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Conference with workshop “Unite for Rural Development”

Basic information	
NRN:	National Rural Development Network Slovakia
Theme:	Success story
Coordinator:	National Rural Development Network Slovakia
Partners:	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic
Beneficiaries:	LAG representatives, public-private partnerships, mayors, stakeholders, representatives of NRDN Regional Offices, self-governing regions
Resources:	Approx. 28 500 Euros
Period:	12 nd -14 th December 2012
Main element of networking:	Building common understanding of common policies
Other elements of networking:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Effective stakeholder engagement• Collection, analysis and dissemination of good practice, success stories and relevant experience• Support for cooperation and joint actions

Background

The National Rural Development Network (NRDN SR) under the auspices of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the SR organised a conference which included a workshop entitled “Unite for Rural Development”. The aim of the conference was to provide the most up to date information on the future programming period 2014-2020, focusing on accessing LEADER, and a review of the implementation of the RDP during the 2007-2013 Programme period.



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Main activities

The first two days of the conference were dedicated to presentations from representatives of LAGs, public-private partnerships with the potential to become LAGs, the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the SR, the National Rural Development Network and self-governing regions from Slovakia, Czech Republic and Poland. These presentations included the RDP in 2014-2020, transnational cooperation, examples of good practice, accessing LEADER etc. On the final day the conference participants were split into 5 working groups with thematic topics such as CLLD, LAGs in 2014-2020 and cooperation. This was followed by a plenary session with all working groups presenting their main results and conclusions.

Main results/benefits

Participants gained a lot of new information and there was much sharing of experience which was particularly useful for the public-private partnerships who are hoping to form LAGs in the next programming period. A range of different opinions brought fresh insights into the issues discussed. The presentations and the outputs from working groups are available online on the NRDN web page.

Success factors

There were almost 160 participants at the conference all of whom had the opportunity to discuss achievements, problems and particular issues from their working lives with their partners and colleagues. They also had the opportunity to establish contacts with potential partners from abroad.

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All participants were able to share their experience and discuss the future of LEADER in Slovakia. Lecturers from the Czech Republic and Poland also contributed their knowledge and experience.

Contribution of the NSU

NRDN SR facilitated and coordinated the whole event and was responsible for the organisational and administrative aspects of the conference.

Contribution of the partners

A significant contribution was made by speakers from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic. They provided excellent presentations, discussed issues with



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participants and answered questions on the future programming period in Slovakia.

Additional information

Photos at: <http://www.nsrv.sk/index.php?pl=14&article=513>

Presentations of the lecturers (SVK language) and WG outputs at: <http://www.nsrv.sk/index.php?pl=13&article=511>

Pictures



Presentation by the regional coordinator from the Nitra region

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Participants in a working group

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