Twinning Project for Support to Implementation of LEADER Measure under IPARD

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## Twinning Project

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<td><strong>Project Budget</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs</strong></td>
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<td><strong>General Objective</strong></td>
<td><strong>Strengthening the institutional capacity for adaptation to EU Rural Development Policy</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Project Purpose</strong></td>
<td><strong>Preparation of local development strategies within IPARD Programme and building capacity for their implementation.</strong></td>
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• The project activities started on 13 September 2010
• 02 November 2010 (Kick-off)
Expected Results for Twinning Project

• Building institutional capacity of MA and ARDSI for implementation of LEADER Measure within IPARD Programme.

• Raising awareness of related institutions and local public on preparation and implementation of local development strategy.
Component 1. Establishment of institutional capacity

- 1.1. Trained 20 people from Managing Authority and IPARD Agency and related NGOs on the LEADER Measure
- 1.2. Prepared MA guideline and Turkish regulation on establishment of LAGs
- 1.3. Technical Fiche regarding Leader in the IPA Rural Development Programme finalized
- 1.4. Organized a study visit to France
Component 2. Managing Authority and IPARD Agency acquired the necessary skills to apply the Leader approach.

- 2.1. Prepared guidelines for the preparation of local development strategies
- 2.2. Defined criteria for the selection of pilot areas for the establishment of potential LAGs
- 2.3. Drafted content of the Local Development Strategy for two pilot areas
- 2.4 Establishment of Pilot Local Action Groups in two pilot areas
Mandatory results and activities of the twinning

- Component 3. Raised awareness of related institutions and local people on LDS
  - 3.1. Workshops and meetings organized for local NGOs and stakeholders raising the knowledge about Leader measure
  - 3.2. Leaflets on general information on Leader measure prepared and published
Activities-1:

• Examination of the existing situation and relevant documents and defining the responsibilities of the Managing Authority, the IPARD Agency and the Local Action Groups for the implementation of the LEADER measure.

• Support for the preparation of the legislative and institutional framework required for the establishment of the Local Action Groups (LAGs) and preparation and implementation of the Local Development Strategies.

• Reviewing and finalizing technical fiche regarding LEADER Approach in the IPARD Programme such as the determination of minimum number of LAGs and financial tables' calculations of sub measures and etc.
Activities-2:

- Setting up the procedures for the selection, establishment and the running of LAGs.

- **Definition of the criteria for the selection of the pilot implementation area (territorial analysis).**

- Drafting the content of the Local Development Strategy for the pilot implementation.

- Support for the preparation of a pilot Local Development Strategy of a selected pilot area of Turkey.

- Support for the MA and IPARD Agency for the accreditation of the measure regarding the LEADER.
Activities-3;

- Assessment of the training needs and development of a training plan for preparation and the implementation of the LEADER Approach.

- Training of the staff of Managing Authority and IPARD Agency for the preparation and the implementation of the Local Development Strategies.

- Preparation of leaflets, posters and manuals regarding LEADER approach for stakeholders.

- Conducting workshops, seminars, regional meetings, media activities etc. in which local actors will be involved and given the opportunity to discuss the needs of their areas.

- Study visit
Thank you!...