

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

- The National Rural and Fisheries Network and the Network Unit have an overall multi-annual action plan for the years 2007-13. The action plan is followed by annual work sheets which depending on the events can change during the year. Every year priorities are given to one or two themes such as business development, rural tourism, communication of best practice etc. Some activities, as the Annual meetings for board members and managers, are included in the action plan and will be repeated every year. Coordination, information meetings and training activities are on-going activities. Other activities and events are developed during the year in order to adapt the network activities to the current situation, to the challenges and the emerging needs for local support.
- The Network doesn't have a formal approval date for the annual work programme: in order to have a higher flexibility to react to the territorial needs the programme development is kept as an on-going process. However, each individual activity is formally approved.
- The main priorities for years 2011 and 2012 include business development, job creation and support for the transition to the next programming period.
- The activities implementing the above mentioned priorities are: annual meetings, workshops and presentations, network meetings, thematic seminars, diffusion of best practices, trainings, communication with stakeholders, newsletter and website management.
- Information about the annual activities is available in Danish on <http://www.livogland.dk/lokale-aktionsgrupper/info-lokale-aktionsgrupper>.



2. Thematic Initiatives launched by the Network

• Status info and plans about continued thematic initiatives

- As explained in paragraph 1, the plan for 2013 includes activities regarding business development, job creation and support activities for the transition to the new programming period. The support activities for the new regulations implementation are new thematic issues for the network.

• Issues addressed by the events:

- Communication and best practices dissemination.

• Issues addressed by working groups:

- Training and workshop activities regarding the preparation of new programmes for the years after 2013.

• Issues addressed by committees/steering groups:

- The only formal group is the monitoring committee and the coordination committee established by the chairmen of the local LAG boards. The monitoring committee has a strong focus on the overall implementation of the programme and the economy. The coordination committee, established by the chairmen of the local LAG boards, deals with administrative and political issues of great importance for LAGs.

• Issues subject of surveys/consultation/analysis:

- Several reports /analysis about issues relevant for the new programming period as LEADER added value, the designation of rural areas and the best practices, have been elaborated and are still in preparation.

- **Issues addressed in other ways:**

- Production of videos on LAG projects,
- LAG project presentations during the open day event on the 'culture Night in Copenhagen',
- Debates on urban and rural development issues and communication stand arranged and hosted by the Ministry of Housing, Urban and Rural affairs during the annual political festival on the island on Bornholm. The event is organized by the NSU.

- **Information about thematic initiatives available on:**

www.livogland.dk

2.1 LEADER-related activities

- The NSU staff work is dedicated to LAG support.
- The NSU/MA/other organises training and events for LAGs.
- Information about trainings and event is available on:
 - <http://www.livogland.dk/lokale-aktionsgrupper/info-lokale-aktionsgrupper>
 - Monthly newsletter 'NetværksInfo': <http://www.livogland.dk/lokale-aktionsgrupper/info-lokale-aktionsgrupper/netvaerksinfo>
- The NSU/MA/other provide guidelines and other supporting documents.
- Support documents are available on: <http://www.livogland.dk/lokale-aktionsgrupper>.
- The NSU support Leader implementation also by managing a telephone hotline open 5 days a week. NSU also holds an email account, which is used for written Q&A, information and to schedule meetings.
- The NSU/MA/other staff support inter-regional and transnational cooperation: monetary resources are allocated to support and promote cross border LAG cooperation. Guidelines and cooperation offers from LAGs in other countries are sent to the national LAGs.
- The NSU/MA/other plan cooperation fairs, LAG visits abroad and other events: several communication days and open day events have been carried out in 2012 and will be included in the 2013 work plan as well.
- Information about the events is available on:
 - Open day event: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7O7Kro6q0-o>.
 - Rural parliament/political festival:
 - » www.folkemoedet.dk,
 - » <http://www.bornholm.info/peoples-meeting-on-bornholm?language=en>
- The NSU/MA/other support the partner search, the exchange of information and the cooperation by the use of a Newsletter.
- The newsletter is available on: <http://www.livogland.dk/lokale-aktionsgrupper/info-lokale-aktionsgrupper/netvaerksinfo>
- Ad hoc support, contact information and study visits are examples of other ways of support for cooperation.

3. Relevant Experiences/Good Practices

- **Identification of EAFRD-funded projects representing relevant experience:**

- The NSU calls on LAGs to submit best practices of EAFRD funded projects. The NSU then identifies the most relevant projects among the submitted projects.

- **Communication and dissemination of relevant experience:**

- The NSU have recently established a new homepage in order to disseminate projects best practices, knowledge about projects, development strategies, scientific articles about rural development etc. A thematic magazine is in process.
- Relevant experiences/good practices are available on: www.livogland.dk

4. Monitoring and evaluation of networking

- The Network doesn't assess rural network performance through RDP evaluation or through formal evaluation but ad hoc evaluations are run for individual activities.
- Quantitative assessment comparing output units with target indicators are produced. The action plan for the National Rural Network includes some quantitative output indicators for different types or levels of networking:
 - Information, knowledge and capacity building at project level for (potential) beneficiaries,
 - Production and multifunction network, which means activities on specific themes in order to improve business development (new technologies, products, organisations, diversification and multi-functionality, for example seminar on rural tourism
 - Knowledge and capacity building for local action groups (training, seminars, hotline, meetings, newsletter, website, handbooks etc.).
- Qualitative/result-oriented assessment reviewing feedback of network constituents, results and future planned activities of the rural network are discussed with the local partners during meetings.
- The midterm evaluation of the rural development programme including an evaluation of the rural network unit is available on: http://2.naturerhverv.fvm.dk/Files/Filer/Publikationer/Landdistrikter/2011/Leader_og_Netvaerkscentret.pdf

5. Communication

- The network doesn't have a communication plan: communication activities are included in the action plan for the rural network or developed during the programme period.
- The network has an RDP communication plan available on: <http://naturerhverv.fvm.dk/Admin/Public/DWSDownload.aspx?File=%2fFiles%2fFiler%2fLandbrug%2fLanddistrikter%2fRevision+of+Danish+RDP+2007-2013+amended+by+notification+of+22+Dec+2011.pdf> (See chapter 13 in the revised OP).
- The website and the Newsletter (monthly published) are the communication tools mostly used.

6. Cooperation interest of the Rural Network

- The cooperation interest are based on cooperation offers from LAG's in other Member states or related to cooperation projects based on initiatives from the individual LAG's e.g. project where common culture or history is used as a concept for a cooperation project.

7. Documents

• Websites:

- New rural development website (launched 28 October 2012): www.livogland.dk
- Website for communication projects (national EU funds communication event for youth) including fact sheets about EU and EU funds (each local action group has a website): <http://www.ebst.dk/blivklogpaaefonde.dk/forside/0/2>
- Video from communication project during the LAG-Svendborg Open day: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7O7Kro6q0-o>

• Brochure

- <http://www.livogland.dk/inspirationsbase/litteratur/informationsfoldere/lokale-kraefter-aktion>

• Best Practice

- http://issuu.com/foedevareministeriet/docs/lag_magasin_web_enkeltsider?mode=embed&layout=http%3A%2F%2Fskin.issuu.com%2Fv%2Fflight%2Flayout.xml&showFlipBtn=true
- <http://www.livogland.dk/inspirationsbase/litteratur/rapporter/mervaerdien-leader>

- **Application and payment (forms and guidelines) for all the support schemes**
 - <http://www.livogland.dk/lokale-aktionsgrupper/soeg-tilskud/ansoegningsskemaer-vejledninger>
- **Management of local action groups**
 - <http://www.livogland.dk/lokale-aktionsgrupper/info-lokale-aktionsgrupper>
- **Latest version of the NSP and RDP available on:**
 - <http://naturerhverv.fvm.dk/landdistrikter.aspx?ID=46795>