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Preparations for TA funding of NRN (1)



Preparations for TA accreditation

- **Organisational set-up and HR within the IPARD Agency and MA in place:**
 - Legal Department in the IPARD Agency (2 legal advisors)
 - TA Unit within MA (3 employees + 1 Administrative Assistant)
 - Training of staff for PRAG rules + ToR preparation
- **Advisory mission in Brussels held in June, 2010**
- **First package of procedures for TA measure prepared and delivered to NAO (August 2010)**
- **Self-assessment and simulation of procedures in the IPARD Operating Structure on-going**
- **National Accreditation (pending due to funding the expertise for Compliance Assessment)**
- **Modification proposal of IPARD Programme concerning TA accreditation (pending)**

Action Plan for TA implementation for 2011?

Preparations for TA funding of NRN (2)



Preparations for TA funding of NRN:

- **Legal Requirements (rules) for funding the operations of NRN:**
 - NRN Designation procedure (Law and By-Law) as base for contractual relations
 - IPARD Programme modification (to include elaboration of establishment of NRN)
 - Operating procedures for management and coordination of NRN + eligibility of expenditure (as part of the TA accreditation package?) + IPARD SA modifications? (if deemed necessary)

Official designation of NRN and planned structures



Principles (in discussion):

The designation of the NRN shall be subject to examination of the following key features:

- 1. The NRN shall act as voluntary organisation assembling the organisations, institutions and administrations involved in rural development including the beneficiaries and interested parties of all measures included in the rural development policy**
- 2. NRN shall address the key priority and actions in their Statute and shall be established as Alliance according the National Legislation**
- 3. NRN activities shall be coordinated and supported by Network Operator (established with a decision of the Alliance council and management)**
- 4. Network operator shall prove capacity and ability to coordinate the implementation of the activities**
- 5. Network operator shall envisage decentralised – optimum regional distribution of capacities located in the existing organisations and structures**

MA Planned Activities 2011/2012



- 1. Identification of the NRN activities**
- 2. IPARD Programme modification**
- 3. Preparation of Operational Manuel for management and coordination of NRN**
- 4. Establishment of contractual relations and obligations for funding with designated NRN**
- 5. Setting-up monitoring and evaluation system of implementation of the NRN activities**

LEADER Preparations



Progress in preparations for programming of LEADER Measure

- 1. Legal requirements for establishment of LAG registers and funding of LAG proposed projects is established under the Law on Agriculture and Rural Development (adopted in March 2010)**
- 2. Regional Workshops were conducted to animate the potential LAG members on the opportunities under LEADER**
- 3. MA Programming Unit has coordinated the preparation of National LEADER Strategy (planned to be adopted by the end of 2010)**

Planned activities for 2011

- 1. IPARD Programme modification to include 'LEADER' measure**
- 2. Animation of potential LAG members for criteria for establishment of LAG's and the structure and content of the LDS**
- 3. Establishment of internal structure within MA to maintain the LAG register and coordinate the activities of the Evaluation Committee for selection of LAG's**

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