



# Added Value of Networking

## Success Story

Success Story title *1<sup>st</sup> LAG meeting of Cyprus for the preparation of the National Cooperation Project*

Theme *Cooperation*

NRN *CYPRUS* Coordinator *Cypriot National Rural Network*

Partners *LAG "Larnaca District Development Agency", LAG of Pafos District, LAG of Limassol District and LAG of Troodos Area*

Period *2-3 March 2011* Resources *1,700 Euro*

Geo-location *Pafos, Cyprus*

Beneficiaries *The 4 LAGs, Local Communities, People who live/work in rural areas*

### Background

This project was initiated due to difficulties in implementing cooperation projects between Cypriot LAGs. The objective was to overcome some of the barriers and to facilitate cooperation under Axis 4 (LEADER) between the four LAGs in order to constructively address common issues related to their rural areas.

### Main activities

The primary actions taken were to organize the first LAG meeting. During the meeting the Managing Authority (MA) held a presentation on the Implementation Guide for Cooperation Projects (National and Transnational). Also, LAG "Larnaca District Development Agency", Lead Partner of the National Cooperation Project "Beautiful Villages in rural areas", presented their actions and financial plan.

### Main results/benefits

As a result of the first LAG meeting, the National Cooperation Project was approved and subsequently a letter of commitment and an agreement between the four LAGs in question were signed.





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#### Contribution of the NSU

The NSU organised and paid for the meeting, including the conference room and accommodation for participants etc. The promotion of the event was also under the responsibility of the NSU.

#### Contribution of the partners

The Managing Authority and the LAG “Larnaca District Development Agency” presented their presentations.

#### Success factors

Clear successes for the organisation and start-up of this cooperation project can be addressed to good collaboration between the four LAGs. Furthermore, the positive working relationship between the Lead Partner and the NSU accounted for a success. Practically, it was straight forward to organise and initiate this cooperation because the equipment used was of either the NSU or one of the partners’.

#### Additional information

The Lead Partner’s website: [www.anetel.com](http://www.anetel.com)

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