



# Added Value of Networking

## Success Story

Success Story title	<i>NSU and NGO network communication on Reports of the Agricultural Sectors experts</i>		
Theme	<i>Network communications</i>		
NRN	<i>Latvia</i>	Coordinator	<i>NSU</i>
Partners	<i>National cross-sectorial and sectorial rural NGOs</i>		
Period	<i>2011</i>	Resources	<i>82 527 EUR</i>
Geo-location	<i>Latvia</i>		
Beneficiaries	<i>3 cross-sectorial rural NGOs, 19 sectorial rural NGOs, local rural NGOs, entrepreneurs, representatives of the Latvian NSU</i>		

### Background

National rural organizations and the Ministry of Agriculture of Latvia held discussions about the lack of information on the newest issues of the agricultural sectors. In result of the exchanges, the idea emerged to involve NGOs together to solve the issues.

### Main activities

- Elaborating analyses of agricultural industry and reports on sectorial development tendencies
- Organising regional discussions with local rural NGOs and entrepreneurs on sectorial issues
- During the closing seminar – discussion on analyzed issues of different agricultural sectors

### Main results/benefits

- Reports on 17 agricultural sectors
- Analytical report on the situation of young farmers in Latvia.
- 64 regional discussions held with local rural NGOs and entrepreneurs on sectorial issues
- Informing stakeholders about the main issues and development tendencies of different sectors
- Common activity for all national rural organizations that promoted cooperation between NGOs
- Further practical application of the reports by NGOs, individuals and national experts who represent Latvia in the EC meetings, conferences and working groups
- Making reports available on the NRN and NGO “Latvian Agricultural Organization Cooperation Council” websites





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#### Contribution of the NSU

The Latvian NSU organised cooperation process of all involved actors. The representatives of NSU participated in the activities as well as ensured public information about this initiative.

#### Contribution of the partners

The main partners were NGO Latvian Agricultural Organization Cooperation Council (LAOCC) and NGO Latvian Farmers' Federation (LFF). The LAOCC coordinated the work of national sectorial organisations and prepared the closing seminar. The LFF organized regional discussions with local rural NGOs and entrepreneurs, and collected their suggestions on sectorial issues that were sent to national sectorial organisations who conducted industry analyses and prepared the report on sectorial development.

#### Success factors

- The idea and initiative of the activity came from NGOs and the Ministry of Agriculture of Latvia
- The actual topics were resolved
- The experts in the field were involved

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