

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

- The Czech NRN maintains a multiannual Action Plan. Annual working plans, discussed with the Coordination Committee (CC) of the NRN and approved by the Managing Authority director, fulfill the multiannual plan.
- The current AWP has been approved on 19th of January 2012 (discussion with CC on 11 January 2012).
- The main priorities of the current AWP are:
  - Collect and disseminate information on the development of rural areas and best practices.
  - Connect rural development actors, so as to better implement the RDP.
  - Ensure the publicity of RDP.
- The NRN activities typically used to implement these priorities are: meetings, workshops, dissemination of good practice, presentation on individual events, web sites and newsletter.



## 2. Thematic Initiatives launched by the Network

### • Status info and plans about continued thematic initiatives

- As new thematic issues the rural network is planning to address: RDP publicity, land improvement, best practice in RDP, new programming period, regional foods and ecological farming.
- The network launched four regional thematic working groups operating at NUTS 3 level. These groups deal with issues concerning water management, aridity, soil erosion etc. Members of the groups meet twice a year to share their experience and the results of their work. On the regional level, they organize meetings on a regular basis and discuss up-to-date issues.

### • Issues addressed by the events:

- RDP publicity,
- Land improvement,
- Best practice in RDP,
- Regional foods.

### • Issues addressed by committees/steering groups:

- Land improvement,
- Leader axis,
- DP publicity,
- Regional Thematic working groups on aridity,
- Water management and drought.

### • Issues subject of surveys/consultation/analysis:

- Land improvement,
- Soil erosion.

### • Information about thematic initiatives available on:

- Thematic working groups: <http://eagri.cz/public/web/mze/venkov/tematicke-pracovni-skupiny/>
- Events on national level: <http://eagri.cz/public/web/mze/venkov/narodni-uroven-csv/pripravovane-akce/>
- Events on regional level: <http://eagri.cz/public/web/mze/venkov/krajske-a-regionalni-site/>

## 2.1 LEADER-related activities

- A staff of 3 people responsible for LEADER in MA is dedicated to the support of LAGs.
- The NSU organises meetings between LAGs with the aim of sharing best practice. The MA and Paying Agency in addition organize training on newly launched measures and new conditions under LEADER Axis.
- Information about these events is available on: <http://eagri.cz/public/web/mze/venkov/>.
- Guidelines and other supporting documents are provided. In specific the MA provides documents clarifying the subsidies application rules under LEADER measures and the PA provides methodological.
- Guidelines and other supporting documents are available on: <http://eagri.cz/public/web/mze/venkov/program-rozvoje-venkova/opatreni-osy-iv/>.
- LEADER implementation is supported also through a thematic working group on LEADER amendments of rules for subsidies under LEADER measures.
- The NSU supports inter-regional and transnational cooperation by providing information on cooperation projects/offers. Information is communicated by e-mails and through the web sites (<http://eagri.cz/public/web/mze/venkov/mistni-akcni-skupiny/nabidky-mezinarodni-spoluprace/>).
- The NSU organizes many regional and interregional activities (meetings, seminars, field trips etc.) and every year in May it also organizes a LEADER fair called LEADERFest. Every year in August an international agricultural fair is organized in cooperation with the Czech National network of LAGs. During the event the LAGs can present their activities.
- Information about the event is available on: <http://eagri.cz/public/web/mze/venkov/mistni-akcni-skupiny/aktuality/>.
- Other support documents are provided. Rules for measure "Cooperation projects" under RDP prepared in cooperation with TWG LEADER are available on <http://eagri.cz/public/web/mze/venkov/program-rozvoje-venkova/opatreni-osy-iv/realizace-projektu-spoluprace/>.

## 3. Relevant Experiences/Good Practices

### • Identification of EAFRD-funded projects representing relevant experience:

- The NRN's partners, the NSU regional officers and the employees of MA and PA identify best practice projects. All suggested projects are checked by MA and PA representatives if they fulfill all criteria.

### • Communication and dissemination of relevant experience:

- Good practices are disseminated through presentations on fairs (agricultural fair, fair focused on tourism), brochures on best practice projects in Czech and English, calendar for 2013, articles in NRN newsletter, information on websites, field trips, seminars and conferences, database of video on web sites, brochures on regional level.
- Relevant experiences/good practices are available on:
  - Newsletter: <http://eagri.cz/public/web/mze/venkov/periodikum-venkov/>
  - Database of videos: <http://eagri.cz/public/web/mze/venkov/uspesne-projekty-prv/databaze-vidoi-a-reportazi-o-cinnosti-1/>
  - Database of best practice projects: <http://eagri.cz/public/web/mze/venkov/uspesne-projekty-prv/fotogalerie-projektu/>

## 4. Monitoring and evaluation of networking

- The NRN was evaluated as part of the RDP Mid-Term Evaluation.
- The network assesses the efficiency of each prepared activity (in the time of preparing the AWR and in time of realization as well). The network creates minutes from each activity (seminar, conference, field trip etc.). The evaluation of results of this activity is a part of the minutes.
- The network assesses the fulfilment of AWP on a quarterly basis – periodical update of planned activities, focus on plan fulfilment etc.
- Qualitative/result-oriented assessments are prepared through the evaluation of the activities minutes.

## 5. Communication

- The rural network has an RDP communication plan which is part of the RDP Programming document: <http://eagri.cz/public/web/mze/venkov/program-rozvoje-venkova/programove-dokumenty/program-rozvoje-venkova-cr-3.html>
- The communication tools mostly used by the network include:
  - Website,
  - Newsletter (every 2 month – provided in electronic and paper version).

## 6. Documents

- Newsletter: <http://eagri.cz/public/web/mze/venkov/periodikum-venkov/>
- Database of videos: <http://eagri.cz/public/web/mze/venkov/uspesne-projekty-prv/databaze-videi-a-reportazi-o-cinnosti-1/>
- Database of best practice projects: <http://eagri.cz/public/web/mze/venkov/uspesne-projekty-prv/fotogalerie-projektu/>
- Other information materials: <http://eagri.cz/public/web/mze/venkov/publikace-a-dokumenty/dalsi-publikace-a-dokumenty/>
- Study on water management: <http://eagri.cz/public/web/mze/venkov/tematicke-pracovni-skupiny/pracovni-skupina-vliv-cinnosti-cloveka/vystupy-z-tps/studie-vliv-cinnosti-cloveka-na-krajinu.html>
- RDP: <http://eagri.cz/public/web/mze/venkov/program-rozvoje-venkova/programove-dokumenty/program-rozvoje-venkova-cr-3.html>
- NSP: <http://eagri.cz/public/web/mze/venkov/program-rozvoje-venkova/programove-dokumenty/narodni-strategicky-plan-2007-2013.html>