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Supporting LAGs to develop inter-territorial and transnational projects

Story name: LEADER Cooperation – State of play and perspectives for the future

Basic information	
NRN:	Portuguese
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Partners:	PT NRN and Minha Terra network
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Background to the inter-territorial and/or transnational cooperation support activities

One of the priorities of the Portuguese NRN is to facilitate cooperation, mainly through inter-territorial and transnational cooperation activities. Although Portuguese LAGs are very familiar with each other, in order to have new ideas for future cooperation projects, LAGs often need information on the cooperation activities run by other LAGs. According to this need assessment the Portuguese NRN decided to organise an exhibition about the inter-territorial and transnational cooperation projects that in this programming period have been supported. The exhibition was delivered within a seminar entitled 'LEADER Cooperation – State of Play and Perspectives for the Future'.



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Purpose and description of the inter-territorial and/or transnational cooperation support activities

The aim of the seminar was to explore LEADER cooperation activities funded during this programming period and identify 'what went well', 'what could be improved', lessons learned and suggestions for the future. The speakers were representatives of DG AGRI and the Managing Authority, a rural development expert and three LAGs. The exhibition enabled LAGs to share each other's co-operation project experiences through animated posters with the aim of inspiring and making LAGs reflecting on future possibilities for trans-national and inter-territorial cooperation.

Who benefited from the activities and how

The LAGs were the most important beneficiaries of this activity as it was established to enable them to share experiences and feel inspired when considering future co-operation examples.

Main results of the inter-territorial and/or transnational cooperation support activities & added value of the chosen delivery approach

The exhibition enabled LAGs to share cooperation project experiences and inspire LAGs to think more about the projects and partners they might like to develop in the future.

The Integrated European Cooperation Guide (translated into Portuguese) and the publication 'LEADER Cooperation - evaluation, monitoring' and the Factsheet of cooperation projects exhibited were also distributed to all participants.

Success factors and challenges

This initiative was successful as it enabled LAGs to share real experiences about developing and delivering co-operation projects, to discuss what aspects were effective and to explore important lessons learnt. As a result LAGs could reflect about future cooperation projects and could provide honest and useful feedback to the LAGs exhibiting their Cooperation projects.

Description of NSU and other partners contribution

This activity was developed by the Portuguese NRN in partnership with Minha Terra network, with the collaboration of LAGs, Ministry of Agriculture (Regional Directorate of Agriculture and Fisheries – focal point of NRN - Regional NSU).



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Additional information and useful resources

The exhibition cooperation posters are available at:

www.rederural.pt – Centro de Recursos – Cooperação – 2013 - Seminário "Cooperação LEADER – Balanço e Perspetivas de Futuro" – Cartazes dos Projetos de Cooperação LEADER 2007-2013 (pdf)

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