

ENRD Seminar on Stakeholder Involvement

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Thematic working groups within the framework of the Austrian Monitoring Committee



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The practice in 3 lines!

- Monitoring Committee (MC): rules of procedure allow establishment of working groups to certain topics upon request
- 3 thematic working groups have been implemented with the support of the NRN: on equal opportunities, youth & employment (2009)
- → **active** involvement and cooperation of a representative sample of stakeholders in the working process

Main purpose - *Why?*

Thematic working group on equal opportunities:

- → **assist** MA and MC with developing & implementing **concrete measures** on the topic in order to:
- Improve know-how & raise awareness for equal opportunity issues
- Increase involvement of women and young people in regional and local decision-making bodies & project work
- Increase number and quality of projects on this topic in the **long-term**

Stakeholders concerned - *Who & how?*

- Decision for establishment made at 4th meeting of MC upon request of Network of Austrian Counselling Centers for Women and Girls
- 12 members:
 - NRN (chair)
 - National & regional MAs
 - Chambers of Economics, Agriculture and Labour
 - NGO (dealing with equal opportunity issues)
 - LEADER-manager & Local Action Group (LAG) representative
 - Expert on regional management & gender issues
 - Youth representative
 - External experts (on demand)
- 4 workshops, organized and chaired by NRN (March-October 2010)
- active participation, discussion, development of specific recommendations and measures

Lessons

- MA has always underlined importance of topic → has been brought forward by MC and stakeholders
- Everyone involved has been highly committed to achieve **concrete results**
- Involving a range of different stakeholders has proofed to be very valuable for the process:
 - solution-oriented way of working
 - identification of **local needs** including **local experts**
 - information exchange & input from representatives from different areas and administrative levels
 - decision making takes longer but support is stronger

Achievements/Results

- Preparation of a **report** with specific recommendations / measures as part of the annual NRN work programme (2010)
- **Special training** on equal opportunity issues for granting & administrative bodies (2011)
- **Workshop**: “Regional development from a female point of view”
- **Excursions** to projects focussing on equal opportunity issues
- **Presentations** on equal opportunity issues during annual LEADER conference (2011)
- **Contest** on „Equal opportunities in rural areas“ (2012)
- **Publication**: Good practice examples promoting equal opportunities within the RDP 07-13 (2013)
- → **all organized & implemented by NRN**
- Cooperation between NRN and private academy for women:
- **Management course** for women from rural areas in managing / leading positions (2013)
- Recommendations, results have also been taken into account for new programming period e.g. **workshop** on equal opportunities in context with RDP 2014-2020 (2014)



Thank you very much for your attention!

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Wo sind SIE?

- Sie haben Ideen für die Menschen Ihrer Region und möchten diese umsetzen?
- Oder Sie sind bereits in Projekte Ihrer Region involviert und wollen noch weiteres Rüstzeug zum Umsetzen und Gestalten?
- Sie brauchen Ermutigung für den nächsten Schritt vorwärts?

Dann sind SIE hier richtig!

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