

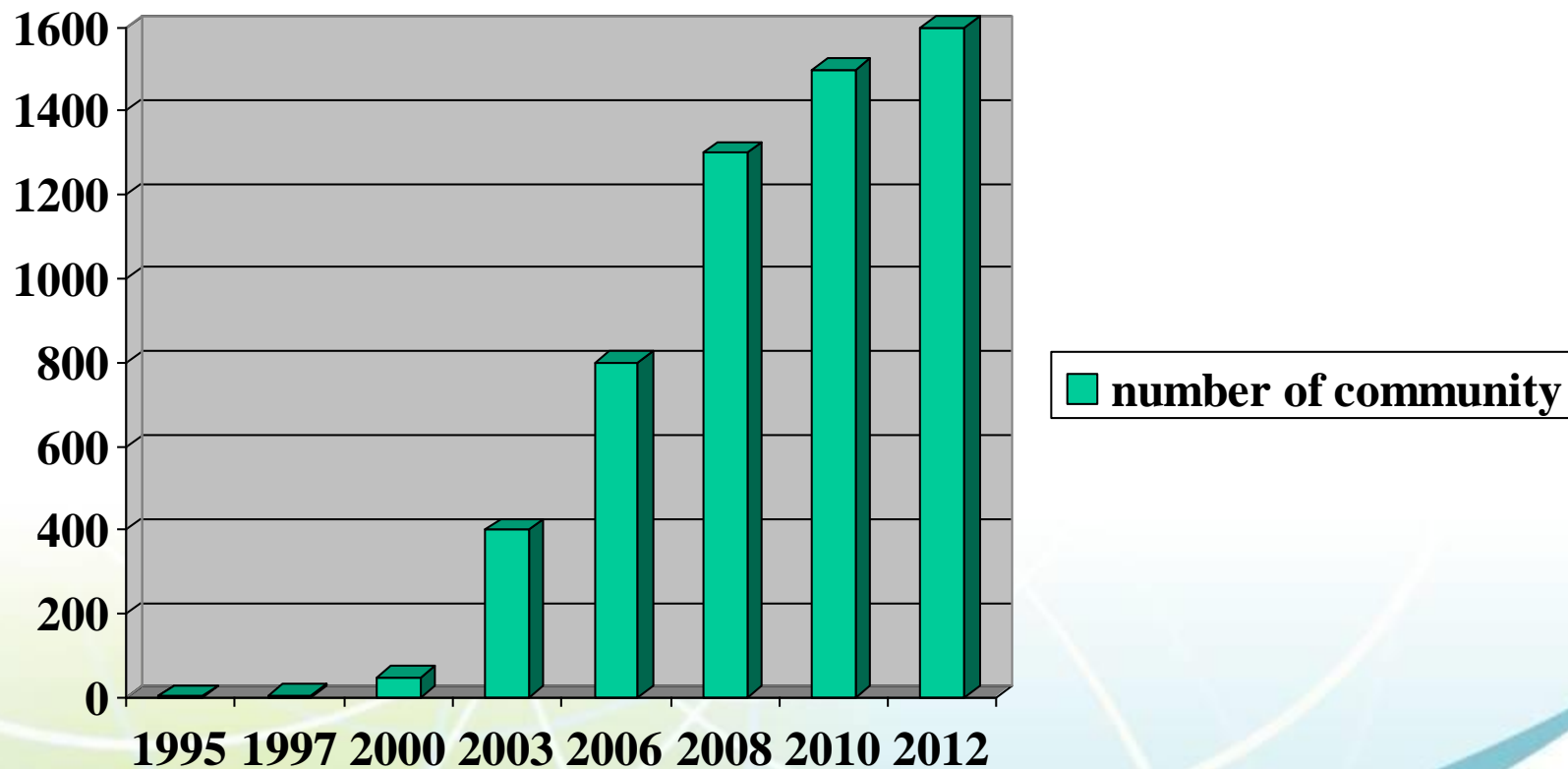
LITHUANIAN RURAL COMMUNITIES network



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LIT RC movement



About LRCU

It was established in 2002 by 7 rural communities. Nowadays union unites more than 1200 rural communities and LAGS from all LIT

THE MAIN POLICIES AND GOALS

To improve both the local (regional RC unions and LAGs) and national partnership (LRCU and LAGs Network) networks for rural communities

To represent the interests of rural communities on local and national level



Rural network

What do we do?

- unite local and regional associations;
- facilitate the development of rural development programs;
- maintain contacts with national authorities, educational, academic institutions and other NGOs;
- represent the interests of rural communities on EU level (PREPARE, ELARD ERA)



What do we do?

- Use various funds in order to renovate buildings, where social and education (craft) centres could be established
- Organizing the activities for youth (play grounds and etc).
- Conducting various trainings in order to encourage rural people to adopt alternative farming practices (business).



SEE...how we communicate



Village level

- Billboards, advertisements, radio “Village Gossip”

Regional level

- IT, fairs, workshops, seminars, meetings

National level

- IT, fairs, workshops, gatherings, meetings, visits



Communicating Rural Development

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The 1st LT Rural parliament

Will be held April 2014 in Kaunas region

Why RP?

- *The need for platform for exchanging ideas, experience of all rural actors*
- *To find the best strategy for developing rural areas through dialog with local, regional, national authorities*
- *To make the LEADER method more effective*
- *Need to solve social problems*
- *Youth problems (emigration)*



First Lithuanian rural parliaments' goal -
focus Lithuanian rural voice and decide
which direction Lithuanian village will
go, what it should be. It is our joined
decision and joint work!
Only together we can build the future of
rural Lithuania!



But...

- Still the best way of communicating with rural people ...is...talking heart to heart
- *And only simple dialog and compromises with all RD actors will help to develop RC activities*

And of course

- *Creative and qualitative work, work and one more time WORK can make our dreams come true....*



THANKS FOR LISTENING

