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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE LEADER APPROACH AFTER 2013 and NEW CHALLENGES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL AREAS OF EUROPE

3-5 October 2011, Koszęcin (Śląskie Voivodship), Poland



Sunday, October 2 / Monday, October 3 (day)

Arrival of transnational participants (depending on the flights)

For those participants who can arrive on Sunday, a field visit may be organised during Monday, October 3.

Monday, October 3 (evening)

- 10.00-18.00 Coach trip and field visits for conference guests
- 19.00-22.00 Welcoming dinner
- 20.00-21.30 Meeting of representatives of the Polish regional LAG networks

Tuesday, October 4

- 08.00-10.00 Registration, welcome coffee
- 10.00-10.10 Welcome, presentation of conference aims and agenda by representatives of the organizers **Marek Sawicki/Tadeusz Nalewajk (PL)**, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development; **Adam Matusiewicz/ Aleksandra Banasiak (PL)**, Regional Government of the Voivodeship of Silesia; **Zygmunt Frankiewicz (PL)**, Silesian Union of Municipalities and Districts
- 10.10-10.20 Opening address from the European Commission, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development **Mihail Dumitru, Director, DG AGRI Directorate E**
- 10.20-10.40 Keynote address „*The Leader approach and the future of rural areas in the EU*” Professor **Michael Dower (UK)**, University of Gloucestershire, England and member of Core Group, ARC 2020
Plenary session 1
- 10.40-11.30 „*The Leader approach in Europe: a local perspective*”. Presentations from LAGs representatives: how the approach affected lives of their communities
facilitator: Ferdynand Morski (PL), Silesian Union of Municipalities and Districts
speakers: Liisa Häme (FI), The Village Action Association of Finland; **Ryan Howard (IE)**, South & East Cork Area Development Ltd; **Anastasios M. Perimenis (GR)**, Lesvos Local Development Company S.A.; **Thomas Mueller (AT)**, LAG Sauwald
- 11.30-12.00 Coffee break
Opening of the LAGs exhibition and cooperation corner, **Witold Magryś (PL)**, Silesian Union of Municipalities and Districts, SILESIA LEADER NETWORK
- 12.00-12.30 „*The Leader approach in Poland: a local perspective*”. Presentations from local stakeholders,





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facilitator: Jerzy Motłoch (PL), Marshall's Office of Silesian Voivodeship
speakers: Tomasz Pietrek (PL), LAG Spichlerz Górnego Śląska; **Grażyna Wera-Malatyńska (PL)**, LAG Sandry Brdy; **Jarosław Kuba (PL)**, LAG Krzemieny Krąg
 12.30-13.30 „Added value of the Leader approach: What worked well, what did not work? What could be done better?” (Impacts of Leader in light of evaluation and analyses
facilitator: Carlo Ricci (IT), Independent expert

speakers: Francois Osete, European Court of Auditors; **Panagiotis Patras (GR)**, ELARD/Thessalia – Regional Company of Rural Development; **Marieke Koot (NL)**, LAG Chalk and Cheese and LAG Sowing Seeds; **Juha-Matti Markkola (FI)**, Finnish National Rural Network

13.30-14.30 Lunch
 Plenary session 2

14.30-15.30 Panel discussion „How can we make the Leader approach better in this and next period? European Commission's response to the evaluation and analyses”
moderator: Ryszard Kamiński (PL), Polish Rural Forum (FAOW)

panelists: Pedro Brosei, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI); **representatives of DG REGIO; Christine Falter (DG MARE), Sanna Sihvola (FI)**, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

15.30-16.45 Panel discussion: „How can various stakeholders contribute to a more effective implementation of Leader? (innovation, specificity, added value)”

moderator: Petri Rinne (FI), ELARD
panelists: Urszula Budzich-Szukala (PL), Polish Rural Forum (FAOW); **Peter Pascher**, COPA-COGECA, **Roman Haken (CZ)**, European Economic and Social Committee; **Goran Soster (SI)**, PREPARE; **Paul Soto (UK)**, FARNET Support Unit

16.45-17.00 Key conclusions of the first day
Joanna Gierulka, Polish Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
 Technical information on what is happening later on within the conference

17.00-19.45 Tea, Cooperation Corner and visit to the exhibition
 Option: Transfers to hotels and return to the conference venue

20.00-21.00 Performance of the Song and Dance Ensemble „Śląsk”

21.00- Gala dinner
 Networking and cooperation activities

22.00-01.00 Transfers to hotels (optional)

Wednesday, October 5

09.00-10.30 Working groups (1st round)
 WG 1: „Present and future shape of Leader: best practices to be followed - improvements to be made.”

moderators: Valdis Kudins (LV), Latvian Rural Forum; **Jela Tvrdonova (SK)**, Helpdesk of the Evaluation Expert Network for RD

reporteur: Halina Siemaszko (PL), Center for Business Promotion and Entrepreneurship in Sandomierz

WG 2: „How should the transition period be managed/ delivered?”

moderators: Joao Carlos Pinho (PT), LAG ADRIMAG, **Irena Krukowska –Szopa (PL)**,



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reporteur: Carlo Ricci (IT), Independent expert

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-12.30 Working groups (2nd round)

WG 3: Better Local Development Strategies after 2013,

moderators: Panagiotis Patras (GR); Krzysztof Kwatera (PL), LAG Dolina Raby

reporteur: Petr Kulišek (CZ), National LAG Network of Czech Republic

WG 4: Future of TNC: What is a good TNC project and its impact on the local area in future,

moderators: Sarah Watson (UK), Rural Works; **Ave Bremse (EE)**, Estonian National Rural Network

reporteur: Tom Burston (UK), Northumberland Uplands LAG

12.30-13.00 Coffee break

Plenary session 3

13.00-13.40 *Workshops' reports of reporters*

13.40-14.30 Panel discussion: *responses of the EC, representatives of member states and national institutions (MS)*

moderator: Renata Zielińska, Polish Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

speakers: Pedro Brosei DG AGRI, **Deirdre KELLY (IE)**, Department of Environment, Community and Local Government; **Els Soenen (BE)**, Flemish government, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries; **Luis Chaves (PT)** MINHA TERRA; **Jiří Krist (CZ)**, National LAG Network of Czech Republic

14.30-14.45 Adoption of the document "Summary of the main outcomes of the conference"

facilitator: Urszula Budzich-Szukała (PL), Polish Rural Forum

14.45-15.00 Closing words and conclusions of the conference

Professor **Michael Dower (UK)**, University of Gloucestershire, England and member of Core Group, ARC 2020

15.00-16.00 Lunch

16.00 Departure of participants (option 1), transfers to airports and to Zawiercie and Katowice railway station

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

Additional programme (i.a. workshop on Polish folk dance with the Śląsk Ensemble - *learning by doing*)

Thursday, October 6

Departure of participants (option 2), transfers to airports and to Zawiercie and Katowice railway station