

## 1. Summary of Work Programme

The National Rural Network for Luxembourg was set up by the Monitoring Committee for the Rural Development Programme (RDP) on June 28, 2008. An initial action plan was devised, focusing on general actions to be implemented: communication, training, coordination and specific actions for Leader.

Communication activities have concentrated on information and promotion of RDP measures in terms of potential beneficiaries. Brochures have been published on investments in farms (axis 1), maintenance of landscape and natural areas (axis 2), forestry measures, improvement in the quality of life and diversification of the economy in rural areas (axis 3), and Leader (axis 4). Other communication initiatives include information days for anyone involved in areas relating to the axes of the RDP, including administration bodies and Local Action Groups (LAGs) and study trips which demonstrate examples of 'best practice' for stakeholders. These activities display the integrated character of the RDP, and promote networking and cooperation.

## 2. Focus and annual priorities supporting the RDP implementation in 2010

The action plan of the Luxembourg NRN was approved on June 17, 2010 and it focuses on the following general areas:

- Communication;
- Training;
- Coordination;
- Specific actions for Leader.

All rural stakeholders can participate in the network, including farming organisations, who are also members of the Coordination Committee of the NRN.

## 3. Thematic Activity

### 3.1. Thematic Initiatives launched by the network

- **No specific thematic initiatives have been launched by the NRN of Luxembourg.**
- **Events**
  - » A National Leader Day will be organised for November 27, 2010 addressed to the board members of the Luxembourgish LAGs.

### 3.2. Relevant Experiences/Good Practices

The selection of 'good practice examples' is planned for 2010.

The criteria for the selection of good practice examples are under discussion.

### 3.3. Leader Related Activity

- **NSU members dedicated to LAG support**
  - » Two people from the Ministry of Agriculture, Viticulture and Rural Development are responsible for managing the rural network, in parallel with their involvement in the [Leader axis of the RDP](#).
- **Training for LAGs**
  - » Seminars are organised (for example PowerPoint presentations on project and event management).
- **Guides or other support documents**
  - » An information brochure has been published which provides an overview of Leader and the five Luxembourgish LAGs.

### 3.4. TNC Activity

- **NSU members dedicated to TNC support**

- » Two people from the Ministry of Agriculture, Viticulture and Rural Development are responsible for managing the rural network in parallel with their involvement with the implementation of the Leader axis of the RDP.

- **Cooperation fairs and similar events**

- » To date, no fairs or events have been organised by the NRN of Luxembourg.

- **Partner search facilities, guides, other support documents**

- » Support for Transnational Cooperation (TNC) provided by the NRN is mainly based on the distribution of offers received from the EN RD Contact Point or is based on personal contacts.

- **Approved TNC projects as of 20 May, 2010**

- » Five preparation projects and two TNC projects have been approved to date.

### 4. Monitoring and Evaluation of Networking

- » N/A

### 5. Communication

- **Communication plan for the NRN**

- » The NRN does not have a communication plan for NRN activities and the main communication tools of the network for the moment are the brochures produced on specific topics.

- **Communication plan for the RDP**

- » N/A

### 6. NRN Knowledge Base

- **Publications**

Brochures produced on specific topics include:

- » Investments in farms (axis 1);
- » Maintenance of landscape and natural areas (axis 2);
- » Forestry measures, improvement of the quality of life and diversification of the economy in rural areas (axis 3);
- » Leader (axis 4). Further information on Leader is also available on the following website: [www.leader.lu](http://www.leader.lu)

- **Latest version of the NSP and RDP:**

- » The latest version of the NSP and RDP available for the Managing Authority's (MA) website:  
[www.ma.public.lu/aides\\_financieres/aides\\_communautaires/aides\\_rural/index.html](http://www.ma.public.lu/aides_financieres/aides_communautaires/aides_rural/index.html)

- **Link to MA/NSU/RDP's website:**

- » Both the NRN and the RDP information is hosted on the MA's website:  
[www.ma.public.lu](http://www.ma.public.lu)