue-des-productions-du-réseau-2009-2011.aspx).