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in Luxembourg



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LEADER in Luxembourg

What is LEADER?

LEADER is an initiative of the European Union and stands for **„Liaison Entre Actions de Développement de l’Economie Rurale“**.

As the name suggests, LEADER shall build up links between projects and economic stakeholders in rural areas.

Its aim is to mobilize people in rural areas and help them to realize their development vision and to test out new ways.

Local Action Groups (LAGs) are the beneficiaries of LEADER. They bring together public (municipalities) and private partners from various socio-economic sectors. LAGs are responsible for setting up and implementing regional development concepts by using the bottom-up approach.

Historical background

The current LEADER programme, included in RDP 2007-2013, and its five LAGs represent the fourth generation. Whereas LEADER I (1991-1993) and LEADER II (1994-1999) gave financial support to one and two regions respectively, LEADER+ programming period (2000-2006) supported four regions: Redange-Wiltz, Clervaux-Vianden, Mullerthal and the Luxembourgish Moselle (“Lëtzebuenger Musel”). In addition to this, the Eisch Valley (“Äischdall”) was promoted with national funds.

Since its implementation in 1991 in Luxembourg, LEADER has developed into a substantial part of the regional and national rural development policy. This initiative helped to implement almost 300 innovative projects. Many people in rural areas were involved in LEADER-projects and have experienced its benefits.

What does LEADER achieve?

- LEADER
- supports people and the economy
 - creates jobs
 - enriches culture and society
 - stimulates individual potential
 - encourages cooperation
 - unites people wanting to make a commitment
 - allows realization of innovative ideas
 - promotes the exchange of experience and know-how
 - connects people within all of Europe
 - mobilizes the rural areas in Europe

LEADER 2007-2013

During the current programming period 2007-2013, the former Community initiative LEADER is being continued as the fourth axis of the national Rural Development Programme (RDP). LEADER represents a method which is primarily destined to improve the quality of life in rural areas and to diversify the rural economy. Above all, it shall support transnational projects more effectively.

Handling funds of LEADER projects

The initial contact for the implementation of regional projects are the LEADER offices of the LAGs. Here, the local players are associated around collective project ideas and they are given advice and counseling. On the regional basis, the LAG board, where every partner is represented, decides which projects should be financially supported. The Ministry of Agriculture, Wine-Growing and Rural Development grants the final authorization of a LEADER project.

LEADER 2007-2013



Measures supported by LEADER

LEADER supports three different measures:

Measure 1: Implementation of regional projects within scope of the LAG
Co-financing: 67%

Measure 2: Implementation of inter-territorial and/or transnational cooperation projects among LAGs
Co-financing: 73% respectively 79%

Measure 3: LAG management
Co-financing: 64%

Total budget for LEADER 2007-2013: 13,7 millions of euros

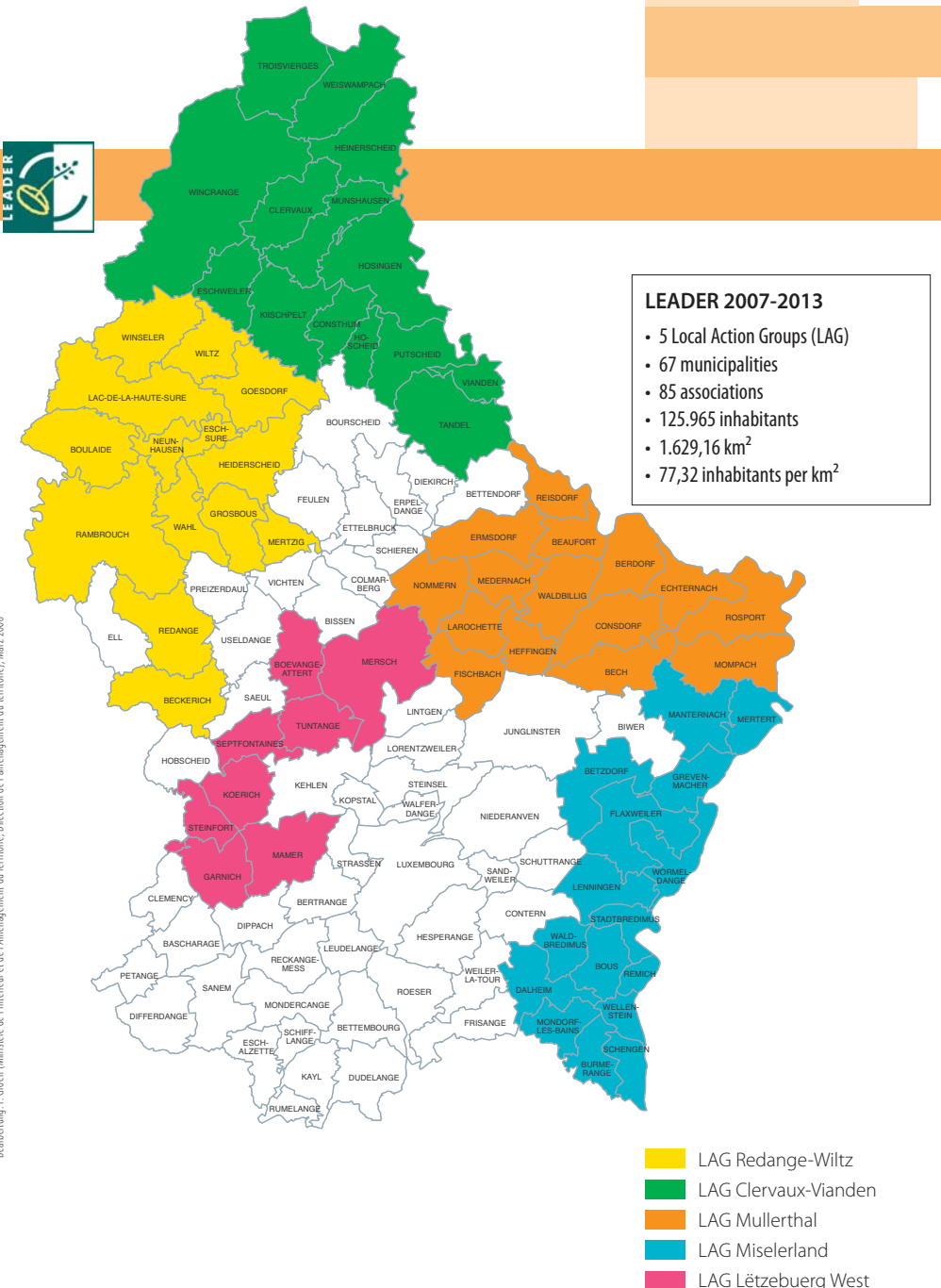
which are being financed by the European Union (EAFRD - European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development), the Ministry of Agriculture, Wine-Growing and Rural Development, the municipalities and private bodies.

LEADER projects have to meet the following criteria:

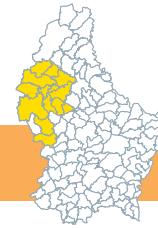
- be located within a LEADER region
- be consistent with the local development strategy
- contribute to the realization of an objective set by a LEADER measure
- be innovative
- bring about a partnership on a regional, inter-territorial or transnational level
- be primarily investments with "software" characteristics
- lead to a self-sustaining project even after the end of the co-financing period
- be transferable to other regions
- involve at least 2 LAGs in case of cooperation projects

Find more information on www.leader.lu as well as on the websites of the LAGs which will be introduced on the next pages.

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Local Action Group Redange-Wiltz



Population: 22.528
Area: 401,49 km²
Population density: 56,11 inhab. per km²
Members: 30

of which 14 municipalities and 16 associations covering the following fields: young people, women, agriculture, forestry, social life, culture and tourism.



European Sculptures' Route of Peace - Sculpture in Boulaide



Upper Sûre Lake

Profile of the region:

This region is located in the northwestern part of Luxembourg and is well known for its landscape of rolling hills and valleys, meadows and forests. The Upper Sûre Nature Park is also part of this region, making it one of the most important regions in Luxembourg from the point of view of nature conservation and cultural heritage. The lake serves as a national drinking water reservoir and benefits from high protective measures. Of importance are the varied and harmonious landscapes with their diversity of fauna and flora.

Development Strategy

LEADER Redange-Wiltz

Theme

Life region – quality region Redange-Wiltz

Areas of development

Training

Participation

Integration

Fields of activity

Decentralized training offers, a rural academy considered as a regional learning platform and as a regional trend-setter

Promoting the participative attitude within the municipalities (associations, citizens in general, young people in particular)

Foreigners, newcomers, marginal social groups, elderly people
 → participate and be involved in social life.

Networking, exchange and cooperation in the region
 Value added
 Sustainable use of resources



Radio LNW-Workshop

Project ideas:

- School of Entrepreneurship
- Business cluster in the area of alternative energies
- Forestry "handling license"
- Congress tourism in rural areas
- Regional development for young people
- Assisted living at home
- Regional integration pact

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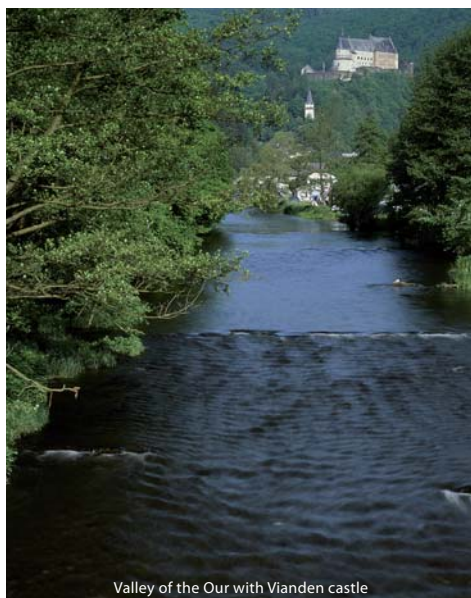
Local Action Group Clervaux-Vianden

Population: 20.217
Area: 474,15 km²
Population density: 42,64 inhab. per km²
Members: 30

of which 2 inter-municipal organizations, 14 municipalities and 14 associations covering the following fields: young people, culture, nature and environment, leisure, job market and employment, training, tourism and social life.

Profile of the region:

The region is located in the northern part of Luxembourg, in the Ardennes. The green plateaus, the woody slopes and the narrow romantic rock valleys, which were dug into the slate by the rivers Our and Clerf, characterize this unique landscape in Luxembourg. The natural assets and the famous castles and ruins make this region one of the most popular excursion centers and resorts for hikers and enthusiasts of nature and culture.



Valley of the Our with Vianden castle



Vianden



Development strategy

LEADER Clervaux-Vianden

Theme

Perspective³

Areas of development

Community

Create the future

Protect heritage

Fields of activity

Social contact point
Promoting integration of new citizens and newcomers
Reinforcing relationships between generations

Creating jobs (in cooperation between companies and schools)
Supporting the existing small and medium size businesses, attract new small and medium size businesses
Developing a tourism strategy
Advanced training and lifelong learning

Setting up a concept and a marketing strategy for regional products and services
Promoting regional traditions and history and natural assets
Developing a strategy for cultural development



Clervaux

Project ideas:

- GIS II (Geographic Information System)
- RESONORD II: social report about the northern region
- PIR II: media competence and network for young people
- Maintenance of orchards
- Rural academy II

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Local Action Group Mullerthal



Schiesentümpel, Mullerthal

Population: 22.898
Area: 310,90 km²
Population density: 73,65 inhab. per km²
Members: 32
 of which 15 municipalities and 17 associations covering the following fields: regional development, tourism, agriculture, forestry, women and young people.

Profile of the region:

The Mullerthal region is located in the eastern part of Luxembourg near the German border. The landscape is characterized by a rich natural and cultural heritage offering a diversity of activities. The region is marked by striking sandstone rock formations which form the foundation of tourism and hiking in the region. The historical mills and castles are distinctive features of the region around Echternach, the eldest city of Luxembourg. Tourism is as important for the regional economy as traditional agriculture.

Beaufort castle



Development strategy LEADER Mullerthal

Theme

Live the Mullerthal region!

Areas of development

Regional products

Leisure, culture and tourism

Training and regional marketing

Fields of activity

Handicraft
 Arts and craft
 Small and medium size businesses
 Agriculture
 Forestry

Leisure
 Culture
 Tourism
 Events
 Gastronomy

Training
 Marketing
 Press relations
 Modern technologies
 Climate Protection



Marketplace in Echternach

Project ideas:

- "Mullerthal Trail" branding: from the product to the profile
- "Mullerthal goes learning": central platform for training offers
- "Quality from Mullerthal": regional products
- Setting up a regional office for social mediation
- Roadside crosses as witnesses of history
- Training for nature guides

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Local Action Group Miselerland



Marvellous vineyards along the Luxembourg Moselle

Population: 34.269
Area: 260,78 km²
Population density: 131,41 inhab. per km²
Members: 42

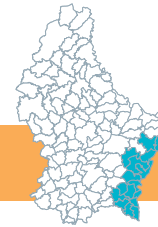
of which 16 municipalities and 26 associations covering the following fields: youth, protection of nature and environment, wine-growing, agriculture, orchards, tourism, gastronomy, welfare and seniors.



Roman theater in Dalheim

Profile of the region:

The wonderful Miselerland is located in the Moselle valley and is famous for its vineyards, rich orchards, meadows and fields, forests, charming villages and localities. In the past 20 years, the population of the Moselle region has increased by an amazing 42%. An agricultural production zone has been transformed into a residential area with a high quality of life combined with rural environment. This is the reason why the Moselle region has made a priority of projects increasing regional integration and cooperation.



Development strategy LEADER Miselerland

Theme

Miselerland, a region with many facets!

Focusing on mankind: promoting the regional integration in combination with the cultural and natural heritage

Areas of development

Living together

Working together

Learning together

Field of activity

Leisure, Young people,
Regional development
Protection of nature and environment
Equal rights
Club activities
Cultural offerings
Communication

Wine-growing
Agriculture and forestry
Tourism
Trade
Handicraft and craft
Energy

School, education and training
Information meetings and debates
Learn and work with the new media



Traditional wine-grower's house

Project ideas:

- Miselerland, what a pleasure! (Improve the regional identity)
- Inter-communal youth action plans
- Setting up regional stores
- Cycling in the Miselerland
- Wine tourism
- Neighbours on the Moselle: transborder cooperation

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Local Action Group Lëtzebuerg West

Population: 26.053
Area: 181,84 km²
Population density: 143,27 inhab. per km²
Members: 21

of which 8 municipalities, one governmental institution, a professional chamber and 11 associations covering the following fields: agriculture, forestry, nature and environment, culture, leisure, tourism, young people, equal rights, job market and employment.

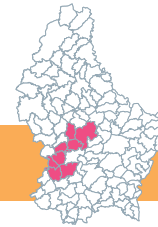


New Ansembourg Castle



Profile of the region:

Even though it is located within proximity of urban centers, the region of the famous seven castles, has managed to maintain its authenticity and its rural character. Situated north-west of Luxembourg-City, sandstone has left its mark on the region. Nature is quite unique around the rivers Mamer, Eisch and Attert, so that many rare plants and animals can be found here. The landscape shows a great diversity: deep valleys contrast with hilly slopes and plateaus of which many are used for agricultural purposes. The region is furthermore reputed for its cultural heritage from all eras of history.



Development strategy LEADER Lëtzebuerg West

Theme		On the way to become a region			
Areas of development		A. Tourism and Leisure	B. Future value: natural and cultural heritage	C. Active villages	D. Together we are strong
Fields of activity	A.1. Regional tourism concept and inventory	B.1. Conserving and maintaining the cultural landscape	C.1. Promoting the local economy	D.1. Public relations and cooperation beyond municipal borders	
	A.2. Creating tourism infrastructure	B.2. Valuing historic sites	C.2. Improving social cohesion	D.2. Reinforcing the regional identity	
	A.3. Public relations and marketing	B.3. Production and marketing of regional products	C.3. Education and communication		



Project ideas:

- Regional tourism development
- Creating a concept for the modern consumption of cultural heritage
- Regional youth forum
- Creating an education and training network
- Regional archives and resource center

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