

Annual Work Programme (AWP) 2012: priorities supporting RDP implementation

- The network maintains an annual work programme. The current AWP was approved on 9.3.2012.
- The main priorities of the current AWP are:
 - Communication - Providing two-way information flow on rural development;
 - Cooperation - Promotion of cooperation, networking and good practices exchange;
 - Training – Increase of human capacity at rural stakeholders.
- The NRN activities used to implement its priorities are:
 1. Communication - Providing two-way information flow on rural development;
 - issue expert and informative publications
 - sending weekly electronic newsletter "PrePlet"
 - creation of a new independent website of the RDP
 - a series of short films LEADER
 - participation in fairs
 2. Cooperation - Promotion of cooperation, networking and good practices exchange;
 - meetings of Steering Committee
 - promoting inter-regional and cross-border cooperation
 - organizing Slovenian Rural Parliament
 - participation in the competition for the prize ARGE 2012
 - involving members of the NRN in the activities of the ENRD
 3. Training – Increase of human capacity at rural stakeholders.
 - organizing workshops

2. Thematic Initiatives launched by the Network

- **New thematic issues that the network is planning to address:**
 - How to improve the information access to stakeholders,
 - Local Development Strategy in 2014–2020.
- **Issues addressed by the events:**
 - CAP post 2013,
 - Examples of good practices from the implementation of the RDP 2007–2013.
- **Issues addressed by committees/steering groups:**
 - The steering group has been actively involved in the implementation of the Rural Parliament.
- **Issues subject of surveys/consultation/analysis:**
 - The implementation of the Rural Parliament is the subject of the questionnaire by the participants.
- **Information about thematic initiatives available on:**
 - Website of the Slovenian Rural Parliament (debate about CAP 2014–2020): http://www.mko.gov.si/si/delovna_podrocja/kmeti-jstvo/skupna_kmetijska_politika_do_2020/slovenski_podezelski_parlament_2012/

2.1 LEADER-related activities

- The LEADER Office at the MA deals with the implementation of LEADER and also offers support to LAGs.
- Training and events for LAGs are organized by the LEADER Office in cooperation with the NSU.
- Information about these events is available on: http://www.arhiv.mkgp.gov.si/si/delovna_podrocja/program_razvoja_podezelja_2007_2013/vsebina_programa_razvoja_podezelja/mreza_za_podezelje/javne_predstavitvedelavnice/
- The LEADER Office also provides guidelines and other supporting documents.
- Support documents are available on: http://www.mko.gov.si/si/delovna_podrocja/program_razvoja_podezelja_2007_2013/vsebina_prp_2007_2013/4_os_leader/
- Other forms of support to LEADER implementation are implemented by the NRN, the Slovenian Rural Development Network, which integrates now most of the LAGs. To tackle LEADER issues it is nominated a LEADER committee as part of the Slovenian Rural Development Network.
- The NSU and the MA staff support inter-regional and transnational cooperation. The NSU distributes propositions from abroad to the members of the NRN, provides presentation about the Slovenian TNC projects' selection and implementation, coordinates LAGs participation at the ENRD LEADER events.
- MA (LEADER Office) provides information about the Slovenian TNC projects selection procedure and implementation.
- The NSU supports LAGs' participation to international events such as the ENRD LEADER events.
- Information about these events is available on: http://www.arhiv.mkgp.gov.si/si/delovna_podrocja/program_razvoja_podezelja_2007_2013/vsebina_programa_razvoja_podezelja/mreza_za_podezelje/javne_predstavitvedelavnice/porocilo_bruselj_20_1_2011/
- The MA provides partner search facilities and support documents: the LEADER Office provides information and guides.
- Support documents are available on: http://www.mko.gov.si/si/delovna_podrocja/program_razvoja_podezelja_2007_2013/vsebina_prp_2007_2013/4_os_leader/ukrep_421_spodbujanje_medregijskega_in_cezmejnegsodelovanja/

3. Relevant Experiences/Good Practices

• Identification and dissemination of EAFRD-funded projects representing relevant experience:

- The EAFRD-funded projects representing relevant experience are identified in cooperation with:
 - Slovenian Rural and Forestry Chamber,
 - LAGs,
 - Paying Agency and
 - MA.
- Slovenian Rural and Forestry Chamber and LAGs nominate the propositions. The propositions are checked by Paying Agency and LEADER Office (MA). The final selection is carried out by the MA.
- The dissemination of relevant experience is implemented through:
 - ENRD RDP Database (by ENRD),
 - Fairs,
 - Publications.
- Relevant experiences/good practices are available on: http://www.mko.gov.si/fileadmin/mko.gov.si/pageuploads/publikacije/Program_razvoja_podezelja/Gradimo_vitalno_podezelje.pdf

4. Monitoring and evaluation of networking

- The rural network performance has been evaluated during the Mid-Term Evaluation.
- The network implements other self-assessment by evaluating its workshops through a questionnaire.
- A quantitative assessment is prepared annually as part of RDP 2007–2013 Annual Report.
- A qualitative assessment is prepared and published in an annual NRN report.
- Self-assessment reports are available on: http://www.arhiv.mkgp.gov.si/fileadmin/mkgp.gov.si/pageuploads/PRP/Letno_porocilo_Mreze_za_2011.pdf.

5. Communication

- The rural network follows the RDP communication plan.
- The RDP communication plan is available on: http://www.mko.gov.si/fileadmin/mko.gov.si/pageuploads/podrocja/Program_razvoja_podezelja/priloga_14.pdf
- The communication tool mostly used by the network is the electronic newsletter because it enables the frequent distribution of updated information about rural development issues.

6. Cooperation interests of the Rural Network

- Fields in which the network seeks or offers cooperation with other rural networks:
- Exchanging of experiences – pro and contra by outsourcing the NSU;
- LDS post 2013 – preparing workshops for LAGs in 2013.

7. Documents

- List of your publications, info materials, videos, etc available on: http://www.mko.gov.si/si/medijsko_sredisce/publikacije/kmetijstvo/program_razvoja_podezelja/.
- Latest version of the NSP and RDP available on: http://www.mko.gov.si/si/delovna_podrocja/program_razvoja_podezelja_2007_2013/vsebina_prp_2007_2013/vsebina_programa/.