



# Added Value of Networking

## Success Story

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| Success Story title | Training to the LAGs and Managing Authority on LEADER   |             |   |
| Theme               | Training  |             |   |
| NRN                 | Malta   | Coordinator | NSU   |
| Partners            | Exodea Europe Consultancy Ltd.  |             |   |
| Period              | May 2009 - November 2010  | Resources   | *€73 000 (*for all the consultancy works provided by the service provider throughout the contracting period and not just for training activities) |
| Geo-location        | 3 regions covered by the LAGs   |             |   |
| Beneficiaries       | Managing Authority, Local Action Group Xlokk, Local Action Group Majjistral, Local Action Group Gozo, National Rural Network, |             |   |

### Background

LEADER and the National Rural Network were completely new concepts in the Maltese Islands; therefore the Managing Authority and the Local Action Groups required professional support from a highly experienced service provider in order to ensure the effective implementation of the Programme. The training thus addressed both national and regional issues.

### Main activities

Training was provided on the setting up of LEADER and on establishing a structure and the selection of thematic areas for the National Rural Network. Training was also provided to LAG Board Members on LEADER, focusing on their roles and responsibilities and LAG Managers on their roles and responsibilities, the application process for open calls, the application process for LAGs own projects, establishment of selection criteria, evaluating projects, principles of monitoring and evaluation and project Management and Implementation of the Local Development Strategy.

### Main results/benefits

The main result of the training Programme has been the development of a coherent approach to the implementation of LEADER across all LAGs. The Network Support Unit and Managing Authority acquired the necessary tools and knowledge from the experienced consultants. As a follow up action we are now providing the necessary ongoing support to the 3 Local Action Groups in the implementation of their respective strategy.





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#### Contribution of the NSU

The NSU was first provided with the necessary capacity building from the experienced consultants and then what was learnt was delivered to the LAGs.

#### Contribution of the partners

The partners shared their vast experience acquired from other Member States in the implementation of LEADER. They performed both individual training with each LAG Manager and also collective training with all LAG Managers.

#### Success factors

This training ensured a good start to the LEADER Programme in Malta and maximised the absorption of funds and the highest level of development in rural regions. It also enabled LAG Managers and Board Members to find a point-of-reference during the most critical time.

#### Additional information

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