



## **Scottish National Rural Network and European Network for Rural Development**

### **EU – Rural Cooperation Fair & 10<sup>th</sup> National Rural Network meeting**

***Edinburgh- 23 to 24 September 2010***

Working  
language:  
ENGLISH

#### **A. Participants**

- LAGs and other local stakeholders from Scotland (about 200 participants);
- Representatives from other EU Member States including the NRNs, Leader Focus Groups' members, LAGs and other rural stakeholders (about 150 participants);
- EC DG AGRI & EN RD Contact Point.

#### **B. Objectives**

- To allow rural development practitioners to exchange knowledge and experience with practitioners from other Member States to assist with achievement of local development strategies;
- To facilitate the forging of new partnerships between groups / local practitioners and the development of LEADER cooperation projects.

#### **C. Outcomes**

- Increased opportunities for learning for local rural development practitioners contributing to effective implementation of Leader cooperation projects under the current RDP;
- New partnerships, cooperation projects, active networking.

#### **D. Structure**

##### ***Short plenary session***

***Several workshops:*** up to 6 parallel workshops on different themes (see Outline Programme)

##### ***Market place:***

- Exhibition stands of NRNs and Scottish organisations;
- Facility for posting opportunities/offers and making appointments to meet potential partners;
- Facilities for informal/bilateral meetings.

***Other networking opportunities:*** lunch, dinner, project visits

#### **E. Main themes**

##### ***Plenary:***

To focus on the benefits for rural development of cooperation through networking as exemplified by the Leader approach.

##### ***Workshops:***

- To inform about thematic trends and partnership development process and/or live projects;
- To provide food for thought on possible future partnership, cooperation, networking.



## **F. Outline Programme**

### **Day 1: EU- Rural Cooperation Fair**

**9:00 – 9:30                      Registration**

**9:30 – 11:00                  Plenary Session**

- Opening by Scottish Government and EC Representatives
- Keynote speaker: Implementing Leader under the RDPs – Building local support for rural development and maintaining momentum
- Networking across and within Member States: state of play & opportunities for cooperation

**11:00 – 11:30                  Break**

**11:30 – 13:00                  Six Thematic Parallel Workshops:**

Workshop themes: i) economic development, ii) social issues, iii) culture, iv) environment, v) tourism, vi) community development

#### ***Structure:***

- Kick off presentation by practitioners (examples of partnership development process and/or live projects);
- Discussion: common identification of specific sub-themes, cooperation as a vehicle to implement local development strategies, etc<sup>1</sup>;
- Practical exercise on opportunities for cooperation projects and implementation process.

**13:00 – 14:30                  Networking lunch**

**14:30 – 16:00                  Six Thematic Parallel Workshops (Cont')**

**16:00 – 18:00                  Market Place**

**19:30 – 22:00                  Conference Dinner**

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<sup>1</sup> Workshop working framework to be further developed.



**Day 2: EU-Cooperation Fair** (10<sup>th</sup> NRN meeting held in parallel)

**EU- Rural Cooperation Fair**

**9.30 – 11.00**

**Plenary Conclusion session from Parallel Workshops and Market**

**Place:**

Includes:

- Feedback from workshops
- Questions & Answers with expert panel
- Concluding address and summation

**11:00 – 14:00**

**Market Place, including Networking Lunch**

**14:00 – 17:00**

**Optional Project Visits** (for non NRN meeting participants)

**10th NRN meeting** (held in parallel with the closing activities of the EU-Cooperation Fair)

**11.15 – 11.45**

**Opening of the meeting** – including Tour de table

**11.45 – 12.15**

**NRN Current Activities** - focus on thematic priorities and linked activities:

- Presentation by the Scottish NRN
- Presentation by the Polish NRN

**12.15 – 13.00**

**ENRD and NRN update:**

- Preparation of the RDP project database ('PIKSE')
- Coordination of communication tools

**13.00 – 14:00**

**Networking lunch** (jointly with EU-Cooperation Fair)

**14.00 – 14.45**

**NRN monitoring**

Progress of work since Malta: Self-assessment' guidance document, self assessment toolbox framework, Forum on 'My ENRD'

**14.45 – 15.30**

**Update on NRN Thematic Initiatives:**

- **Strengthening Rural Entrepreneurship** progress on final context analysis and on international conference on Methods and Tools for Rural Entrepreneurship and next steps
- **Social Farming** - update and latest development on Flemish NRN Social Farming event
- **Forestry** - update and latest development with work plan etc.

**15.30 – 15.45**

**Coffee/tea**

**15.45 – 16.30**

**Potential new Thematic Initiatives** – presentations(s) by NRN(s) and discussion

**16.30 – 17.00**

**Forthcoming Activities**

EN RD / NRN joint activities and upcoming events.