

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

- The network maintains a multi-annual programme e.g. at the moment the network has a two year -annual Action Plan for the years 2012-2013.
- The Action Plan for 2012-2013 was accepted on 28th November 2011 with an amendment to the Action Plan of the General Secretariat which was accepted on 6th July 2012.



1.1 Priorities of the current AWP:

- Strengthening efficiency of tasks implementation by local action groups (LAG) including stimulation of rural community, building and implementation of local development strategies.
- Promotion of entrepreneurship in rural areas and common forms of economic activity.
- Support for development of rural tourism, including agro tourism, promotion of traditional and local product and high quality food.
- Promotion of sustainable development in rural areas and territorial integrity.
- Support for activities for the benefit of preservation and protection of rural areas tradition, cultural heritage and landscape.
- Future of the Common Agricultural Policy and its second pillar in rural areas development after 2013.

1.2 NRN's activities implementing the above mentioned priorities

- Identification and analysis of good practices in rural development that can be transferred and transmission of information thereon;
- transfer of good practices, innovative projects and organization of the exchange of experiences and know-how;
- preparation of training programmes for LAGs under creation, including the exchange of experiences between Local Action Groups;
- network management;
- technical assistance for inter-regional and trans-national cooperation;
- support for inter-institutional cooperation, including international cooperation;
- exchange of knowledge and evaluation of rural development policy.
- The current AWP is available on: <http://ksow.pl/ksow/plan-dzialania.html>.

2. Thematic Initiatives launched by the Network

- **New thematic issues that the network is planning to address:**
 - Innovation, transfer knowledge, education
- **Status info and plans about continued thematic initiatives:**
 - Sustainable development of rural areas (3 meetings), LEADER (9 meetings), Youth in rural areas (1 meeting)
- **Issues addressed by the events:**
 - The events try to address all the issues identified in the priorities.
- **Issues addressed by working groups:**
 - Sustainable development of rural areas, LEADER, Youth in rural areas

- **Issues addressed by committees/steering groups:**

- Networking projects, issues relating to priorities

- **Issues subject of surveys/consultation/analysis:**

- Role of the rural extension services, questionnaire on youth in rural areas, chances and obstacles for rural development in regional aspect

- **Thematic issues addressed in other ways:**

- Training, publication, conferences.

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

- <http://ksow.pl/ksow/grupa-robocza-ds-ksow.html> .

2.1 LEADER-related activities

- The NSU/MA has staff dedicated to LAG support who organize trainings and events for LAGs.
- Information about these events is available on: <http://ksow.pl/> .
- The NSU/MA provides guidelines and other supporting documents.
- Supporting documents are available on: <http://ksow.pl/leader.html> .
- Within the NRN's Action Plan other forms of support to LEADER implementation are included.
- The NSU/MA staff support inter-regional and transnational cooperation by promoting transnational projects and disseminating cooperation offers.
- The NRN's Action Plan also includes plans for cooperation fairs, LAG visits abroad and other events.
- Information about these events is available on: <http://ksow.pl/>.
- Support documents are available on: <http://ksow.pl/leader/projekty-wspolpracy.html> .

3. Relevant Experiences/Good Practices

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

- The NRN identifies relevant experiences through a apposite competition, from the Implementing Institution, from NRN partners, through the maintenance of its data base for good practices, through the NRN Bulletin and Direct cooperation with beneficiaries
- The network disseminates the relevant experiences through its website, through the NRN Bulletin, through publication, conferences and through direct contact by email.
- Relevant experiences/good practices are available on: <http://ksow.pl/baza-dobrych-praktyk.html> and <http://ksow.pl/dzialania-sc-ksow.html> .

4. Monitoring and evaluation of networking

- The rural network assesses its performance through RDP evaluation. The network implements also other self-assessment activities such as:
 - Monitoring of expenditures,
 - Audit of portal KSOW www.ksow.gov.pl – specification and modernization of portal KSOW,
 - Research "Evaluation of functioning of National Rural Network in Poland as compared to some European Union Members States",
 - Reports of the Action Plan implementation.

- The network implements quantitative assessment comparing output units with target indicators. The indicators are: number of network participants at local, regional and national levels; number of users of Network portal; numbers of entries to thematic links of the Network site; number of participants of trainings, seminars, conferences; number of trainings, conferences and seminars delivered; number of publications; the number of distributed publications; number of thematic groups; number of meetings of thematic groups; number of projects, broken up by the topics (projects which serve identification and transfer of good practises, innovation, agri-tourism and rural tourism).
- The network doesn't implement qualitative assessment but it is planning it for the future.
- Self-assessment/evaluation reports are available on:
 - <http://ksow.pl/analizy-i-ekspertyzy.html>;
 - http://ksow.pl/fileadmin/user_upload/ksow.pl/pliki/doc_KSOW/dokumenty_kwiecien/Sprawozdanie_z_realizacji_Planu_dzia%C5%82ania_KSOW_na_lata_2010-2011.pdf

5. Communication

- The rural network doesn't have a communication but a communication plan is included in the RDP. The plan is available on: <http://www.minrol.gov.pl/pol/Wsparcie-rolnictwa-i-rybolowstwa/PROW-2007-2013/Dzialania-informacyjne-PROW>
- The communication tools mostly used by the networks are: website, NRN Bulletin, publications, articles and press information and media patronage.

6. Cooperation interests of the Rural Network

- Fields in which the network seeks or offers cooperation with other rural networks:
- Agri-tourism, entrepreneurship development and youth in rural areas.

7. Documents

- List of your publications, info materials, videos, etc:
 - NRN Bulletins KSOW (4 issues per year)-Winter, Spring, Summer, Autumn: <http://ksow.pl/biuletyn-ksow.html>;
 - Different activities realized within Action Plan: <http://ksow.pl/dzialania-sc-ksow/publikacje.html>
- Latest version of the NSP and RDP available on: <http://www.minrol.gov.pl/pol/Wsparcie-rolnictwa-i-rybolowstwa/PROW-2007-2013/Dokumenty-analzy-raporty> .