

# What can NRNs offer?

NRN support for LAGs &  
LEADER/CLLD implementation

Leader/CLLD subgroup meeting  
Brussels, 16 Feb 2016

# Background of the NRN- CLLD report & survey

- Prepared for the NRN meeting in Milan (24 Sept 2015) – event had a strong focus on LEADER/CLLD
- 26 (out of 32) networks responded to survey on ‘NRN Support for LEADER/CLLD implementation’
- Draft report for Milan Event

ENRD Events

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## Final Mapping Report

- Methodological good practices

Policy in Action /  
Projects & Practices

**You can identify practices & continue to  
exchange with other networks**

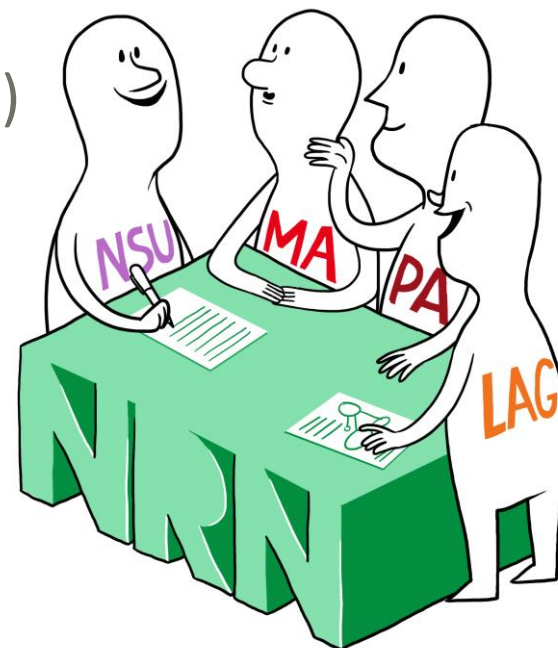
# Bringing different stakeholders together

One of the most important added values of NRNs is to **bring together stakeholders from different administrative levels** (LAG, MA, PA) & different policies

This may take different forms:

- LEADER events
- More technical exchange platforms
- Exchange between ministries (**multi-funding**)
- LEADER/CLLD coordination groups
- Thematic working groups
- Ad hoc events

*LEADER Coordination Group  
in Sweden now involves  
'multi-fund' representatives*



# Support & guidance to LAGs

**Increasing the capacity of LAGs** to implement local strategies effectively

Typical **themes** include:

- LDS development
- LAG self-assessment & evaluation
- State aid & public procurement
- Cooperation
- Short supply chains
- Participatory methods
- Social network skills
- The role of LAG managers
- Innovation





***LEADER Learning Networks  
- Flemish Network***

# General information

- Approval of the Partnership Agreement on 29 October 2014
- RDP III has been approved on 13 February 2015
- 12 LAGs in Flanders were approved on 22 May 2015

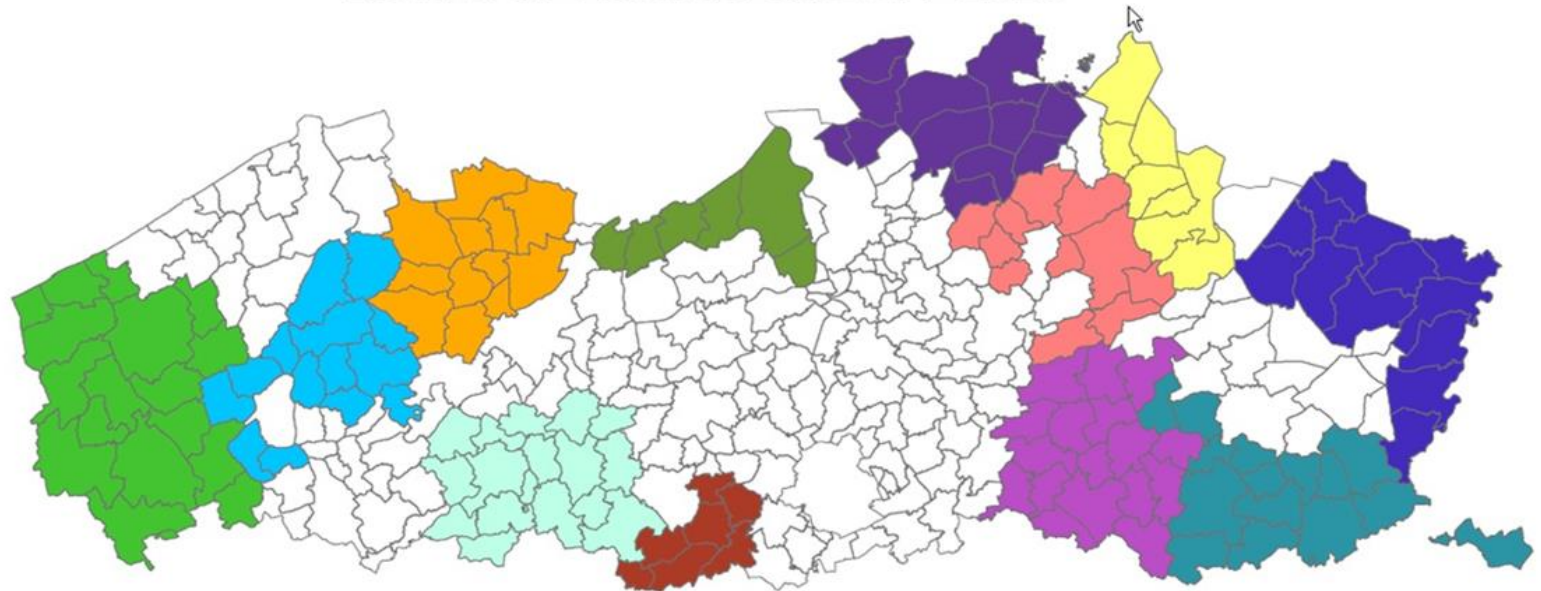


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# 12 LAGs in Flanders (BE)

Leader in Vlaanderen 2014-2020



## LeADERgebied

- Grensregio Waasland
- Hageland plus
- Haspengouw
- Kempen-Maasland
- Kempen-Oost
- Kempen-Zuid
- MarkAante Kempen plus
- Meetjesland
- Midden-West-Vlaanderen
- Pajottenland plus
- Vlaamse Ardennen
- Westhoek

30 15 0 30 Kilometers



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# Learning Networks (LN) for LEADER

- What?
  - 2014: idea LAG coordinator (LAG Hageland+)
  - Informal meetings of all LAGs to discuss one of the themes (or subthemes) of the Local Development Strategies
- Chosen themes Flemish LAGs
  - Regional identity 9
  - Quality of life in villages 8
  - Poverty and vulnerability 5
  - Education on agriculture and nature 5
  - Soil- and water management 2
  - Knowledge transfer and innovation 2
  - Agrobiodiversity 1
  - Sustainable energy and climate adaptation 1
  - Preserving and development of open space 1
  - Starting and rural entrepreneurs 1
  - Regional products and local food strategies 1



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# Learning Networks (LN) for LEADER

- For whom?
  - LAG coordinators (with or even without the specific theme of the LN in their LDS)
  - LAG members (when that need is expressed by LAGs themselves)
  - Experts on the topic (when that need is expressed by LAGs themselves)
  - Managing Authority (Flemish Land Agency)
  - Flemish NSU
- Why?
  - Learning from each other: sharing positive and negative experiences, discuss problems (organizational, concerning projects, ...) ... within the chosen themes of the LDS
  - Starting-up of cooperation projects
  - Theme that's not already in the LDS, but can be in the future -> collect information from other LAGs



# Learning Networks (LN) for LEADER

- When?
  - On a regular basis
  - If possible – in combination with formal LAG meeting (on demand of LAGs)
- Where?
  - Building Managing Authority
  - Building Flemish NSU
  - LAG area



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# Start-up meeting for all the LAG coordinators

- Date: 29 June 2015
- Each LAG coordinator presented their themes and subthemes of their LDS to each other



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# Start-up meeting for all the LAG coordinators

- Searching for overlap between themes and subthemes
- Brainstorm session about possible implementation and interpretation of a Learning Network for LEADER
- LAGs gave input for possible speakers, locations, ... per theme



# Start-up meeting for all the LAG coordinators

- End of the day: plenary session (conclusions and to do's)



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# First Learning Network

- **Feedback from LAGs**

- Expectations fulfilled: good => very good
- Not too many speakers => important to have enough time to have interaction
- Good to have theoretic speakers combined with more practical speakers
- NSU already asked and received input for possible locations and speakers for the next Learning Network
- Topic of the next LN will be 'regional identity'



# Thank you for your attention!



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# Support for cooperation

## Supporting LAGs to develop and implement transnational and inter-territorial projects

- Collection and dissemination of cooperation ideas (linking to other thematic work)
- Partner-search tools
- Field trips & cooperation events
- Guidance, technical assistance/training

*TNC-table to discuss transnational cooperation in Finland*





# Updated report can be downloaded from:

<http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/en/networking/nrn-mapping-reports>

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