Leader Subcommittee:
Follow up on Focus Groups and Other Leader Activities

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1. Focus Groups

- **FG 1: Implementation of the bottom up approach**
  - Lead : ELARD & IT NRN
  - 20 MS + 3 NGOs
  - 2+3 meetings

- **FG 2: Preserving the innovation/experimental character of Leader**
  - Lead : DE & NL NRNs
  - 12 MS
  - 2 meetings

- **FG 3: Implementation of the "cooperation" measure**
  - Lead : EE & FI NRNs
  - 13 MS + 1 NGO
  - 2+3 meetings

MS representatives include MA, PA, NRN and LAG level

- Identification of main difficulties / obstacles in the implementation of Leader axis and good practice

- Reflection on possible solutions

- Definition of recommendations for the future.

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- The Focus Groups presented their progress reports to Leader Subcommittee on 20 May 2010

- Their main findings on problems, good practices, possible recommendations were debated

- A number of tentative concluding points emerged, but also more information and further analysis are needed

- Based on the above, an outline of follow up by each of the 3 Focus Groups – up until the next meeting of Leader Subcommittee in November 2010 – can be established

- **Focus Group 1:**
  - Additional information and analysis are required in order to clearly define the problems and solutions
  - In the short-term, address specific issues, such as small scale projects and complex projects
  - In the long term, based on the findings of FG1, develop a framework compatible with the Leader approach for the next programming period.

- **Focus Group 2** - Collect and analyse examples of innovative projects from, as far as possible, all MS, including what is considered innovative and criteria used for selection, with two possible outputs:
  - General guidance points on innovation in Leader
  - Initial database of innovative Leader projects (using "relevant experience" template)

- **Focus Group 3:**

  - Consider possible approaches to solutions for newly identified bottlenecks (mini-survey) witnessed vis-a-vis the implementation of the cooperation measure

  - Review identified practical examples for transfer into case study / guidance material of good administrative and project preparation/implementation practice

- Finalise FG reports

- Contribute to TWG4

- Develop dissemination proposals

- Events for LAGs / Cooperation

- Use and further development of online tools

- Publications and other dissemination activities

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