



Coordinating Between Stakeholders in LEADER/CLLD Delivery

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LAGs Network in the Czech Republic

in May 2015



181 LAGs

- 170 Network members
- 11 other LAGs
- cities over 25.000 inh.
- army area



Názvy MAS byly pro potřebu vizualizace zkráceny či upraveny.

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LAG Network Organization

- 170 members out of 181 LAGs
- 13 regional networks (some of them are legal entities)
- 1 national network (NGO – legal entity)
- different thematic workgroups
 - VISION
 - LEADER IMPLEMENTATION
 - TNC
 - EDUCATION
 - PR

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Experience from NRN in RDP 2007-13

- first LEADER implementing rules for 2007-13 were set with no cooperation and discussion with LAGs
- after 1 year rules simplification and other changes based on discussion with National LAG Network were made
- LEADER Thematic Workgroup under NRN introduced
- since that National LAG Network was considered as a partner of MA and PA and was often consulted

5 LAGs peer-to-peer learning

- MA planned to support 80 LAGs under RDP 2007-13
- after negotiation with the ministry were finally supported 112 LAGs
- all other LAGs had the opportunity to take part in cooperation projects
- in 2013 new RDP measure was introduced to help other 59 „local partnerships“ to gain the experience from 112 already supported LAGs as a mentors

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Annual Events Organised with NRN

- Nationwide Agri-Fair – Rural House
 - presentation stands of LAGs
 - seminars, meetings
- National Conference on Rural Areas
 - workshops, excursions
- tens of other regional and national events
 - seminars, workshops, conferences, ...

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Bottom-up Preparation for 2014-2020

- Supporting documents by National LAG Network:
 - 6/2011 – National Strategic Plan LEADER 2014+ (vision)
 - 3/2012 – CLLD „cookbook“ (how-to proposals)
 - 9/2012 – LAG Standards
- LAG lobbyist contracted by National LAG Network
- tens of presentations to MA about LEADER experience
- inviting of desk-officers from other MA to NRN events
- **AIM: TO INVOLVE ALL LAGs IN 2014-2020 PERIOD
& IMPLEMENT CLLD IN MAX. PROGRAMMES**

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Success of Our „CLLD Lobby“

- support from politicians, but also from desk officers
- preparation of CLLD strategies supported financially
- natural involment of LAGs in:
 - preparing of Partnership agreement
 - proposing coordinating mechanisms between MAs on CLLD
 - Monitoring Committees and other relevant workgroups
- **GOAL: implementing CLLD in RDP and 3 OTHER OPs**

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Coordinating CLLD among Stakeholders

- CLLD Platform – workgroup of:
 - 4 MA (RDP, Regio, Envi, Empl)
 - national coordinator (Ministry of reg. develop.)
 - National LAG Network
- bilateral meetings of MA x National LAG Network
- discussing and commenting all important implementing documents before publication
- max. effort to harmonize processes etc., but still the system of work and approach of each MAS is different

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Collecting Network „Know-How“

- LEADER workgroup with sub-group for each OP/RDP
- presenting results on Networks board, website & nationwide events
- effective distribution of information (informal), collection of questions and answers, ...
- network secretary analyzes and presents data, answers hundreds of phone and e-mail questions
- conducting on-line surveys on various topics
- very quick reaction interval – few days

Our Experience

- **enthusiastic people willing to cooperate** on each levels needed
- active and hard-working **LAG representatives with overview** needed (interested not only in their LAG).
- **We understand more** the role of each other.
- Common **trust has raised**, we cooperate as **partners**.

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