



# **NATIONAL RURAL NETWORK BULGARIA**



## **17th NRN Meeting in Are, Sweden**

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## **NRN - BULGARIA**

- ❖ MAF –NRN management – outsourced to external service provider
- ❖ TENDER PROCEDURE – NOVEMBER 2012
- ❖ Implementing company: Agrotec SpA, Italy
- ❖ TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, Bulgarian RDP



# **Project: Organizational activities to the administration and management of the NRN**

- Duration of the contract : November 2012 – December 2015
- Project overall objectives:
  - to create a NSU which administers, manages and supports the structures of NRN.
  - to ensure effective and efficient management of the NRN



# NRN - MEMBERSHIP

- ❖ Open to anyone actively engaged in rural development and willing to exchange relevant information with other members
- ❖ NRN comprises all organization and administrative bodies involved in rural development on national, regional and local level
- ❖ Active LAGs and their networks
- ❖ Prior to November 2012 -arr. 700 members
- ❖ (but no active engagement)



# National Rural Network

- Partner of the MoAF in:
- Identifying the priorities in rural development and the changes that have to be made in operational policy with a view to improving the effect of its implementation;
- Improving the dialogue with the civil society



# National Rural Network

- Expanding participation of civil society in decision-making in all aspects of planning, programming, monitoring and implementation of the rural development policy.
- Platform for exchange of best practices and experience among stakeholders



## ACTIVITIES

- ✓ **Structural** – structure of the network;
- ✓ **Information exchange** – access to info to all NRN members;
- ✓ **Communication** – identification and analysis of good transferable practices and provision of information about them, know - how;
- ✓ **Coordination and animation** – identification of needs, development of training programmes, carrying out training; cooperation with the ERDN;
- ✓ **Technical assistance** for inter-territorial and transnational cooperation.



## TOOLS (1)

### **INFORMATION AND COOPERATION :**

- NRN Internet site, email;
- Publications – media; Methodological Guides;
- Media events;
- Dissemination of knowledge, good practices and exchange of experience.





## TOOLS(2)

### **Coordination and animation:**

- Workshops, conferences, trainings;
- Participation at the ERDN events and events organised by other NRNs
- Participation at the activities of the ERDN management bodies



## Where we are nowadays

- ❖ NSU office is operational
- ❖ NSU team working on national level
- ❖ Regional Coordinators - all 28 administrative regions;
- ❖ Internet site: **[WWW.NSU.BG](http://WWW.NSU.BG)**
- ❖ Re-activating NRN members and screening of their interests



## Where we are nowadays

- ❖ 30 Jan 2013 - meeting with the 28 RC: discussion the activities and/or new priorities
- ❖ 27 March 2013 – LAGs meeting: discussion of the issues of common interest, activities and/or new priorities, themes for TWG, training topics, updating the LAG info on ENRD website



# Where we are nowadays

1. Themes for TWG under each Axis for 2013 discussed with RC
2. 4 themes proposed to MA for further consideration & approval:
  - Short-supply chain;
  - Definition of the HNVA;
  - New definition of the rural areas/Small scale infrastructure
  - Problems and challenges for LAGs towards LDS implementation



## Where we are nowadays

- Best practices - first draft/outline for collection practices ready
- Inter-territorial/ transnational co-operation - Quick survey is underway
- LAG asked to identify:
  - themes of common interest for formation of TWG – LEADER;
  - training topics for 2013.



## Where we are nowadays

1. Screening of NRN members interests for further themes to be summarized and discussed with MA in early summer 2013
2. Review of the themes and related activities of ERDN and preparation of summaries in Bulgarian language



**Thanks for your attention**

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