

# Added Value of Networking



## Spartakiad

Basic information	
<b>NRN:</b>	<b>Polska Krajowa Siec Obszarów Wiejskich</b>
Theme:	Success story
Coordinator:	Regional Secretariat of Wielkopolska Province
Partners:	Regional NRN Secretariats, General NRN Secretariat, LAGs, Rural Youth Association
Beneficiaries:	NRN Partners
Resources:	14 000 Euro
Period:	6-8 September 2012
<b>Main element of networking:</b>	<b>Effective stakeholder engagement</b>
Other elements of networking:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Collection, analysis and dissemination of good practice, success stories and relevant experience</li><li>• Support for cooperation and joint actions</li></ul>

### Background

The idea of organising the Polish National Rural Network Summer Spartakiad as a cross-linking project was first discussed during the fifth meeting of the Working Group on the Rural Network in November 2010. The event was designed to bring together representatives from the regional NRN secretariats, general secretariat and NRN partners and was held in June 2011 in Kozienice, with 107 attendees. During the event the attendees participated in twelve different sporting disciplines while networking together.

The second Polish NRN Summer Spartakiad was developed further to become a forum dedicated to sports and infrastructure projects, and an exhibition of posters detailing projects funded and events held under the Polish Rural Development Programme 2007-2013 took place. The organisation of the 2nd PNRN Summer Spartakiad was carried out by the Regional Secretariat of Wielkopolska province who also won the team competition during the 1<sup>st</sup> Spartakiad. This initiative will continue during 2013.

### Main activities

The forum for knowledge exchange was entitled "Good practice for sports in rural areas implemented under the RDP 2007-2013", during which representatives of the regions presented their completed



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projects in the field of sport and tourism along with related regional and local development plans. An exhibition of 18 projects including sports tourism was presented in the form of colorful A2 posters containing a description of the project and pictures. These projects related to the construction and development of tourism infrastructure in rural areas along with ways it had been used.

Team sports competitions also took place across nine disciplines - football, volleyball, water polo, basketball, track & field and 4x100m relay, with women competing in each team, and individual disciplines where men and women competed separately - cross-country running, 100m sprint running and table tennis. Seventy eight players participated ranging in age from 17 to 59.

The organisers provided professional sports judges and health care in case of any injuries.

Spartakiad involved representatives of the regional secretariats such as: Wielkopolska , Lower Silesia, Mazovia and Podlasie provinces along with NRN partners: LAG Dobra Widawa, LAG Wspólny Trakt, Partnerstwo Kaczawskie, LAG Wielkopolska z Wyobraźnią, LAG Solidarni w Partnerstwie, Stowarzyszenie Północno-Wschodnie LAG Szelment; the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, and the General Secretariat with NRN partners - Rural Youth Association, Foundation of Assistance for Programmes in Agriculture FAPA

The winning teams received medals and diplomas.

1<sup>st</sup> prize - Regional Secretariat of Wielopolska province

2<sup>nd</sup> prize - Regional Secretariat of Dolnośląskie province

3<sup>rd</sup> prize - Regional Secretariat of Podlaskie province

## Main results/benefits

The main benefits were the exchange of experiences between regions in Poland and developing contacts that will hopefully lead to the development of new joint projects within the country. Sharing examples of co-operation between community organizations, local government and economic operators provided inspiration for groups, motivating and encouraging networking amongst NRN partners.

## Success factors

Integration through sport is not the only way to encourage networking but certainly proved a very effective way to strengthen contacts between LAGs and activate partners who are already involved in the activities of the Polish National Rural Network.

Cooperation also occurred between social, economic and institutional entrepreneurs at regional, local and national level.



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The Network:

- Enabled the collection of sports and rural tourist projects and entered them into the best practice database - available at [www.ksow.pl](http://www.ksow.pl).
- Analysed the opportunities for transferring or adapting the projects to different regions.
- Provided information on the possibilities of financing sport and tourism related projects based on various national and EU funds.

Explored the opportunities for cooperation between partners in the field of promotion and knowledge transfer.

## Contribution of the NSU

The Regional Sekretariat of the Wielkopolska Province hosted the event, the General NRN Sekretariat co-financed the event and supported the host, and the Regional Sekretariats developed the teams and organized the regional partners.

## Contribution of the partners

All the partners prepared exhibition posters of completed sports projects in order to present them at the best practice forum.

## Additional information

More information is available at [www.ksow.pl](http://www.ksow.pl) and in the bulletin EuroPROWincja issued by the Regional Sekretariat of Wielkopolska Province:

[http://wielkopolskie.ksow.pl/fileadmin/user\\_upload/wielkopolskie/biuletyn/EuroPROWincja\\_nr7\\_net-1.pdf](http://wielkopolskie.ksow.pl/fileadmin/user_upload/wielkopolskie/biuletyn/EuroPROWincja_nr7_net-1.pdf).

A photo gallery of the project is also available at <http://ksow.pl/galeria/ii-letnia-spartakiada-ksow-2012.html>



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## Pictures



Posters presenting the results of completed projects



100 meter sprint competition

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