



# Added Value of Networking

## Success Story

Success Story title *Cooperation activity on rural development involving national, regional and LAG level.*

Theme *Cooperation*

NRN *DK* Coordinator *MA/NSU*

Partners *regional and local authorities, LAGs*

Period *From January 2012* Resources *280 million DKK for projects in 2012-13 funded by EAFRD. Local and regional authorities will provide the national public co-funding.*

Geo-location *Horizontal measure applied in designated LAG areas*

Beneficiaries *Producers' network, associations, citizens, public authorities in accordance with the national regulations*

### Background

The regional authorities have been very active in rural development activities and a partner in the rural network (Monitoring Committee and Regional Forum). The regions support common activities within specific topics or themes for e.g. the food sector. The aim of the new measure is to strengthen the cohesion between the local, regional and national levels, broaden the scope of the projects and improve the impact on rural development.

### Main activities

This support concerns four main measures. Only the first measure involves LAGs as decision making body.

- New jobs and attractive living conditions in rural areas (LAG measure);
- Networking activities;
- Innovation and development in primary sector and in the processing sector;
- Nature and environment project.

### Main results/benefits

The projects are in the startup phase, but the cooperation shows how projects can be embedded at the regional and local levels and contributed to bigger projects.



#### Contribution of the NSU

The activity is initiated at the central level by the Ministry (MA). The NSU has been involved in the preparation of the set up and the contacts with local and regional authorities.

#### Contribution of the partners

The region will make a public announcement of the possibility for national co-financing by the regions and invite local stakeholders to participate in the implementation of the actions.

The region receives the project applications. The region then makes its assessment on how the project will contribute to achieving the objectives and effect targets within the framework of its programme for development initiatives. On this basis it decides whether it is willing to provide national co-financing for the projects in question and submits all the applications to the national MA with its remarks on availability of national co-financing.

If the project application is under the LAG schemes, the application must then be presented to the LAG board. The LAG-board prioritizes and selects projects for support within the framework of the local development strategy of the LAG-board.

#### Success factors

- Synergies between the efforts under the RDP and collaborative efforts made by Danish municipalities, regional bodies and other governmental authorities to accelerate regional development;
- Local development strategies provided in collaboration with local and regional authorities to meet the strategic objectives for growth and development;
- Involvement of LAGs in bigger projects in cooperation with local and regional stakeholders.

