

Added Value of Networking

Success Story

Success Story title *“Experience Platforms” (formerly known as “Knowledge Markets”)*

Theme *Network communications; Knowledge exchange; Training*

NRN *BE-Flanders*

Coordinator *Flemish Rural Network*

Period *ongoing since 2009*

Resources *Approx. €50 per edition*

Geo-location *Brussels*

Beneficiaries *All managing services of the Flemish RDP and their interested colleagues*

Background

To address the need of growing acquaintance of the Flemish Rural Network and the RDP-measures between 2007 and 2013, the Flemish Rural Network decided to organize “internal information moments” prior to the meetings of the managing committee of the RDP, aiming at explaining the measures of the RDP to all interested colleagues from the managing services. Although the topic is different every time, it always comes down to exchange of knowledge and experience on one or more measures of the current RDP – in order to share this knowledge and to increase the understanding between all parties.

Main activities

We started this in 2009 and organized already 9 of these activities, in the couple of hours prior to the meetings of the managing committee of the Flemish RDP. The topics discussed until now are the following:

- territorial approach of Axis 3 and 4: what do they do and how do they do it?;
- advisory services for agriculture;
- demonstration projects on sustainable agriculture;
- investments in diversification of agricultural activities;
- presentation of mid-term evaluation report of Flemish RDP;
- biological agriculture;
- agro-food sector (added value);
- concept of “ticket window maintenance of rural areas”;
- water in all its dimensions.

We try to keep up the rhythm of 3 of these “experience platforms” a year. As much as possible, we try to bring a view from both the theoretical angle (explanation of the measure by managing service in charge) and the practical experience by actors working on/with this measure.

After every edition the public can indicate which other measures they would like to discuss in the future.

Main results/benefits

- spreading of knowledge and better understanding between managing services on how the other measures work;
- growing overall knowledge of all aspects of the RDP;
- knowledge of linkages with other policies, including Flemish policy;
- confrontation of theory and practice providing a good learning experience for critical discussions with the stakeholders involved.



Contribution of the NSU

All members of the NSU are involved in this activity

Success factors

See main results/benefits

Additional information

Since these are internal information moments, nothing is published on our external website.
More information can be received when contacting us at ruraalnetwerk@vlaanderen.be.

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