



**Leader as a driver for Rural Europe:  
Workshop for new LAGs  
Preliminary draft programme**

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*Connecting Rural Europe*

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19-20 January 2011  
Brussels, Charlemagne**

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**Day one: 19 January**

9.00 Registration

**9.30-13.00 Plenary session**

**Welcome**

Opening remarks by DG AGRI

**The Bottom-up Approach – a driver for rural development.** The essence of Leader as a methodology for policy implementation.

**Leader in Europe today:**

- overview
- implementation issues in the period 2007-2013 (including inputs from Leader focus groups)

**Discussion, introduction to parallel sessions**

**14.30-16.30 Three parallel sessions**

Module A: *Implementing the local development strategy : quality management and sound financial management*

Presentations by LAG practitioners

- ❑ Design of a clearly defined local development strategy
- ❑ Running the LAG - management, resources, decision making procedures, example of the basic model of implementation
- ❑ Application, selection and control on project level
- ❑ Local development strategy monitoring and evaluation

Module B: *Dynamics of implementation*

Presentations by LAG practitioners

- ❑ Innovation/experimentation issues: How to be innovative? How to let the local community take part in developing innovative projects? Assessing and Evaluating an innovative project
- ❑ Grouping local stakeholders around integrated and multi-sector actions
- ❑ Ensuring the continuous involvement of local actors, – keeping the motivation of stakeholders. Good practices in participation processes.

Module C: Transnational cooperation and networking under Leader in practice

Presentations by LAG practitioners

- ❑ Project preparation issues e.g. development of project idea, partner search & communication, application for funding
- ❑ Project implementation issues e.g. partnership management, joint work and results' achievement
- ❑ Being informed and connected: services of NRNs and CP

**16.30 Cooperation Corner**

**18.00 End of Day One**

## Day two: 20 January

**9.30-11.30 Repetition of three parallel workshop sessions** (*different language regimes*)

**11.30 Cooperation Corner**

**12.00 Closing session**

Feedback from parallel sessions and discussions

**13.00 End of Day Two**

**Cooperation corner**

During all breaks, a cooperation "corner" will be available for participants to meet, be presented tools to support cooperation, find or post cooperation offers etc.

- The translation request for: *FR-DE-EN-IT-ES-CS-HU-PL-BG-RO* **(tbc)**
- Workshops: with limited language regime