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The Austrian Saddler Museum, which is situated in the LAG Linz-Land in Upper Austria, is searching for European Cooperation Partners for the following project:



European Saddler (Leather) Network ES(L)N

A brief description

The Austrian Saddler Museum – the only one of that kind in the German speaking area – has been gathering saddlers from Austria for several years and is building a network between them.

The project ES(L)N has several functions:

- to further develop the existing regional network,
- the development of the European cooperation, to intensify the handcraft (saddler handcraft) and leather-cultural exchange,
- and to accentuate the regional identity.

The project allows saddler businesses from all participating countries (later on from all over Europe) to get in contact with each other, share experiences and knowledge and work together to improve their profession.

At an initial meeting the situation of Saddlery from the participating countries, as well as similarities and differences and their future prospects will be discussed. Further a joint project for the improvement of the saddlery handcraft (e.g.: basic and advanced training, development of a central documentation- and information service to improve the transnational cooperation) will be planned.

Invited to participate in that project is everybody who wants to keep the saddlery craft as world cultural heritage, enhance the saddlery businesses, secure their continued existence and who is, as well, interested in a intense handcraft-specific cooperation in Europe.

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Ladies and Gentlemen
Dear colleagues

We are looking for regions dealing with and having experience with preservation and refinement of sweet chestnuts. We would appreciate if you could let us have addresses, names, etc. of institutions or individuals active in this field.

Many thanks in advance and kind regards

Heidi Drucker
Business Management

Subject: LEADER – Partner-search for exchange of experience with regard to “Preservation of sweet chestnuts”

LAG mittelburgenland plus

Region: Mittelburgenland, federal province Burgenland, Austria

Topic: preservation of sweet chestnuts

Description: Initial position:
There is a highly concentrated appearance of sweet chestnuts in the region of Mittelburgenland. At present the chestnuts are merchandized on an annual chestnut festival. They are sold as biscuits and cakes (400 kg), chestnut pudding (200 kg) and roasted chestnuts (400 kg).

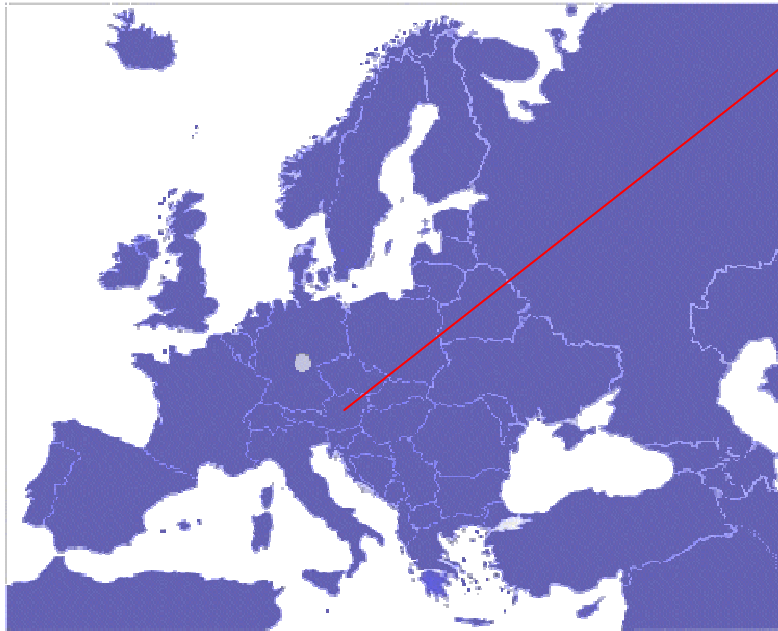
Objective:

To use the potential of the sweet chestnut for merchandizing refined products all year long.

Planned measures:

Research and development of possibilities of preservation

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Economic diversification – women entrepreneurs in rural areas

Topic / title of the proposed project

Objective:

Initial position / background / local context of the proposed project

Proposed objectives / activities

Country and/or kind of partner you are looking for

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Searching for a Partner for Art Exhibition Exchange

EU LAG Project, Trans-national Cooperation

We are a group of artists and artisans, who have founded an art association called ITU in the year 2004. It is fresh, new art that we make, in order to expand minds and give new visions, and most important: make a good and happy feeling. Our members are mainly visual artists who use various techniques and materials.

We have a gallery of our own. It is located in Humppila municipality in the countryside, beside main road 140 km northwest of Helsinki.

The gallery used to be a grain storehouse of a farm. The main building of the farm serves today as a restaurant. The storehouse-gallery has 600 square meters and three layers of interesting old times space waiting for contemporary art. The space is still divided into small "rooms" with grain washed old wooden walls. So there is "privacy" for each artist as well as large space in order to give a wider view. In the yard there is space for open-air art too.

We are now looking for a group of artists and/or artisans, who would like to come here to exhibit their works of art, and who would invite us to their country and provide a space for our exhibition. If you are interested, you should contact your own Local Action Group (LAG), Rural Action Group (RAG) or Leader Group to start your own part of the project.

This year we present our exhibition first "at home" and test the public opinion about it. **The exhibition exchange would happen in summer 2010.**

And by the way - we all women, nearly all of us.

Looking forward to hear from you!

LounaPlussa

We are working in cooperation with LounaPlussa, the Local Action Group of our region.

LounaPlussa Association is a Finnish LAG and non-governmental organization which aims at the development of community-based village activities in Häme area.

The purpose of LounaPlussa Association is to develop rural areas through the promotion of local initiatives, cooperation between rural and urban areas and networking of the different actors in Finland and internationally. Exchanging experiences, culture and contacts in rural entrepreneurship are important for LounaPlussa.

LounaPlussa Association as a LAG finances projects initiated and implemented by people living in the rural areas. In this way, LounaPlussa helps to create new activities and models of operation which attract more people to work together for their communities. The community-based projects are financed by the EU, government and municipalities of Finland.

Links

- ITU art association (Taideyhdistys ITU), web site in English: www.taideitu.net/english

- For more information about Humppila see municipality's web site www.humppila.fi, click "In English" on *left navigation* menu.)
- LounaPlussa: www.lounaplussa.fi

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The European Agricultural Fund
for Rural Development:
Europe investing in rural areas



LounaPlussa ry

Partner search from Finland

1/ Working name for the project: "Connecting culture"

National or regional cultural identity strengthening European cooperation and tourism

Main Ideology

- All the actions have to relate to what You really are as region or nation, Your identity.
- As genuine culture as possible: this is what we are and how we do things.
- Culture as defined above and tourism cooperate

Vision

- A well established tourism based on identity and culture. New products. Added-value and better knowledge.
- A bottom-up network of cultures. Stories and actions from real life (society)
- A better understanding of cultures

The general objectives of the project are learning from each other (cultures, ways of doing), exchanging experiences and know-how (transferability, cooperation) and getting new partners, perhaps a new network

In the project we try to connect cultures by learning, benchmarking and cooperating. One of the main objectives is to strengthen identity based culture and entrepreneurship related to it. We are looking for local or regional cultural actors willing to connect culture with tourism find new ideas and sustainable solutions. Partners may generate other smaller-scale and more targeted LEADER-projects

If You are interested in starting a "Connecting culture" transnational cooperation with Finland please contact us. We would like to have a maximum of 4 partners that either already have good cooperation between national or regional cultural identity and entrepreneurship, willing to develop that cooperation or have a specific interest in culture tourism. The target group is local cultural actors. We try to strengthen cooperation between them and later coupling them with tourism.

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LOOKING FOR INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

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(B) Description of the project idea / interests

1. **name of the idea:** New karate methods from foreign countries
2. **short description of the idea:** To get to know other karate habits and methods in other rural areas. Tips for coaching and practising. Exchange of ideas and good practices.



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3. **what common activities could be developed:** For example common exercise camps yearly in both countries, new methods of coaching and training
4. **special theme of the idea:**
5. **keywords of the project:** karate, coaching, training
6. **target group:** Karate clubs in other European countries

(C) Expectations, Description of expected partners

1. **Target countries where the partners are searched:** All European countries which could offer something new for our club.
2. **special expectations:** -



Description of Eura Karate Club

Eura Karate Club is located in South-Western Finland in the municipality of Eura, in Honkilahti village. The Eura Karate Club was founded over 10 years ago and there are about 20 persons active in the Club. We have started only five courses for beginners which shows the fact that those practicing actively remain mainly the same.

We have two places for training and one of them is equipped with a tatami.

As it comes to extra training (strength, fastness, balance, coordination and physical condition) we take advantage of the versatile possibilities offered by the rural areas such as different kinds of agricultural works. We use a gym built in an old cow shed where we have punching bags and balls as well as dumbbells.

Most of our members are just practicing for fun but five of them have reached the competitive level in the Finnish national team of kumite. At the moment we have three competitors that have won the Finnish youth championship three times on three consecutive years. Two of them won medals also in the adults' competitions. The training is very active in our club and our main coach is also the coach of the Finnish youth national team.

The main branch in our Club is Sankukai. It is quite free and we have been influenced by wadoryu and shotokan styles as it comes to training the basic techniques. When practicing Kata we use shotokan kata.

The main idea in the competitors' training is to strengthen the basic techniques so that it has a positive impact for training kumite.

We would like to make close co- operation with an open minded Karate Club which offers many different kinds of activities the main emphasis being on kumite.



Kansainvälistymispolku – Path to Europe

LAG Ravakka and Lag Pyhäjärviseu-tu taking local actors to international paths

Two south-western Finnish LAGs, Lag Ravakka and LAG Pyhäjärviseu-tu have started together a project **”Path to Europe”**, which aims to develop international connections both between European LAGs and between European local actors. The project informs the local actors about the possibilities of international cooperation, activates, and helps the Finnish local actors to find international cooperation partners from European rural areas. The goal of the project for both LAG Ravakka and LAG Pyhäjärviseu-tu is to create new international contacts which can also in the future be utilized by the local actors of the area. As the result of the project Path to Europe, villages and associations can also start their own projects with the new international partners.

LAG RAVAKKA is located on the south-western coast of Finland, by the Baltic sea. The LAG’s main theme is quality of life in rural areas and the main objectives of Ravakka’s Leader-programme are:

- **Active villages and inhabitants**
 - o Developing and improving the working and living possibilities and liveliness
 - o Increasing cooperation and networking
 - o Village development plans
- **Improving economics; funding for local small enterprises**
- **Meeting point for different cultures**
 - o International contacts
 - o Cooperation between rural and urban areas
 - o Promoting tourism and leisure activities
- **Maintaining the environmental and cultural heritage**
 - o Promoting local culture
 - o Restoring valuable environment, environmental education

LAG PYHÄJÄRVISEUTU is located on the inland of south-western Finland. The LAG’s main theme is quality of life in rural areas and the main objectives of Pyhäjärviseu-tu’s Leader-programme are:

- **Economic Development; funding for local small enterprises**
- **New forms of activity in the village action and other associations**
 - o Networking of rural associations
 - o Living in rural areas
 - o Education and know-how of association actors
- **Culture and hobbies**
 - o Cultural heritage and cultural entrepreneurship
 - o Activities for young people
- **Environment**
 - o Waters
 - o Waste and water management
 - o Diversity of nature and cultural environments
 - o Environmental education





Kansainvälistymispolku – Path to Europe

- Co-operation over the borders

- o Interregional cooperation (cooperation with other Finnish LAGs)
- o Transnational Cooperation (cooperation with foreign LAGs)

The project ***Path to Europe*** is gathering together the local actors' ideas and suggestions for international cooperation and helps to elaborate the ideas further. As the local actors of our area have an idea about international cooperation, the LAGs help the actors to find international partners for cooperation projects. The LAGs also coordinate the negotiations of the possible partners. In the first meetings the project Path to Europe has organised, the villages and associations have pointed out especially cooperation ideas concerning **young people, village action, culture, nature, sports and developing tourism activities.**

In case the local actors of your LAG's area are interested in cooperation under the mentioned themes, please do not hesitate to ask for more details!

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Attractiveness of rural areas for youth

Topic / title of the proposed project

Objective:

Initial position / background / local context of the proposed project

Some rural areas in Europe are losing their young people - this is the case of the Lower Normandy (France) - what are the factors of attractiveness? How can young people themselves to recognize the strengths and weaknesses of their territory and to invent their future in rural areas?

Proposed objectives / activities

10 young people (15 – 18) from Lower-Normandy, used to make video and interview, propose to analyze, for 5 days during the autumn 2009, the youth policy of a territory: activities, animation, teaching, environment, transportation... they will interview young people "in action", elected people and Development Officer. They will prepare a video to animate debates with young people in Lower Normandy in autumn to exchange about youth policy. A meeting can be organized in the welcoming territory too. Young from welcoming country could testimony in Lower Normandy.

Country : No preference

Kind of partner : Leader group

Country and/or kind of partner you are looking for

Offering LAG:

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Topic / title of the proposed project

Project to capitalise on experiences of the development of truffle production (Leader project)

Initial position / background / local context of the proposed project

The Local Action Group "Confluences around Verdon" is in the Southeast of the French Alps, in the North of Provence. The black truffle, very popular, is there very present, on the Valensole trays and the Height-Var. The annual production of truffles is there considerable, but as in numerous European soils, it is in decline for several years. This fall of the tonnages, more and more worrisome, results partially from the climate change, from the modification of the agricultural practices and of the use of the agricultural and forester surfaces.

Today, a lot of actors of the territory wish that this important resource is perpetuated and its production is relaunched. They think that this stake is probably shared by the other European territories, and can thus be the object of a cooperation program. This one could allow to look for collectively solutions in terms of agricultural practices and of rural planning, on the base of local plans of relaunching.

What are these solutions ? The applied research led in Provence and everywhere in Europe allows to understand better the impact of the pedological and climatic conditions on the formation of truffles. These new knowledge could allow to experiment and to diffuse in more large scale of the methods and techniques allowing the truffles producers to acquire a better knowledge of the pedological and climatic characteristics of their truffles trees forests, and to have simple tools (Example: hygrometric sensors provide with visual detectors) offering them the possibility of acting quickly on the conditions of growth of truffles, and thus of improving their production.

... This is only a working hypothesis. The objectives of intervention of a cooperation program centred on the relaunching of the truffles production must be collectively clarified in the term of a first stage of dialogue ...

Proposed objectives / activities

At first, it is proposed to the European partners interested to meet during a conference to define together the contents and the objectives of the cooperation program. This meeting, financed by Leader, could take place in Provence, on the initiative of the LAG " Confluences around Verdon ".

Country and/or kind of partner you are looking for

Territories looked for within the framework of this cooperation project are European LAG and territories of the Mediterranean circumference interested in the production of truffles.

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Spoken languages : French / English

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Topic / title of the proposed project

Project to capitalise on experiences of the development of wood energy installations and diffuse the information throughout Europe (Leader project)

Initial position / background / local context of the proposed project

The Local Action Group "Confluences around Verdon" is situated in the South East of the French Alps. There is an important forestry resource, as woods cover 54% of the area. The elected representatives of the territory have decided to encourage the development of wood energy because of the vast potential of the forests and the great demand for heating in the long winter period.

It is difficult to build up a knowledge base and a wood energy culture that would boost the spread of wood chip installations, because of the rarity of these facilities that could serve as examples. Allied with a constant need for adaptation to the terrain, to the natural risks of the area and vastly different habitats, the start-up phase is often problematic.

In order to help the local decision makers to choose wood chip energy, (elected representatives, professionals and inhabitants), it would be useful, as well as having specialised technical and commercial data, to be able to show from working examples that :

- Wood energy is developing throughout Europe (a guarantee of the future of wood chip boilers)
- To each particular situation or physical configuration, there is always a technical and financial solution... There are no problems, only solutions for those who favour wood energy !

... All this, to promote the energy of the future !

Proposed objectives / activities

- The setting up of a delegation from each participating Local Action Group
- The recruitment of a consulting agency to lead the project and coordinate the actions locally
- The selection of representative examples of boilers already in place in different European countries, with visits and investigations, especially in the countries the furthest developed in this type of structure.
- The synthesis of general information collated (the level of development of the use of wood energy per country visited,...) and case studies
- The elaboration and diffusion of a document containing the European examples studied.

Country and/or kind of partner you are looking for

For this project of cooperation, we are looking for Local Action Groups throughout Europe which are in the start-up phase of wood energy projects.

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Experimental site for ecoconstruction to experiment and to form on new techniques of construction, on construction site school.

Topic / title of the proposed project

Objective:

In a context of population growth, the "Pays Coeur d'Hérault" want to accompany the implementation of a urban sustainability with a ecoconstruction sector using land ressource.

Initial position / background / local context of the proposed project

We want to propose a training courses around econconstruction, for a lot of company, between the different land partners.

Proposed objectives / activities

Belgium, Italy, Austria, Germany, Spain

Country and/or kind of partner you are looking for

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French, English and Spanish spoken

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Forestry

Topic / title of the proposed project

Objective: **Creation of a new economic market (EU 27)**

Initial position / background / local context of the proposed project

Proposed objectives / activities

Country and/or kind of partner you are looking for

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Annonce de coopération transnationale

Partnership offer **French are looking for European partners...**

Name of the LAG: Pays de la Déodatie (Région Lorraine)

Cooperation Theme:

Tourism/ Heritage/conservation/ Natural resources
Agriculture/ Forest/Renewable energies

How to encourage rural development activities that promote local natural resources (wood/paper/ cardboard)

Description:

Characteristics of the LAG:

The Pays de la Déodatie is located in Lorraine in the north-east part of France almost completely into the Department of the Vosges. The land stretches on the western side of the area of the Vosges. The Pays de la Déodatie is made up of mountains and valleys. The land covers about 120 000 ha with 94 municipalities of which 3 are located in the department of Meurthe et Moselle. Its population is approximately 95 225 inhabitants. The population density is 78 hab/ km².

The Pays de la Déodatie is at crucial asset in terms of development, in particular for space management, industrial and farming activities, wood working, tourism and the protection of the environment and landscape

Leader 2007 2013 strategy

The Work Themes "Culture & Rurality, Tradition & Modernity" were defined as part of the territory strategy which wants to address the local challenges by reconciling with the sustainable development

The priority: call up local resources, landscape, forest, water, natural environments, heritage, population and knowledge in order to confront economic mutations and local economy diversifications, overall sustainable development.



Description cooperation project:

- Experiences exchanges/ education acts/ information between areas
- Promote heritage (natural, cultural, knowledge...) notably by tourism and hiking
- Create and develop wood field/ eco construction/ eco energy /cluster/ climate project....

Common possible actions:

- Experiences exchanges/ education acts/ information between areas
- Exchange various experiences between LAG managers and other actors coming from the LAG; form LAG coordinators about area liveliness and animation; form actors coming from the LAG
- Put in place actions/operations in order to valorise and improve local knowledge
 - Put in place actions/operations in order to valorise and improve local products
 - Develop common strategic documents and methodologies:
- Stocktaking, area studies, feasibility studies...

Partners searched:

European Union members or close neighbours owning the same territorial characteristics and concerned by similar problematic as Austria, Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Switzerland, Bosnia, Belgium, Slovenia, Latvia, Romania, Poland...

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Annnonce de coopération transnationale

Annnonce coopération transnationale **Les Français recherchent des partenaires européens...**

Nom du GAL : Pays de la Déodaté (Région Lorraine)

Thème de coopération :

Tourisme/patrimoine –Agriculture/forêt/énergie renouvelable

Maintenir, renforcer ou créer de l'activité rurale créatrice de richesses valorisant les ressources locales (bois papier carton)

Titre du projet :

Description :

Caractéristiques du GAL :

Le Pays de la Déodaté est situé en Lorraine, presque totalement dans le département des Vosges. Il s'étend sur le versant Ouest du Massif Vosgien. C'est un ensemble de monts et de vallées. Le territoire couvre environ 120 000 ha. Il comprend 94 communes dont 3 sont en Meurthe et Moselle. Sa population est d'environ 95 225 habitants sans double compte. La densité de la population est de 78 habitants par km².

Territoire de montagne, organisé autour de son épine dorsale qu'est la vallée de la Meurthe, le Pays de la Déodaté constitue un enjeu important d'aménagement et de développement du territoire en terme de gestion de l'espace, d'activités industrielles, agricoles, forestières, touristiques et de préservation de son environnement et de ses paysages.

Description sommaire de la stratégie de développement Leader 2007-2013 :

La candidature LEADER du GAL du Pays de la Déodaté « **Cultures & ruralité, tradition & modernité** » (**Affirmer l'identité des territoires et répondre aux nouvelles exigences sociales, économiques et environnementales**) prend ses racines dans la stratégie du territoire qui ambitionne de répondre aux enjeux locaux en conciliant les finalités du Développement Durable.

La priorité ciblée de notre territoire est bâtie sur le principe de mobiliser l'ensemble des ressources locales, le paysage, la forêt, l'eau, les milieux naturels, le patrimoine, les hommes



et les savoirs faire pour répondre à la fois aux enjeux des mutations économiques, et de la diversification de l'économie locale, plus globalement, le développement durable.

Description du projet de coopération :

- Echange d'expérience et action de formation/ information entre territoire
- Valorisation du Patrimoine (culturel, naturel, savoir faire ...) par la Mise en tourisme de la randonnée
- Action de création et développement de la filière bois/ bois énergie, cluster ... plan climat territorial ...

Actions communes qui pourraient être développées :

- Echanges d'expériences/formations/ informations :

Echange d'expériences diverses entre managers du GAL et autres acteurs du GAL ;
Formation des animateurs du GAL sur l'animation du territoire, processus d'implication des acteurs à toutes les étapes... ; Formation des acteurs du GAL

- Opérations de valorisation des savoirs faire locaux

- Opérations de valorisation des produits locaux

- développement de documents stratégiques communs et méthodologies :

Inventaire/état des lieux/ études de faisabilité...

Partenaires recherchés :

Pays de l'Union Européenne ou voisins proches possédant les mêmes caractéristiques territoriales et concernés par ces problématiques : notamment Autriche, le Danemark, la Finlande, la Roumanie, Pologne, Lettonie, Slovénie ...

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PARTNERSHIP OFFER



Innovation in local resources for economic development (volcanic areas)

Topic / title of the proposed project

Objective: Building a new project of local resources valorizations. Rural development / sustainable development

Initial position / background / local context of the proposed project

- Project and products with volcanic rocks
- Wood from timbers to wood house and wood technology
- Grass: quality and dry grassing for food quality
- Mountains culture: image for marketing production

Proposed objectives / activities

Ireland / Spain/ other volcanic countries

Country and/or kind of partner you are looking for

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WE ARE LOOKING FOR EUROPEAN PARTNERS

Open Farms Network “ Réseau des fermes ouvertes ”

The “Open Farms Network” was created in 2004 by agricultors of Périgord Vert (France / Dordogne). Since then, they have been leading a plan of communication on farmer’s profession. Their aims are to explain their job, to make discover the natural environment where they work, towards local inhabitants and citizens in general.

Since 2004, they decided to share their know-how to make change the representations on the rural world.

The local project in Perigord Vert has been evolving :

- local action from 2004 to 2007
- inter-territorial cooperative action from 2007 to 2008 with French LAG Pays de Fougères (Bretagne)

Actions led by the network since 2004:

- communication training for farmers to welcome of people in their farm
- common program of visits in summer
- cultural events in the farms
- Photographic competition on the farmer’s profession
- Artistic paintings to indicate the entrance of farms
- Creation of a graphic charter
- A DVD about the network activities
- Creation of a game “on the secret missions of the farmers”

Now with the new Leader, LAG Perigord Vert plans to enhance the partnership to other French and European LAGs.

To be well understood, farmers are volunteers. It is a non-profit action. It is **not** a commercial action to sell products.

French LAGs identified : in Dordogne Grand Bergeracois, Périgord Noir + Pays de l’Isle en Périgord (not Leader)

The current partners are looking for an European territory, rather Leader, to lead new actions to facilitate and create a good relationship between farmers and citizens.

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Programme LEADER du GAL du Pays du Cotentin

SEARCHING FOR PARTNERS FOR OURS LEADER PROGRAMME

Name of the LAG: "GAL du Pays du Cotentin"

Theme of cooperation: "Organization of local activity branches of quality and high added value"

Description of the territory

The "Pays du Cotentin" is a peninsula located in Normandy, in the North-West of France; it features a 160 km long coastline along the Channel.

The urban area and its 100 000 inhabitants, is located in the north, within the Cherbourg Urban Community.

Another 100 000 inhabitants live in the rural area, which is much larger, with 200 communes organized in 13 rural communities of communes.

Thanks to its geographic location, the Cotentin contains a wide diversity of ecosystems, activities and lifestyles.

Its natural resources are well preserved, especially the marshes and pastures. *The Cotentin and Bessin Marshland Regional Park* is a proof of the interest fostered by these issues.

The core of the local economy is based on some important industries such as maritime and nuclear activities, shipbuilding and nuclear waste recycling and it relies on their expertise. But thanks to the local natural resources, other activities are well established:

Cotentin is a rural area almost entirely dedicated to agriculture, using the expertise acquired over the centuries as well as innovation. Quality is a major concern for the production industry and the food processing industry, which is backing up the expertise of farmers, mainly in stock breeding for meat and dairy production, vegetable growing, and also horses.

The coastline and the various ports also support fishing and shellfish farming. Each port has its own speciality: scallops, wild mussels, lobsters, whelks and fish. For example, Cherbourg is the second largest fishing port in Normandy. The Cotentin is also a leading region for oysters.

Linked with these specialities, markets, traders and seafood processing companies can be found.

The other major activity is tourism. It relies on a good quality of life, the landscapes and the quality of natural resources.

The area offers a wide range of outdoors activities such as kayaking, diving, sailing and cycling. One can also attend touristic events and visit attractions such as "La cité de la mer", towns of touristic interest can be visited too, some of which are classified as "Towns of artistic and historical interest". Cotentin is also a place of History and remembrance, mainly for WWII.

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Programme LEADER du GAL du Pays du Cotentin

Description of the LAG strategy

Cotentin is full of potential for rural development, based on its resources and its abilities in agriculture, tourism and sea products.

Nevertheless, these potentials do not realise nowadays. Therefore, through LEADER program, the “Pays du Cotentin” aims to put forward these potentials, ie. to develop a partnership between all these activity branches of quality. Tourism, agriculture and sea product branches activity can support and enhance each other by developing and using the quality of these activities.

Our LEADER development priority is the “Organization of local activity branches of high quality and high value added”. Three branches of activity are concerned: agriculture, tourism and sea products. This priority is structured around three main lines:

- Supporting the quality local product and production
- Developing environmental and social good practices at the production consumption and commercialisation stages. This involves energetic economies, easy access to quality for everyone, and short distribution chains: local production and consumption.
- Promoting and improving the territory by its quality: definition and promotion of the Cotentin identity, development of partnerships between branches of quality to enhance synergies.

The perpetuation of these activities which make the economical dynamism of rural areas will enhance the Cotentin's attractivity, improve the wealth of the territory, and promote an image of quality.

Partners searched:

The “GAL du Pays du Cotentin” is looking for a transnational partnership for the 2007-2013 LEADER programs. The main lines of the cooperation would be upon a project link on one of the previous branches of activities or upon the link and partnership between them.

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PARTNERSHIP OFFER



Promotion and communication about scientific heritage linked to sea and health.

Topic / title of the proposed project

Objective: An association has been created to promote scientific heritage generated by results of two studies emphasizing his lake of consideration and degradation.

Initial position / background / local context of the proposed project

Proposed objectives / activities

The first step is listing heritage of research, education, health and comfort establishments (thalassotherapy, biological laboratories, hospice center...) whose activity is linked to the sea. In a second time, an art promotion program will be built.

Coastal territories

Country and/or kind of partner you are looking for

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PARTNERSHIP OFFER



Valorisation of the territorial identity

Topic / title of the proposed project

Objective: **Valorisation of the territorial identity, tourism, natural heritage, local production**

Initial position / background / local context of the proposed project

Proposed objectives / activities

Country and/or kind of partner you are looking for

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PARTNERSHIP OFFER

Water sustainable use

Topic / title of the proposed project

Objective: **The Local Action Group of Morlaix County's thematic is about water: her preservation but also her promotion**

Initial position / background / local context of the proposed project

Exchange experiences about innovative techniques and uses linked to water from tap, sea and river.

Proposed objectives / activities

Coastal territories

Country and/or kind of partner you are looking for

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PARTNERSHIP OFFER



Wood and agronomics resources transformation into energy

Topic / title of the proposed project

Objective:

Initial position / background / local context of the proposed project

Create economic activity in rural area, develop group heating.

Proposed objectives / activities

We want to know if any others territories in Niedersachsen (Deutschland), in Voïvodie de Poméranie (Poland) or others countries have been selected with a similar subject in order to think about doing cooperation.

Country and/or kind of partner you are looking for

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PARTNERSHIP OFFER

Environmentals solutions about sustainable development, local food chain

Topic / title of the proposed project

Objective:

Initial position / background / local context of the proposed project

Create economic activity in rural area, develop group cooking for group food supply.

Proposed objectives / activities

We want to know if any others territories in Niedersachsen (Deutschland), Voivodie de Poméranie (Poland) or others countries have been selected with a similar subject in order to think about doing cooperation.

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LE TERRITOIRE DU PAYS DE LA DEODATIE



PRESENTATION

A strategic position in regional group Lorraine-Alsace

93 644 inhabitants,
119 000 ha,
94 municipalities,
14 intercommunalités,

The Pays de la Déodatie is located in Lorraine in the north-east part of France almost completely into the Department of the Vosges. The land stretches on the western side of the area of the Vosges. It's made up of mountains and valleys

The Pays de la Déodatie is at crucial asset in terms of development, in particular for space management, industrial and farming activities, wood working, tourism and the protection of the environment and landscape



ENVIRONMENT

An area with strong bio capacities

The Pays de la Déodatie owns a rich natural heritage with departmental, national and european interest. Natural areas cover a large variety of biotopes: wet meadows, rivers, alluvial forests, mountainside forest, acid peat bogs, high forests, lakes...are shared out between valleys and the tops of the Vosgean balloons.

In the Vosges, 25% of natural sensitive areas are located in Déodatie.

Woods are predominant and take up 70% of areas.

Forests is particularly emblematic of the Vosges but not without ambivalences. Indeed, largely overexploited since the Middle age at XIXth century, forest from now on is managed in a more considered way and has continued to play an important positive economic part ; however, economical and farming depressed (between 50's and 80's) have contributed forest increased. Landscapes have been closing themselves provoking negatively feelings by population

Water is everywhere in Déodatie under different forms with changeable impacts on landscape appearances. Natural elements are strongly clearly visible in landscape, as rivers), streams, waterfalls, lakes, quiet headwaters. There are also humid spaces as peat bogs, swamplands and wetlands. Water lives also under developed forms by inhabitants: artificial lakes, ponds, fountains, canals, fish farming.

GREEN LINE

- Area is characterized by predominance areas forest: reserve ratio is close to 70% (84 000 ha)
- a green lung with 3 parts for the Pays de la Déodatie : economic, ecological, social
- Territory with the junction of three areas forest: hills under Vosgean, the Low Vosges and the High

BLUE LINE

- The Déodatie, Lorraine's water tower
- A dense water system which are a major factor for identity development of area
- A source of economic development and tourist taking part in attractivity of the territory



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ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

As long time, Déodatie was dominated by textile and metal industries, wood and stone working. Industrial vocation is older. Textile depressed provoked an unemployment increase but industrial activities have been diversified by plasturgic industries and engineering automobile industry. But area is still weak in front of economic hazards. (unemployment rate is still higher national, regional and departmental average)

Today, with globalization, attractivity and territory richness must pass by a high level of quality of rural and urban landscapes, by the protection of cultural heritage, by offering high quality services and resources energy...As many charms which can reduce area vulnerability, guarantee a economic performance and a development based on bio capacities

MONTAIN FARMING IN RESTRUCTURATION

In Déodatie, there are about one thousand farmers; the half has more than 50 years. Furthermore, renewal is small. The numbers of farms are lowing. Since twenty years, more 150 parts of them have disappeared. Face to this decline, farms had to restructure themselves. Their size have increased as well as their livestock and productivity

Aware to importance of farming contribution toward image of territory and its part as manager for space assuring support opening spaces, many action have been put in place by the LAG and the Pays de la Déodatie in order **to support farming activities**.

TOURISM, CULTURE, HERITAGE

The Pays de la Déodatie has got stronger trumps and also an important and diversified touristy potential. the image of the mountainous and the positioning are important and assure quality and diversified natural spaces and a rich cultural, architectural and historic heritage to the territory.

The Pays de la Déodatie has got many trumps and purposes a large and diversified offer with attractive and complementary poles as well in summer and in winter. Important touristy places of interest with a large reputation evolve parallel to areas where tourism has been not again developed in spite of potentialities.



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WOOD FIELD

Extraordinary forested resources; dense water system and high quality workforce let and justify a predominant position of wood and cardboard industries in the Vosges.

- The more bigger industrial eco sector employing 1800 salaried employees
- Area is characterized by predominance spaces forest: reserve ratio is close to 70% = a economic, cultural, touristy...potential
- 85% of municipalities are members of the « Association des Communes Forestières » regrouping French municipalities characterized by a stronger presence of woods and forests and their territory.
- Many markets
 - Wood energy
 - Wood and eco construction
 - Legacy wood
- Complete field including forestry and second transformation.
- Attendance of helping structures near at hand:
 - Education: Ecole Nationale Supérieurs des Technologies et Industries du bois (ENSTIB), Centre de Formation des Apprentis (CFA)...
 - Resources centres : Centre de Ressources des Industries du Bois (CRITT)
 - Pôle fibre
 - -GIPEBLOR



IMMINENT PROJECTS...

- ☛ Setting place a wood cluster: a cluster is a method for organise the productive system and group enterprises and local actors around the same activity on an employment area. A cluster creates collective advantages and benefits, competitive and innovating offers which wouldn't be possible to put in place without a strategic partnership between numerous actors coming from private and public sector.
- ☛ « Une charte forestière »: « la Charte Forestière de Territoire (CFT) » is a French work tool put in place in order to establish a sustainable and innovating management of the forest. It's the result of a partnership between private (wood industry, forestry, tourism...) and public actors.
- ☛ Development wood field and energy
- ☛ ...



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LEADER PROGRAM 2007 2013

strategic synthesis

“CULTURE & RURALITY, TRADITION & MODERNITY”

affirm the identity of the areas and answer the new social, economic, and environmental requirements

PRIORITY 1 : FARMING

Support farming mountains diversification by developing new products answering sustainable development demands and contribute to amelioration way of life..

- ⌘ Collective approach for promotion of local products.
- ⌘ Innovating process establishing a link between farming and culture (cultural mediation and creation)
- ⌘ Helping and sponsoring systems for farming installation or transmission.

PRIORITY 2 : NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Support a publicity and cultural concerted mediation policy promoting local identity potential (heritages, natural areas, local know-how,... in a sustainable approach))

- ⌘ Coordination of actors and consistency of initiatives
- ⌘ Develop knowledge and promotion NATURAL and CULTURAL heritage. Take care/ look after appropriation and transmission of heritage by local population

PRIORITY 3 : ECONOMIC FIELD

Support economic rural activities development coherent with sustainable development

- ⌘ Bring new digital, fast development for design new products
- ⌘ Preliminary researches for organisation, commercial development, human resources management.
- ⌘ Create and spark off good conditions for exchanges promoting local resources/ create a collective window of local know- how.

PRIORITY 4 : SOCIAL FIELD

Weave social link on a scale of the Pays de la Déodatie by creating conditions exchanges

PRIORITY 5 : COOPERATION

Keep, increase, put in place creative rural activity of richness developing/promoting local resources (wood/paper/ cardboard)

**Tourism/ Heritage/ Natural resources
Agriculture/ Forest/Renewable energy**



LE TERRITOIRE DU PAYS DE LA DEODATIE



PRESENTATION GENERALE

Un positionnement stratégique au centre de l'ensemble régional Lorraine-Alsace

Territoire de 93 644 habitants,
119 000 ha,
94 communes,
14 intercommunalités,

Territoire de montagnes, organisé autour de son épine dorsale qu'est la vallée de la Meurthe, le Pays de la Déodatie constitue un enjeu important d'aménagement et de développement du territoire en termes de gestion de l'espace, d'activités industrielles, agricoles, forestières, touristiques et de préservation de son environnement et de ses paysages.



ENVIRONNEMENT

Un territoire a forte bio capacité

le Pays de la Déodatie présente un **patrimoine naturel très riche, d'intérêt départemental, national et européen**. Les espaces naturels recouvrent une grande variété de biotopes : prairies humides, cours d'eau, forêts alluviales, forêts de versant, tourbières acides, forêts d'altitude et sommitales, lacs et cirques glaciaires, hautes chaumes se succèdent des fonds de vallées aux sommets des ballons vosgiens. 25% des espaces naturels sensibles du département des Vosges sont localisés en Déodatie

La forêt est l'élément dominant du territoire (70% d'occupation de l'espace). La forêt est particulièrement emblématique des Vosges mais non sans ambivalence. En effet, largement surexploitée du Moyen Age au 19ème siècle, la forêt est maintenant gérée d'une façon plus réfléchie et continue à jouer un rôle économique positif important; cependant, sa trop forte expansion entre les années 1950 et 1980, suite au déclin agricole et économique, a provoqué une fermeture des paysages qui est maintenant ressentie négativement par les habitants.

TRAME VERTE

- Un territoire marqué par la prédominance des espaces forestiers : le taux de couverture atteint 70% soit 84 000 ha
- Un poumon vert qui revêt une triple fonction pour le Pays : économique, écologique, sociale
- Un territoire à la confluence de trois régions forestières : les collines sous vosgienne, les Basses Vosges ou Vosges gréseuses et les Hautes Vosges

L'eau est présente partout en Déodatie sous différente forme, avec des degrés variables d'incidence sur l'aspect du paysage, de la présence discrète des sources à l'étendue des lacs.

On peut distinguer là aussi des éléments à caractère naturel, très visibles dans le paysage comme les rivières (même si leurs berges sont parfois réaménagées), les ruisseaux, les cascades, les lacs ou plus discrets telles les sources, ou bien, sous forme de lieux imprégnés par l'humidité comme les tourbières, les zones humides et les marécages. L'eau est présente aussi dans le paysage sous des formes liées à des aménagements réalisés par les Hommes : lacs artificiels, étangs, plan d'eau de gravière, fontaines, canaux usiniers, retenues d'eau, pisciculture

TRAME BLEUE

- La Déodatie, château d'eau de la Lorraine
- Un réseau hydrographique dense qui contribue fortement à l'identité du Pays
- Une source de développement économique et touristique qui participe à l'attractivité du territoire



LE TERRITOIRE DU PAYS DE LA DEODATIE



ACTIVITES ECONOMIQUES

DEVELOPPEMENT ECONOMIQUE

Longtemps dominé par la transformation des métaux, le textile, le travail du bois et de la pierre, la vocation industrielle est ancienne. Si la crise textile a généré il y a quelques années une forte régression de l'emploi, l'activité industrielle s'est fortement diversifiée avec la plasturgie et les équipementiers automobiles. Néanmoins, le bassin reste sensible aux aléas économiques conjoncturels se traduisant par un taux de chômage supérieur aux moyennes nationales, régionale et départementale.

A l'heure de la globalisation, l'attractivité et la richesse du territoire passent aujourd'hui aussi par la qualité des paysages naturels et urbains, par la préservation du patrimoine culturel, par l'offre de services de qualité, par une offre de ressources en énergie....autant d'aménités qui peuvent réduire la vulnérabilité du territoire, garantir une efficience économique et un développement qui s'appuie sur la biocapacité du Territoire.

UNE AGRICULTURE DE MONTAGNE EN RESTRUCTURATION

En terme d'effectifs, le Pays compte un peu moins d'un millier d'agriculteur dont la moitié a plus de 50 ans. De plus, le renouvellement est faible.

Le nombre d'exploitations est en constante baisse. Plus de 150 d'entre elles ont disparu sur les 20 dernières années. Cette baisse a contribué à une forte restructuration des exploitations marquée par une augmentation importante de leur taille, une augmentation des cheptels et de la productivité.

Conscient de l'importance de la contribution de l'agriculture à l'image du territoire et de son rôle de gestionnaire de l'espace assurant le maintien d'espaces ouverts, de nombreuses actions ont été et sont encore à mener pour **soutenir l'activité agricole.**

TOURISME, CULTURE, PATRIMOINE

Le Pays de la Déodatie dispose d'atouts forts et d'un **potentiel touristique important et diversifié**, non seulement à travers l'image du massif, son positionnement, mais encore par la qualité et la diversité de ses espaces naturels, de son patrimoine culturel, architectural et historique.

Avec l'ensemble de ces atouts, le Pays propose une offre large et diversifiée de pôles attractifs et complémentaires, conjuguée été comme hiver. Des sites touristiques importants, à la renommée dépassant souvent le territoire régional, y côtoient des zones où le tourisme ne s'est pas encore développé malgré les potentialités.



LE TERRITOIRE DU PAYS DE LA DEODATIE



LA FILIERE BOIS

Des ressources forestières exceptionnelles, un réseau hydrographique dense et une main d'œuvre de qualité

justifient la place prépondérante de l'industrie du Bois et du Papier Carton dans les Vosges.

- le plus gros secteur employeur de l'industrie, avec 1800 salariés (1858: Papeterie de Clairefontaine)
- 70 % de couverture forestière = territoire à vocation forestière avec un important potentiel économique, culturelle, et spatiale
- 85% des Communes membre de l'association des communes forestières
- Débouchés multiples:
 - bois énergie
 - bois construction
 - bois patrimonial
- Filière où tous les métiers sont présents de la sylviculture jusqu'à la 2ème transformation.
- Existence de structures d'appui à proximité
 - formation: ENSTIB, CFA...
 - Centre de ressources: CRITT
 - Pôle fibre
 - -GIPEBLOR



DES PROJETS A VENIR ...

- ☞ La création d'un cluster bois : Le cluster est un mode d'organisation du système productif et un regroupement, généralement sur un bassin d'emploi, d'entreprises et d'acteurs locaux autour d'activités liées, qui engendrent, de manière durable, des avantages collectifs au bénéfice d'une offre compétitive et innovante difficile voir impossible sans une stratégie d'alliance multi partenaires.
- ☞ Une charte forestière : la Charte Forestière de Territoire (CFT) est un outil qui vise la mise en place d'une gestion durable et innovante de la forêt. quant à la façon de concevoir la place de celle-ci au sein d'un territoire
- ☞ Développement filière bois – énergie
- ☞ ...



LE TERRITOIRE DU PAYS DE LA DEODATIE



PROGRAMME LEADER 2007 2013

Synthèse stratégique

« CULTURES & RURALITE, TRADITION & MODERNITE »

Affirmer l'identité des territoires et répondre aux nouvelles exigences sociales, économiques, et environnementales

AXE AGRICOLE :

Soutenir la diversification de l'agriculture de montagne par le développement de nouveaux produits répondant aux exigences de développement durable tout en contribuant à l'amélioration du cadre de vie.

- ☞ Démarche collective de valorisation de produits locaux
- ☞ Opérations innovantes établissant le lien entre agriculture et culture « médiation et création culturelle
- ☞ Système d'accompagnement de parrainage à l'installation en agriculture et à la transmission agricole.

AXE RESSOURCES NATURELLES ET CULTURELLES :

Soutenir une politique de sensibilisation et de médiation culturelle partenariales, valorisant notamment le potentiel identitaire (patrimoines, sites naturels, savoir faire locaux...dans une approche durable)

- ☞ Coordination des acteurs & mise en cohérence des initiatives
- ☞ Développer la connaissance et la valorisation du Patrimoine NATUREL, et CULTUREL veiller à sa réappropriation par la population locale et à sa transmission

AXE ECONOMIQUE :

Soutenir le développement des activités économiques rurales cohérentes avec le développement durable

- ☞ Apporter de nouvelles technologies numériques du développement rapide pour la conception de produits nouveaux
- ☞ Études préalables pour organisation, développement commercial, gestion des RH (groupements d'employeurs...)
- ☞ Créer et susciter des conditions d'échanges valorisant les ressources économiques du territoire / Créer une « Vitrine » collective des savoirs faire locaux

AXE TISSER DU LIEN :

Tisser du lien social à l'échelle du Pays en créant des conditions d'échanges

AXE COOPERATION :

Maintenir, renforcer ou créer de l'activité rurale créatrice de richesses valorisant les ressources locales

Tourisme/patrimoine – Agriculture/forêt/énergie renouvelable

PARTNERSHIP OFFER



Developing of «Geotourism »

Topic / title of the proposed project

The Saale Unstrut Triasland Nature Park is located in the southern part of the German state of Saxony-Anhalt, between the federal states of Thuringia and Saxony. Extending over some 103,000 hectares, it includes parts of the Burgenland District and the Saale District. The Nature Park wants to become the state "Geopark".

The delightful landscape of the winegrowing region of the Saale Unstrut Triasland Nature Park owes a very special part of its character to the rock formations of the Trias era. The colourful cliffs of this geological age can be studied at numerous points on the well-marked geological trails and through guided walks, like a picture book of the earth's history, and many a fossil tells of the inhabitants of the region some 200 million years before.

Initial position / background / local context of the proposed project

The Nature Parc is looking for a partner, with geological particularities in their area and who would like to make similar steps in developing touristic activities.

The aim is the development and implementation of innovative measures with a high public visibility for the exploitation of the geological potentials (inclusion of buildings made of local stone material, events in the topic of geology, to adress children and youngsters)

Proposed objectives / activities

Austria, open for all

Country and/or kind of partner you are looking for

Offering LAG: Naturpark Saale-Unstrut Triasland

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PARTNERSHIP OFFER

Exchange network for archaeoastronomic exhibitions and events

Topic / title of the proposed project

Objective:

The Saale Unstrut Triasland Nature Park is located in the southern part of the German state of Saxony-Anhalt, between the federal states of Thuringia and Saxony. Extending over some 103,000 hectares, it includes parts of the Burgenland District and the Saale District.

The project intends to establish a **network of archaeoastronomic institutions and sights**.

Initial position / background / local context of the proposed project

The project intends to establish a network of archaeoastronomic institutions and sights in order to exchange and coproduce temporary exhibitions, events and educative programmes on archaeoastronomie.

- increase of event rate in the participating institutions / regions while minimizing costs; thus: promotion of tourism in the Saale-Unstrut-region and its partner regions;
- preservation and creation of employment; synergetic activation of internationally shared cultural resources

Proposed objectives / activities

Scandinavian, Austria, open for all

Country and/or kind of partner you are looking for

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PARTNERSHIP OFFER



International expansion of the archaeoastronomic tourism route “Sky Paths”

Topic / title of the proposed project

Objective:

The Saale Unstrut Triasland Nature Park is located in the southern part of the German

Initial position / background / local context of the proposed project

state of Saxony-Anhalt, between the federal states of Thuringia and Saxony. Extending over some 103,000 hectares, it includes parts of the Burgenland District and the Saale District.

The project intends to establish a European network of **archaeoastronomically relevant sights** and tourism suppliers, thus extending the existing “Sky Paths” in southern Saxony-Anhalt. It aims at the partners’ mutual use of promotion channels and the creation and promotion of specific travel packages.

- opening up of new international audiences for the network partners;

Thus: promotion of tourism in the Saale-Unstrut-region and its partner regions;
preservation and creation of employment; synergetic activation of internationally shared cultural resources

Proposed objectives / activities

Scandinavian, Austria, opening for all

Country and/or kind of partner you are looking for

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**Cserhatalja LAG, Paszto-
Kozard, Hungary**

Along Birds' Routes Transnational Project Proposal

People, Tourism, Culture, Nature, Biodiversity. These are the keywords of this TransEuropean LEADER TNC Project proposal, which has been widely discussed and supported by the delegates of many European LAGs in Levi, Lapland/Finland during the recent RuralNet Seminar. An opportunity to build territorial cohesion accross Europe, along birds' routes.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Please complete this file, if you are interested to participate in this Transnational Project:

Name of LAG:

Address:

City: Postal code:

Country:

Email:

Contact person:

Position:

Tel/fax.number:

Your strenghts and proposals in bief:

Along Birds' Routes Transnational LEADER Project

Cserhatalja LEADER LAG
(Nonprofit Ltd.), Paszto/Kozard, Hungary



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Partnership offer : Italian LAGs are looking for European partners...

Name of the LAG: LAG Ternano

Theme of cooperation : Culture, art and tradition

Title of the project : CULTURE, ART AND TRADITION "IN" EUROPE - Art, culture and traditions as a vehicle for revitalization of rural areas and mutual understanding

Description : The quality of life in rural areas depends not only on the possibility of having a job with an adequate income but also by the ability of residents to live in a stimulating and active environment where there are opportunities to participate to cultural, artistic and linked to tradition events. In this sense, the theater, music and dance, painting and other art forms have a social function as their performances are important events in rural areas both for those directly involved as artists and for those who take part as spectator.

The action provides opportunities for various arts organizations (theater, dance, music (classical music, bands, music groups of young people), graphic arts, etc..) or historical associations of the territory to establish contact with similar associations in other GAL Europe.

The intervention will be divided into the following actions:

- information addressed to associations musical / dance / theater / Graphic Arts / local commemoration of history;
- development of contacts between different realities at the international level;
- first phase of meetings, tests and contacts "virtual" by means of the Internet;
- building of events in each LAGs area where the participating actors will perform in different performance, doing a tour in each LAG;
- Organization of a network between areas tourist-oriented musical-cultural-historical reminiscent;
- Creation of promotional material to disseminate the results.



**il FUTURO
nella RETE**

Partners searched : Not specifical LAGs requested

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Partnership offer : Italian LAGs are looking for European partners...

Name of the LAG: LAG Ternano

**Theme of cooperation : Landscape en environment for a new
development**

Title of the project : European Landscapes and environment

Description : The themes of landscape and environment offer new opportunities to both farmers and other entrepreneurs, especially to the ones involved in tourism and environmental activities.

The objective of the project is to develop measures through which the various actors involved in the enhancement of the landscape can compare and exchange experiences, involving local people in new ways of sustainable development.

It is expected to build and promote actions that could enhance the territory, the landscape and its productions at regional, national and European level.

The action includes:

- Preliminary discussions, advocacy, seminars, conferences, workshops among the various stakeholders involved in the cooperation project;
- Development of projects aimed at identifying the opportunities offered by conservation of the environment and landscape;
- Exchange of experience through meetings, seminars, training camps specially geared to young people.

Will be realized publications and multimedia products. The promotion activities will be undertaken through implementation of a promotional campaign and participation in trade fairs at national and / or international level. This action works in synergy with the measures d) 1 and) 2 of LAG Ternano Local Plan.



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Partnership offer : Italian LAGs are looking for European partners...

Name of the LAG: GardaValsabbia

Theme of cooperation : The improvement of Social and cultural dynamics in rural areas

Title of the project : Intercultural activity on the socio-cultural degradation in depressed rural areas: common problems and possible reactions

Description : Leader areas show common problems related to the degradation of social and cultural aspects. An intercultural exchange among European lags working to support these areas can be a great opportunity to find out about causes and good solutions of this degradation. The projects aims to produce an intercultural study among Leader areas in Europe, support a promotion of an awareness raising about this aspect trying to develop common methods and tools that can be used to face this problems with the activation of pilot actions in each partners' area.

Partners searched : No specific features required. It could be interesting to exchange with lags that already experienced at least one Leader programme initiative.

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Partnership offer : Italian LAGs are looking for European partners...

Name of the LAG: LAG Ternano

**Theme of cooperation : Young people and development of new
entrepreneurship**

Title of the project : YOUTH "IN" EUROPE - "Innovative entrepreneurship"

Description : The abandonment of rural areas by young people is a growing phenomenon in many rural areas: in many cases after obtaining a degree in a city far from where the young was born does not return to work in territory of origin, producing a "skills drain" from the countryside to the city.

The project aims to achieve a path of learning designed to foster the development of a sense of identity that encourages young people stay in the area and provide better perspectives for quality of life. The goal is to raise awareness in young people to the opportunity to establish a company in traditional occupations but also in more innovative professions, identifying the opportunities offered by rural areas. Essential in the project is the active participation of the younger generations in local development policies and governance. In this sense, the transnational cooperation aim to exchange experiences and share business paths.

The intervention will be divided into the following actions:

- Information activities for young people to encourage entrepreneurship through meetings and visits to local businesses;
- Enlargement of the initiative and awareness of parents and professional associations;
- Development of contacts with other schools at the international level;
- Exchange of experiences through seminars, conferences, training camps;
- Creation of promotional material to disseminate the achieved results.



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Partners searched : Not specifical LAGs requested

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Landschapsbeheer Flevoland - Caring for the Flevoland countryside

Landschapsbeheer Flevoland is a non-governmental organization (NGO) involved in countryside management (and also in the cities) in the province of Flevoland.

Since the 1990's Landschapsbeheer Flevoland has been carrying into effect the conservation, restoration and development of small landscape elements that are characteristic of the Flevoland landscape.

With 12 professionals and a lot of volunteers, we help enhance the contribution that individuals and organizations make to maintain and create a more attractive countryside. We aim to combine ecological values and geomorphological characteristics of the landscape with today's functional demands, emphasizing regional identity and the historic uses of land.

We have contacts in the region of LAG-Escartons (Italy) and wants to cooperate on the theme of civil-participation and small landscape elements.

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15-06-09 CALL FOR PROJECTS WITH THEME DEMOGRAPHIC SHRINKAGE

Several regions in the periphery of the Netherlands have to do with actual or threatened population shrinkage.

This requires:

- a straight analysis of that process; for a part it has to do with the decline of population in Western Europe in general; for an other part it has also to do with the lack of prospects for young people, which migrate to the economic centres of the country;
- a description of the nature and extent of the problems caused by shrinkage of the population;
- a description of the opportunities that population shrinkage offers to inhabitants, entrepreneurs and policymakers.

The Northwest Fryslân region is searching other regions in the Netherlands and/or abroad working on this theme and the here fore called questions!

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LAG Kromme Rijn (Holland) is looking for transnational partners to organise an **“European Championship Cherry Pit Spitting”**.

Regional branding ~ area-related tourism ~ local identity
related to **The CHERRY**

Introduction

The Kromme Rijn region is a small region in the south-east of Utrecht, in the middle of Holland, with a great variety of landscapes, culture, religion, and nature. It is a peri-urban region with a strong regional identity. The **cherry** is one of the identity bearers of the region: there are many cherry orchards and during the cherry season you can buy fresh cherries directly from little sheds in these orchards.

There is also an annual cherry festival. During this festival visitors can buy and taste cherries and cherry-related products (wine, ale, marmalade), get information about cherry growing and harvesting, have a cherry diner, look to the stage-play “the cherry garden”, make a cycling tour along the cherry orchards in the area or join the cherry cruise along the river Kromme Rijn. A very special and hilarious activity is “cherry pit spitting”: competitors eat a cherry and then spit the pit as far as possible on a court. The pit that goes the furthest including the roll is the champion.



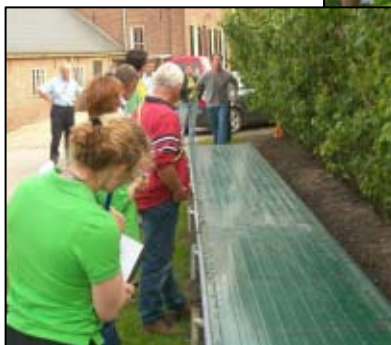
Benefits of these cherry-activities for the rural economy and area are:

- Promotion of the Kromme Rijn region → region gets more visitors
- Promotion of cherry(products) → breeders sell more cherries directly to the consumer
- More attention and appreciation for farming and particularly for cherry breeding
- More cooperation between farmers and entrepreneurship

Transnational cooperation and exchange of information

In Europe there are more “cherry regions” where cherry-activities and cherry festivals are organised. The LAG Kromme Rijn would like to exchange experiences with these regions, to learn from each other how to yield these benefits and stimulate the rural economy and regional identity.

The LAG Kromme Rijn would like to organise this exchange in a special way: they want to organise a **“European Championship Cherry Pit Spitting”**. This Championship should become an event in which teams and individual competitors from all over Europe compete each other. Every year (or two year) another country (one or more LAG’s) should organise the Championship. The LAG Kromme



Rijn will host the first edition of the European Championship.

It is also possible to organise National Championships between several LAG's in one country. The national champions can represent their country at the European Championship. The LAG Kromme Rijn will organise a Dutch Championship in 2010 as a try-out for the European Championship in 2011.

Partner search

The LAG means to meet and greet other cherry regions by the organisation of the EC. Leader-wise, we would like to use your experience and ideas in organize and promote the cherries and cherry-area's!

Therefore, LAG Kromme Rijn is searching transnational partners:

- from "cherry regions" where cherry-activities or cherry festivals are organised
- who want to exchange information about regional branding and the development of area-related touristic products and services
- who want to cooperate in organising an "European Championship Cherry Pit Spitting" in 2011 in the Kromme Rijn Region (Holland).
- who are willing to organise an European Championship in their own region/ country from 2013 on.

The first step is to meet each other and exchange the specific ideas concerning our goals and event. So please contact us!

Contact

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More information about LAG Kromme Rijn: www.leaderpluskrommerijn.nl (in Dutch)



Project ‘*Limes Romana*’: envisaging Europe’s history - from a ‘bottom up’ initiative on the regional level to a string key-project at European level

May 2009

Drs. Martin Vastenhout (Stichting Werk aan de Linie, Bunnik, the Netherlands)

Marieke Leentvaar (Leader coordinator Kromme Rijn, Utrecht, the Netherlands)

Dr. Peter Laan (Grontmij Consultancy, Zwolle, the Netherlands)

Background of the initiative

The Roman Limes is one of the most elegant and famous examples of European cultural history, revealing the history of Europe’s development: a line that – like a visible and invisible string – runs across Europe, from the Hadrian wall in the United Kingdom along the main rivers Rhine and Danub, all the way to the Black Sea. In many countries lots of interesting remainders can be found. In the Netherlands a Program Bureau, named “de Limes” has been especially founded to serve the needs of public partners to envisage and familiarize people with the Limes and to interlink the initiatives taken.

The goal of this initiative is to spread the ‘Limes story’ among different partners on the regional level and to challenge people from different sectors to embed the Limes elements in programs that they are developing and running. Cooperation between partners may reinforce the power of the local or regional initiative. The advantage of taking the scale of the region as a starting point is that different regions are enabled to participate, both within the Netherlands as throughout Europe. The socio-economic EU innovation program LEADER may serve as a useful tool to make the initiative operational since LEADER has a comparable organizational structure and approach throughout Europe, hereby enabling to interlink groups and people via a “bottom up” approach.

The development of a regional “concept of experience” of the Limes asks for a creative and innovative approach, because most places lack the visible sights of the former Limes elements as they are gone or hidden underground. First of all, the determination of the precise Limes traject on a European scale is important. From this point onwards, initiatives can be developed on the local or regional scale, both with Limes-involved people and other (local) partners. Actual suggestions to envisage the Limes for a broad audience are: the “MobiLimes” and the “Limyrinth initiative” from the Dutch foundation ‘Werk aan de Linie’ (project in the framework of Leader area Kromme Rijn, January 2009).

Phases in project development

1. **“Exploration phase”**. Making an inventory, meeting and inspiring... Mapping of the potential partners participating in the initiative and possibilities for regional spin off. Producing a European map of the proposed Limes string including the adjacent Leader areas; feasibility study of potential activities and preparation of (transnational) cooperation Leader projects. Result: exchange meetings, feasibility study report of potential activities, financial scan;
2. **“Establishment phase”**. In this phase the initiatives as formulated in phase 1 can be ensued and made operational. This phase can be facilitated by both the Leader and Interreg IVB program. Result: realization of Limes elements and programs in the participating countries, i.e. the Netherlands, Germany, Hungary, Slovakia, Romania,

Bulgaria. Proposed projects may come from: culture history, education, recreational hiking and cycling routes, PR/website;

3. **“Extension phase”**. As a unique ‘European unity project’ the results from phase 1 and 2 will be presented and upscaled on the level of the European Union (compare with the example project “Camini de Europa”, priority European example project within the Leader program).

Running executive actions in phase 1.

- a) Execution of project ‘Limyrinth 2.0’ (foundation “Werk aan de Linie”, Bunnik), April 2009 – October 2012; (initiator: Martin Vastenhout)
- b) Project ‘MobiLimes’ (foundation “Werk aan de Linie”), application at Leader Kromme Rijn (May 2009; initiator: Martin Vastenhout);
- c) Project proposal for interterritorial and transnational cooperation of Leader Kromme Rijn with Dutch Leader groups and potential German Leader groups (initiator: Peter Laan);
- d) Preparation of exchange program the Netherlands – Germany in autumn of 2009, resulting in exchange of ideas and transnational cooperation project Leader (with selected German Leader-groups);
- e) Production of European Limes map and further development of Limes website (together with German partners; initiators: Martin Vastenhout and Peter Laan)

Initiators of the initiative

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Program
Rozwoju
Obszarów
Wiejskich
na lata 2007-2013



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LAG “Green Belt” is looking for foreign LAGs to implement cooperation projects

Our LAG is situated in the eastern part of Poland, in Lubelskie Voivodship. It covers the most beautiful and attractive touristic sub-region of Lubelskie Region. **“Green Belt”** is a term used by town-planners and ecologists, and refers to areas that have a particular quality and which are touristic attractions and leisure areas for inhabitants of big cities. In a symbolic meaning for us it is an unique and precious treasure.

Facts about the territory:

- Population: 73 218 inhabitants
- Surface area: 964 km²
- Population density: 76 inhabitants/km²
- Number of municipalities: 11

The LAG’s main mission is to create and support partnership for improvement of the quality of life and development and promotion of the area covered by LAG.

The LAG’s main goals are:

1. Tourism development based on the LAG’s area best natural landscape and cultural resources;
2. Extraagricultural enterprises in the LAG’s area development;
3. Life quality in LAG’s rural areas improvement;
4. LAG’s social capital developing;

Our main activities are:

- a/ Touristic products creation and development for the sub-region integration;
- b/ Rural tourism as a new offer of the LAG’s sub-region;
- c/ Support for micro-enterprises;
- d/ Branch local products promoting;
- e/ Modern and functional rural infrastructure as the base of social activity;
- f/ Protection and maintaining the cultural and historical heritage;
- g/ Protection and maintaining the natural and environmental heritage;
- h/ Academy of Social and Economic Initiatives;
- i/ Best Practices Promotion Centre;
- j/ International cooperation with European LAGs concerning preparation and implementation of joint projects.



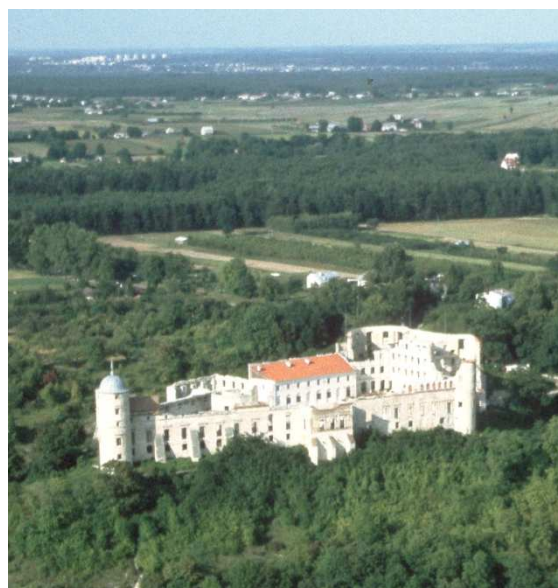
If your LAG is interested in cooperation with us under the mentioned measures and would like to implement international cooperation projects, please contact us!

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The LAG's location in Poland and Lubelskie Region



Take a look at our sub-region and activities!







PARTNERSHIP OFFER



Project about conservation of landscapes and agroambiental actions in little islands

Topic / title of the proposed project

Objective: The objective is to start a methodology to get an agreement between farmers and ecologists of LAGs to applicate agroambiental measures in little Mediterranean islands.

Initial position / background / local context of the proposed project

Proposed objectives / activities

Country and/or kind of partner you are looking for

Offering LAG: LAG of Eivissa-Formentera (Spain), e-mail: pmartinez@conselldeicissa.es

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PARTNERSHIP OFFER



Bird routes

Topic / title of the proposed project

Objective:

Initial position / background / local context of the proposed project

Proposed objectives / activities

Country and/or kind of partner you are looking for

Offering LAG: [Ceder Monegros \(Aragón, Spain\)](#), [Josan Angulo](#)

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PARTNERSHIP OFFER



DRAGON FLY – Creative dynamisation with Youth

Topic / title of the proposed project

Objective: **Workshops, personal initiatives, values through the creative methodology**

Initial position / background / local context of the proposed project

Proposed objectives / activities

Country and/or kind of partner you are looking for

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PARTNERSHIP OFFER



Dynamisation of the rural world through the possibilities that present the aerodromes in our territories for their touristical use

Topic / title of the proposed project

Objective: **Dynamisation of the rural world through aerodromes**

Initial position / background / local context of the proposed project

Tourist flights, sailing flight or free flight

Proposed objectives / activities

Concentrations, touristic visits to installations, courses of free flight, flights simulator in land, garage etc.

Country and/or kind of partner you are looking for

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PARTNERSHIP OFFER



Ecologic Agriculture

Topic / title of the proposed project

Objective: **Agriculture development**

Initial position / background / local context of the proposed project

Ecologic Position

To sensibillize public opinion / population

Proposed objectives / activities

Training, environmental education

Country and/or kind of partner you are looking for

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PARTNERSHIP OFFER



Equestrian Tourism Industry

Topic / title of the proposed project

Objective: **Routes and hotels for development of horses tourism**

Initial position / background / local context of the proposed project

Network of 'Posadas' (Accommodation and Restaurants for tourists and horses)

Proposed objectives / activities

More eastern countries (from Germany to the east)

Country and/or kind of partner you are looking for

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PROPOSAL OF TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION PROJECT

NATIONAL RURAL NETWORK - CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2009

Promoter Institution	Rural Development Association Aranjuez – las Vegas region (ARACOVE)	
Country	SPAIN	
Region	COMUNNITY OF MADRID	
TITLE OF THE PROJECT	<p align="center">EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR FOMENTING THE INFORMATION SOCIETY AMONG RURAL WOMEN</p>	
Type of cooperation	Project of transnational cooperation	
Project Justification	<p>The digital gap between men and women is even more accused in rural areas, as the use of these technologies is directly linked to employment; one of the main reasons for leaving the villages is the lack of work opportunities.</p> <p>The Equality Plan set up by the Ministry of the Environment and Rural and Marine Affairs, in combination with work done by certain rural women's associations such as FADEMUR, is developing the use of the Internet and the New Technologies as tools for personal and professional development for women in rural areas.</p> <p>The inclusion of women in the Information Society is based on aspects such as accessibility, Digital Literacy, association and the creation of networks, all of which are key elements for participation.</p>	
Main objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To create a network of European rural territories encouraging women to learn how 	

of the Project	<p>to use IT as an instrument for development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To promote and support the creation of innovating initiatives for women from rural areas - To foment self-employment, telecommuting and e-work, e-commerce for women - To increase efforts in co-operation between the various agents involved in promoting social and labour inclusion for women in rural areas in order to define and set up joint strategies which will be a very important element in rural development.
Beneficiaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Companies - Co-operatives - Associations - Local administrations - Women - The general public
Proposed activities	<p>This proposal explores the possibility of using telecentros (IT centres) or centres with public Internet access in rural areas as spaces for social intervention permitting access to and knowledge of the New Information Technologies and learning.</p> <p>Examples of action which could be taken to encourage European women to use IT for business initiatives, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carrying out a diagnosis on the profile, access, use, motivation elements and barriers facing the use of IT by women in rural areas - Map of e-services, classified into areas of interest - Courses and/or seminars on Digital Literacy, Specialised Professional Training, amongst others - Collecting of material or guides which would, on the one hand, facilitate learning on use of the basic technological tools, and at the same time provide information on the services and resources available regarding employment, enterprise, health, conciliation, equality, participation, immigration...

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Exchange of business experiences related to IT - To support the creation of women's co-operative societies offering NT services to agricultural exploitations and small, traditional businesses. - To encourage the incorporation of IT into productive sectors characteristic of each of the rural zones - To develop sustainable production projects taking advantage of the local territorial resources by use of NT - Introduction of Intranet for networking purposes, for women who live in rural areas, etc.
Possible partners	Mainly Local Action Groups and public Organisms concerned with employment and social services, associations of women from rural areas, amongst others, from European countries: Spain, Portugal, France, Romania, Germany, etc.
Duration	2009 – 2013 (4 years)

PROPOSAL OF TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION PROJECT

NATIONAL RURAL NETWORK - CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2009

Promotor institution	Rural Development Association Aranjuez – las Vegas region (ARACOVE)	
Country	SPAIN	
Region	COMMUNITY OF MADRID	
TITLE OF THE PROJECT	<p>NETWORK FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TERRITORIES LNked TO GREAT EUROPEAN RIVERS SUCH AS THE TAGUS</p>	
Type of cooperation	Project of transnational cooperation	
Project justification	At the European rural areas there are plenty of territories with rives in which water is a key element. Water as a natural resource is an opportunity for sustainable development, competitiveness and territorial identity.	
Main objectives of the Project	<p>General objective: Contribute to the social, economic and environmental development of territories linked to the great rivers in Europe</p> <p>Specific objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop strategies of territorial cooperation to recover and manage natural, cultural and historical resources linked to the rivers. - Create a quality territorial brand and develop a tourist destination through the design and implementation of different tourist products exploiting the resources of the different partners. - Expand cooperative efforts among the various actors involved in the project for the 	

	<p>definition and implementation of collective and sustainable innovative strategies as a key issue for competitiveness and rural development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preserve the natural, cultural and artistic heritage linked to the Great rivers' territories, give value and contribute to the sustainable development - Strengthen the European rural identity by a great river as a development element for the partners
Beneficiaries	Local companies, authorities, organizations, citizenship
Proposed activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promotion of agro-industrial products from the rivers-influenced areas - Creation of a territorial quality label for local products, leisure activities and food. - Definition of gastronomic routes all along the rivers - Definition of a corporate image and a guide for the adhesion of local companies to the gastronomic routes - Management training for the local enterprises - Promotion of activities in the leisure industry sector - Elaboration of inventories and catalogues of traditional buildings in each participant territory - Definition of proposal for the intervention, restoration and reuse of traditional buildings
Possible partners	Local Action Groups in the area of influence of the great European rivers in Portugal, Spain, France, Germany, Romania and so on.
Duration	2009 – 2013 (4 years)

PROPOSAL OF TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION PROJECT

NATIONAL RURAL NETWORK - CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2009

Promotor institution	Rural Development Association Aranjuez – las Vegas region (ARACOVE)	
Country	SPAIN	
Region	COMUNNITY OF MADRID	
TITLE OF THE PROJECT	<p align="center">EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR THE TRANFER AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL AREAS CLOSE TO BIG CITIES</p>	
Type of cooperation	Transnational co-operation project	
Project Justification	<p>In a region such as the Comunidad de Madrid, which is not very large and contains some towns and villages with a clearly urban profile and others with an essentially rural nature, the fundamental objective is to develop networks of transnational co-operation between European regions where there are similar territorial features and to foment action aimed at fostering synergies and minimising problems between rural areas and nearby urban areas.</p> <p>The need to take advantage of endogenous resources, increase opportunities, assess the areas with low density and redress differences explains the need to establish a set of objectives and a joint action strategy.</p>	
Main objectives of the Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To create networks of co-operation between European regions interested in fomenting synergies and minimising problems in rural areas near to large cities 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To foment investment linked to sustainable rural tourism taking into account the needs of the population in the nearby towns and cities - To transfer knowledge and resources aimed at assessing the natural and cultural wealth, taking advantage of the synergies between the rural areas and the nearby urban areas - To increase efforts in collaboration between European regions with similar territorial features in order to achieve a balanced development of agriculture in regions close to urban areas - To encourage revaluation and competitiveness of traditional agricultural and food products, as well as the ecological sector, taking advantage of the proximity of urban markets
Proposed activities	<p>A few examples of possible action to be taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fomenting of a network of rural territories close to large cities for exchange of experiences and initiatives for sustainable development - Fomenting of rural tourism in urban spaces, adapted to the needs of the population and encouraging investment - Assessment of the cultural and natural wealth of rural areas by means of co-operation activities - Fomenting of opportunities for employment and social development in rural areas - Development of markets for traditional and ecological products on local and urban markets - Development of conservation, management and assessment strategies for the natural environment and cultural wealth in the regions - Fomenting of electronic commerce for local agricultural and food products - Fomenting of communication of environmental affairs and distribution of materials - Development of measures and training programmes for the local population - Development of the entrepreneurial fabric of the agro-ecological industry - Organisation of a training and leisure programme for children living in rural and urban areas, using games to allow them to get to know rural regions

Possible partners	Mainly Local Action Groups from the areas of influence of European cities, as well as other regions in Spain with similar territorial characteristics.
Duration	2009 – 2013 (4 years)

ORGANIZATION INFORMATION			
DENOMINATION	ARACOVE, Asociación de Desarrollo Rural Aranjuez-Comarca Vegas		
TERRITORIAL ACTION FILED	Represents the "Comarca de las Vegas" which is situated in the southeast of the "Comunidad de Madrid". It consist in the following 23 townships: Ambite, Aranjuez, Belmonte de Tajo, Brea de Tajo, Carabaña, Ciempozuelos, Colmenar de Oreja, Chinchón, Estremera, Fuentidueña del Tajo, Morata de Tajuña, Orusco de Tajuña, Perales de Tajuña, San Martín de la Vega, Tielmes, Titulcia, Valdaracete, Valdelaguna, Valdilecha, Villacanejos, Villamanrique de Tajo, Villar del Olmo, Villarejo de Salvanés		
OBJECTIVE AND ACTION FIELD	Since the foundation in 1995 ARACOVE aims at developing rural areas trying to stimulate the social and economical network.		
EXPERIENCE IN MANAGEMENT OF RELATED PROJECT	<p>LEADER, PRODER, PRESUMA, EQUAL, OPEA</p> <p>Rural development programs such as LEADER PLUS. With those working lines ARACOVE has been focusing on the area's economic development promoting modernization through subsidies in infrastructure, acquisition of new machines and valorizing local products such as olive oil and wine.</p> <p>The support for the agro alimentary industry, for tinned food, for Small and Medium Enterprises as well as the development and promotion for rural tourism has been intensified. Rural housing has been constructed and existing ones have been improved. Furthermore, ARACOVE contributes to the conservation of both natural and cultural heritage (rehabilitation of natural routes, sign- posting, conversions of antique buildings to accommodation, churches, esthetic illumination). Likewise ARACOVE has been promoting the area's tourism producing guides, booklets, internet sites, videos and assisting in fairs.</p> <p>In addition to that, ARACOVE works in projects like the "Training workshop" (2 years/16-24) and the "Trade learning centers" (1 year/25 and more) where formation, work and a salary is offered to the unemployed, labor orientation projects such as "OPEA" in which consultancy and orientation is offered; PRESUMA in which specific formation courses are carried out with the future possibility to work in enterprises situated in the mentioned territory.</p> <p>The common initiative EQUAL promotes equality between men and women standing up for the women's incorporation in the labor market facilitating the compatibility of work and family.</p> <p>Further projects from ARACOVE are the "Technology Diffusion Centers" (CDT) that foster and spread new technologies among Small and Medium Enterprises through means like congresses, classes and consulting. Another way of implanting new technologies in the 23 townships are the CAPIs (Centers with public access to internet) which are fully equipped and facilitate free internet access as well as offer classes for alphabetical digitalization and thematic workshops.</p>		
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PARTNERSHIP OFFER



Gender equality

Topic / title of the proposed project

Objective: **Equality plans for rural areas**

Initial position / background / local context of the proposed project

Proposed objectives / activities

Country and/or kind of partner you are looking for

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1. DENOMINACIÓN DEL PROYECTO.- EURENERS 2

2. JUSTIFICACIÓN DEL PROYECTO

El artículo III-256.1 de la Constitución Europea, se establece como uno de los objetivos de la política energética de la Unión *"Fomentar la eficiencia energética y el ahorro energético, así como el desarrollo de energías nuevas y renovables"*.

Los Grupos de Acción Local participantes en este proyecto, así como las entidades colaboradoras, apoyados por las acciones y programas desarrollados en el marco europeo, nacional y regional, tenemos la posibilidad de aplicar en nuestros territorios, y directamente con los actores socioeconómicos de nuestras zonas, acciones dirigidas al fomento de las energías renovables (con especial interés en la promoción de energía a través de la biomasa), así como de intervenir en acciones concretas dirigidas al ahorro y la eficiencia energética.

Los territorios implicados contamos con recursos ligados a la actividad primaria y de transformación capaces de generar, con el diseño de un plan de gestión comarcal y/o local, subproductos capaces de proporcionar energía limpia. Además, compartimos la necesidad de involucrar a las personas responsables de la gestión municipal y de la población local en el planteamiento de generación de nuevos puestos de trabajo vinculados a esta producción de energía renovable, como oportunidad de desarrollo para el medio rural, y favoreciendo la permanencia de la población joven en el territorio.

La Eficiencia Energética se puede definir como un conjunto de acciones que permiten optimizar la relación entre la cantidad de energía consumida y los productos y servicios finales obtenidos. (*wikipedia*). Otras definiciones hablan de reducir el consumo de energía manteniendo los mismos servicios energéticos sin disminuir el confort y calidad de vida protegiendo el medio ambiente, asegurando el abastecimiento y fomentando un comportamiento sostenible de su uso.

Estas dos definiciones recogen el fin de las acciones previstas en relación al ahorro y eficiencia energética del proyecto EURENERS II. Impulsar la eficiencia energética en la producción agraria manteniendo y/o mejorando su competitividad; impulsar la eficiencia energética en la gestión de los residuos manteniendo y/o mejorando la calidad de vida de la población rural, son algunos de los fines de este proyecto.

De esta manera, a través del trabajo en la mejora de la competitividad económica, de la cohesión social y de la mejora y conservación del patrimonio natural conseguiremos impulsar la creación de territorios rurales sostenibles.

La oportunidad de los proyectos de cooperación transnacional de la Red Rural Nacional facilita la aplicación comarcal de estas acciones, acciones universales, a pesar de pertenecer a espacios administrativos nacionales diferentes.

3. MEDIDAS Y ACCIONES DEL PROYECTO

3.1. DIFUSIÓN Y COMUNICACIÓN

3.1.1. Diseño de un sistema innovador de difusión y comunicación del proyecto utilizando las redes sociales.

3.2. PROMOCIÓN DE ENERGÍAS RENOVABLES – BIOMASA

3.2.1. Estudios del potencial biomásico en los territorios (subproductos del sector primario y de transformación).

3.2.2. Inversiones piloto de aprovechamiento energético.

3.3. IMPULSO DEL AHORRO Y LA EFICIENCIA ENERGÉTICA



3.3.1. Agrosistemas Comarcales Sostenibles: Eficiencia energética y ahorro de emisiones GEI.

3.3.2. Gestión energéticamente eficiente y medioambientalmente sostenible de la fracción orgánica de los residuos en los territorios rurales.

3.4. PROGRAMA DE FORMACIÓN TERRITORIAL Y TRANSNACIONAL

3.4.1. Programa transnacional de jornadas técnicas relacionadas con las energías renovables (biomasa) y con el ahorro y la eficiencia energética.

3.4.2. II Congreso Transnacional de Biomasa

3.5. SEGUIMIENTO Y EVALUACIÓN

3.5.1. Diseño del sistema de seguimiento y evaluación del proyecto

3.5.2. Reuniones de coordinación del proyecto

4. POSIBLES ENTIDADES COOPERANTES Y COLABORADORAS

4.1. COMARCA DE TIERRA ESTELLA.-

Entidad cooperante.-

- Asociación TEDER

Entidades colaboradoras.-

- ITG Agrícola (Agrosistemas comarcales sostenibles)
- Mancomunidad de Montejurra (Gestión energéticamente eficiente de la fracción orgánica de los residuos en los territorios rurales)
- Fundación L'Urederra (Estudio del potencial biomásico en Tierra Estella)