



Added Value of Networking

Success Story

Success Story title *3rd International Conference of the National Rural Development Network*

Theme *Network communications*

NRN *Slovakia* Coordinator *National Rural Development Network SK*

Partners *Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, National Network of the Local Action Groups (LAG)*

Period *13th-14th December 2011* Resources *22,720 Euro*

Geo-location *Senec, Bratislava region, Slovakia*

Beneficiaries *LAG representatives, mayors, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Paying Agency, representatives of NRDN Regional Offices*

Background

The National Rural Development Network (NRDN SK) under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development organised the 3rd International Conference on the “Mid-term evaluation of Rural Development Programme 2007-2013 and new policy of rural development in the EU”.

The aim of the conference was to provide information on the mid-term review on the implementation of the RDP 2007-2013 and to initiate discussions to prepare for the implementation of the new EU rural development policy in the next programming period, based on the published draft of the European Commission.

Main activities

The 1st day of the conference was dedicated to the presentations of representatives from Slovakian institutions (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Agricultural Paying Agency, National Rural Development Network, Nitra Self-governing Region) and from abroad: Czech Republic, Hungary, Finland, Estonia, DG Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI), the Contact Point for the European Network for Rural Development (ENRD).

The 2nd day LAGs representatives and other conference participants worked in 4 working groups, namely: WG1 small LAGs, WG2 medium LAGs, WG3 large LAGs, WG4 Regional government support options in territorial development. The four WG discussed the same topics. All WGs compared their main results and conclusions.

Every LAG had its own board, where they could present basic information on themselves, photographs from their territory, their realised or prepared projects or activities etc. The boards were made available in the conference room to all participants during the whole conference.

Main results/benefits

Since the LAGs were divided into WGs according to similarities in territory, number of inhabitants and type of realised projects, in order to discuss their specific differences, the WGs gave rise to different experiences, challenges and ideas on how to implement and support the LAGs. Different opinions brought new insight into the discussed issues. Results of discussions and proposals for future programming period preparation were provided to the Managing Authority.

Another concrete result of the conference was a signed cooperation agreement between the National Rural Development Network and the National Network of LAGs in the Czech Republic, and the National Network of LAGs in the Slovakia and the National Network of LAGs in the Czech Republic.





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Contribution of the NSU

The NRDN SK organised and financed the whole event.

Contribution of the partners

The programme of the second day, working in WGs, was organized and implemented by the National Network of LAGs (SK). Great contribution was provided by speakers from DG AGRI, the ENRD CP, the Finnish, the Estonian, the Hungarian and the Czech Managing Authorities and the NRNs, and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of Slovakia.

Success factors

All of the nearly 160 participants of the conference had the opportunity to discuss with their partners/colleagues their working achievements or problems and particular issues, which they face in their daily work. They had also the possibility to establish contacts with partners from abroad.

Additional information

Photos at: <http://www.nsrv.sk/index.php?pl=14&article=330>

Video (SVK language) at: <http://www.nsrv.sk/index.php?pl=50&article=358>

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