

Seminar: “Leader as a Driver for Rural Europe: Workshop for New LAGs”

19-20 January, 2011

Charlemagne, 170 Rue de la Loi, 1000, Brussels

PROGRAMME

Day One: 19 January, 2011

8:45 – 9:15 **Registration**

9:30 - 11:00 **Plenary Session (Room: GASP)**

Welcome Address:

Opening video message by Dacian Cioloș, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development

Activities of the EN RD:

by Adrian Neal (EN RD Contact Point)

The ‘Bottom-Up Approach’ – a Driver for Rural Development:

Key features of Leader Approach and Lessons learnt from the Present and Past Programme Implementation -by Petri Rinne (President of ELARD)

Leader in Europe Today:

Facts, Figures and Current and Past Implementation Lessons - by Jean-Michel Courades (DG AGRI, Unit G3)

Discussion

Introduction to the Exchange, Networking & Cooperation Process:

by Pascale van Doren (EN RD Contact Point)

11:00 - 12:00 **Coffee Break & Launch of Initial Exchange, Networking & Cooperation Corners:**
LAG cluster / thematic corners

12:00 - 13:00 **Plenary Session -Introduction of New LAGs and Discussion (Room: GASP)**

- Anna Čarková (LAG Kyjovske Slovaccko, CZ)
- Cristi Gherghiceanu (LAG Dealurile Tarnavelor, RO)
- Eliisa Vesisenaho (LAG Pirkan Helmi, FI)
- Laura Ibañez (Associació d'inicatives Rurals de Catalunya (ARCA), ES)
- Silvio Schembri (LAG Xlokk, MT)

Moderators: Hans-Olof Stålgren and Jela Tvrdonova (EN RD Contact Point)

13:00 - 14:30 **Lunch**





14:30 - 16:30 **Parallel Workshop Sessions:**

Workshop A: Implementing a Local Development Strategy: Quality Management & Sound Financial Management (Room: GASP)

Speakers:

- Gildas Roger (LAG Pays de Ploërmel) - *Local Development Strategy (LDS) design; LAG Organisation, Competences and Skills;*
- Ian Dempsey (LAG from West Cork, IE) - *Financial Procedures and Managing the Project Portfolio;*
- Julia Walk (LAG Auerbergland, DE) - *Monitoring and Evaluation of the LDS Implementation*

Moderators:

Robert Lukesch (EN RD Contact Point), Raffaella di Napoli (Italian National Rural Network) and Panagiotis Patras (Member of ELARD)



Workshop B: Dynamics of Implementation (Room: MANS)

Speakers:

- Tom Burston (NU LAG, UK) - *Community Development and Participative Approach;*
- Günter Salchner (LAG Ausserfern, AT) - *Innovation and Territorial Approach;*
- Kristiina Liimand (Tartu Rural Development Association, EE) - *Integrated Approach.*

Moderators:

Hans-Olof Stålgren (EN RD Contact Point) and Gusztáv Nemes (LAG Balaton-Felvidék, HU)

Workshop C: Transnational Cooperation and Networking under Leader - in practice (Room: JENK)

Speakers:

- Thomas Müller (LAG Sauwald, AT);
- José Ángel García Lucas (LAG Adri Jiloca Gallocanta, ES);
- Sarah Watson (LAG Chalk and Cheese, and LAG Sowing Seeds, UK)

Moderators:

Bart Soldaat (National Rural Network, NL) and Xavier Delmon (Walloon Rural Network, BE)

16:30 – 18.00 **Exchange, Cooperation and Networking Corners**

Continuation of LAG cluster/thematic corners

18.00 **End of Day One and Reception**



Day Two: 20 January, 2011

09:00 - 11:00 **Repeat of Parallel Workshop Sessions** (with the contribution of the same speakers and moderators):

Workshop A: Implementing a Local Development Strategy: Quality Management & Sound Financial Management (Room: MANS)

Workshop B: Dynamics of Implementation (Room: GASP)

Workshop C: Transnational Cooperation and Networking under Leader - in Practice (Room: JENK)

11:00 – 12:00 **Exchange, Cooperation and Networking Corners**
Continuation of LAG cluster/thematic corners

12:00 – 13.15 **Workshop Feedback & Closing Session (Room: GASP)**

Feedback from Workshops

Rapporteurs:

- Mark Redman (EN RD Contact Point)
- Dorothée Duguet (EN RD Contact Point)
- Dieter Wagner (EN RD Contact Point)

Discussion

Closing

by Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission

13.15 **End of Day Two**

