

Training and networking for LAGs & cooperation

“Activities regarding the provision of training and networking for LAGs and in particular technical assistance for inter-territorial and transnational co-operation, facilitation of co-operation among LAGs and the search of partners” is one of the seven mandatory tasks of National Rural Networks.

Relevant experience and resources identified from the joint work of the ENRD Contact Point and National Rural Networks during the 2014-2020 period are listed below (from 2014 onwards).

Title of resource	Source	Type of resource	MS	Date	Summary	Link
'Provision of training and network activities for LAGs' chapter of 'NRN Guidebook - Networks in transition'	ENRD archive website	Reports & Guidance	All	1/07/2014	Chapter 3.3 of the NRN Guidebook focuses on provision of training and network activities for Local Action Groups	http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/enrd-static/app_templates/enrd_assets/pdf/guidebook/3.3.pdf
'Technical assistance for TNC and ITTC' chapter of 'NRN Guidebook - Networks in transition'	ENRD archive website	Reports & Guidance	All	1/07/2014	Chapter 3.6 of the NRN Guidebook focuses on Technical assistance for Transnational Cooperation (TNC) and inter-territorial cooperation (ITTC)	http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/enrd-static/app_templates/enrd_assets/pdf/guidebook/3.6.pdf
Hopes for transnational co-operation projects 2014-2020 (Finland)	Rural Connections - Spring 2015, page 14	Article	FI	1/04/2015	An article from Juha-Matti Markkola (Finnish NSU), on building transnational co-operation (TNC) projects outside of LEADER in the new EAFRD regulation for 2014-2020.	https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/uploaded-files/publi-enrd-magazine01-2015-en.pdf

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Special Edition NRNs' Meeting (Milan)	Events webpage	Event	All	24/09/2015	The main objective of the NRN meeting was to strengthen the capacity of Network Support Units (NSUs) & NRNs to provide support and guidance to LEADER/CLLD stakeholders through exchange of experience among managing authorities (MAs), NRNs and Local Action Groups (LAGs).	https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/en/en-rd-events-and-meetings/special-edition-nrn-meeting-20150924
LEADER/CLLD Conference on Cooperation (Milan)	Events webpage	Event	All	25/09/2015	The ENRD Contact Point and DG AGRI organised a LEADER/CLLD conference on 'Strengthening Local Development through Cooperation'. The main objective of the conference was to exchange on how to support inter-territorial and transnational cooperation (TNC) within the EU and with third countries (including networking examples).	https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/en/en-rd-events-and-meetings/leader-clld-conference-cooperation-20150925
LEADER/CLLD cooperation events	Rural Connections - Autumn 2015, page 6	Rural Connections - Autumn 2015	ALL	1/10/2015	Article on two events organised by the ENRD Contact Point and DG AGRI at the Expo Milano 2015. The two events were focused on supporting LEADER/CLLD implementation and cooperation.	https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/publi-enrd-magazine03-2015-en.pdf
Rural-Fisheries connections	Rural Connections - Autumn 2015, page 20	Article	All	1/10/2015	An article by Monica Veronesi Burch (FARNET) on the high for Fisheries Local Action Groups (FLAGS) to be increasingly active in fostering local development around Europe.	https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/publi-enrd-magazine03-2015-en.pdf

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Transnational Cooperation Fair Estonia	Rural Connections – Autumn 2016, page 32	Article	EE	01/10/2016	This article is about the LEADER Fair for Transnational Cooperation (TNC) organised by the Estonian Rural Network on 24-26 August 2016. It was attended by 125 foreign and 85 Estonian participants who explored inspiration and possible partners for new TNC projects	http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/publi-enrd-magazine05-2016-en_0.pdf
Learning Networks for LAGs (Flanders)	Good practice webpage	Good practice	BE - F	31/10/2015	The Flemish NSU has arranged a series of Learning Networks for LAGs focussing on specific themes. The learning networks aimed to support the exchange of information and improving LEADER and CLLD implementation.	https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/gp_web_template_be_Infl.pdf
ENRD Workshop on 'Umbrella Projects in LEADER/CLLD'	Events webpage	Event	All	15/02/2016	This workshop on 'Umbrella Projects in LEADER/CLLD' was organised in response to a request from a group of Managing Authorities (MAs) from Austria, Germany, Luxembourg and Sweden who are already working on LEADER/CLLD. The aim was to provide a platform for exchange on the opportunities and challenges of umbrella projects.	https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/en/en-rd-events-and-meetings/Umbrella-projects-workshop_20160215
Mapping report on NRN support for LEADER/CLLD	Networking webpage	Reports & Guidance	All	31/03/2016	The 2nd NRN Mapping Report on supporting LEADER/CLLD focuses on key activities of NRNs and NSUs in support of the implementation of LEADER/CLLD.	http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/nsu-survey_leader_march2016_final.pdf

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Mapping report on NRR support for LEADER/CLLD	Networking webpage	Reports & Guidance	All	31/03/2016	The 2nd NRR Mapping Report on supporting LEADER/CLLD focuses on key activities of NRRs and NSUs in support of the implementation of LEADER/CLLD.	http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/nsu-survey_leader_march2016_final.pdf
LEADER training in Wallonia	Rural Connections - Spring 2016, page 21	Article	BE-W	1/04/2016	Article by Xavier Delmon from the Walloon NSU on launching a new method for training LAG managers in its territory. The method used a participatory process to define the knowledge and skills required by LAG managers and provides them with a self-assessment tool to identify their training needs.	https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/publi-enrd-magazine04-2016-en.pdf
Harmonising LEADER cooperation across RDPs (Spain)	Rural Connections - Spring 2016, page 36	Article	ES	1/04/2016	Interview with Lucia Martinez from the Spanish NSU on supporting the Spanish regions in developing exchange of information and harmonisation of processes to enable more cooperation projects across regional borders.	https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/publi-enrd-magazine04-2016-en.pdf
Harmonising LEADER cooperation across RDPs (Scotland)	Rural Connections - Spring 2016, page 37	Article	UK	1/04/2016	Interview with Alistair Prior from the Scottish NSU, actively involved in discussions with counterparts in England, Northern Ireland, Wales and Ireland to build relationships and develop harmonised processes to facilitate LEADER cooperation across the RDPs.	https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/publi-enrd-magazine04-2016-en.pdf
Participatory training for LEADER and community development actors	Good practice webpage	Good practice	BE - W	15/04/2016	The Walloon National Rural Network developed a new type of participatory training specifically targeted at bottom-up development actors such as Local Action Group managers.	https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/gp_be_training_for_lags_web.pdf

