

Update on activities of the Contact Point as regards Leader



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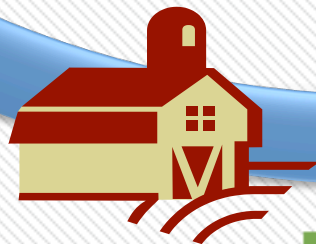
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The ENRD Contact Point



CONNECTING RURAL PEOPLE



Linkages with Leader

- The activities of EN RD and its CP are connecting rural stakeholders throughout EU-27
- EN RD and its CP operate across all 4 axes of rural development policy; thus, much of their activity is of relevance to Leader & LAGs
- Also, recognise the special role and specificities of Leader
- Both general and Leader-specific aspects are reflected in the objectives and structure of this presentation

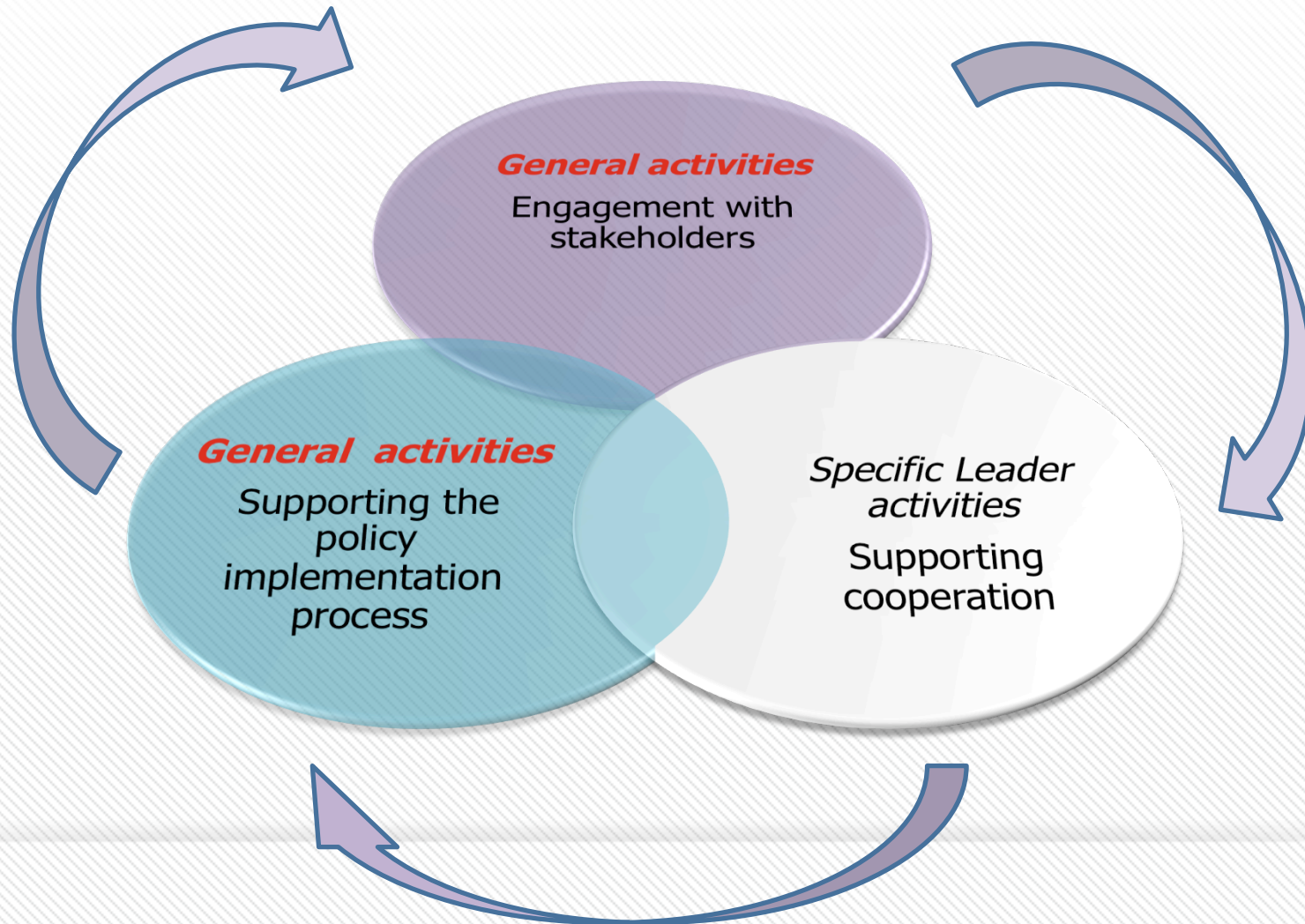
Structure of presentation

Presentation and illustration of EN RD CP activities in Yr 2 as regards Leader

1. EN RD CP general activities of relevance to Leader & LAGs
2. EN RD CP specific activities in support of Leader & LAGs
3. The way ahead

1. EN RD CP general activities of relevance to Leader & LAGs

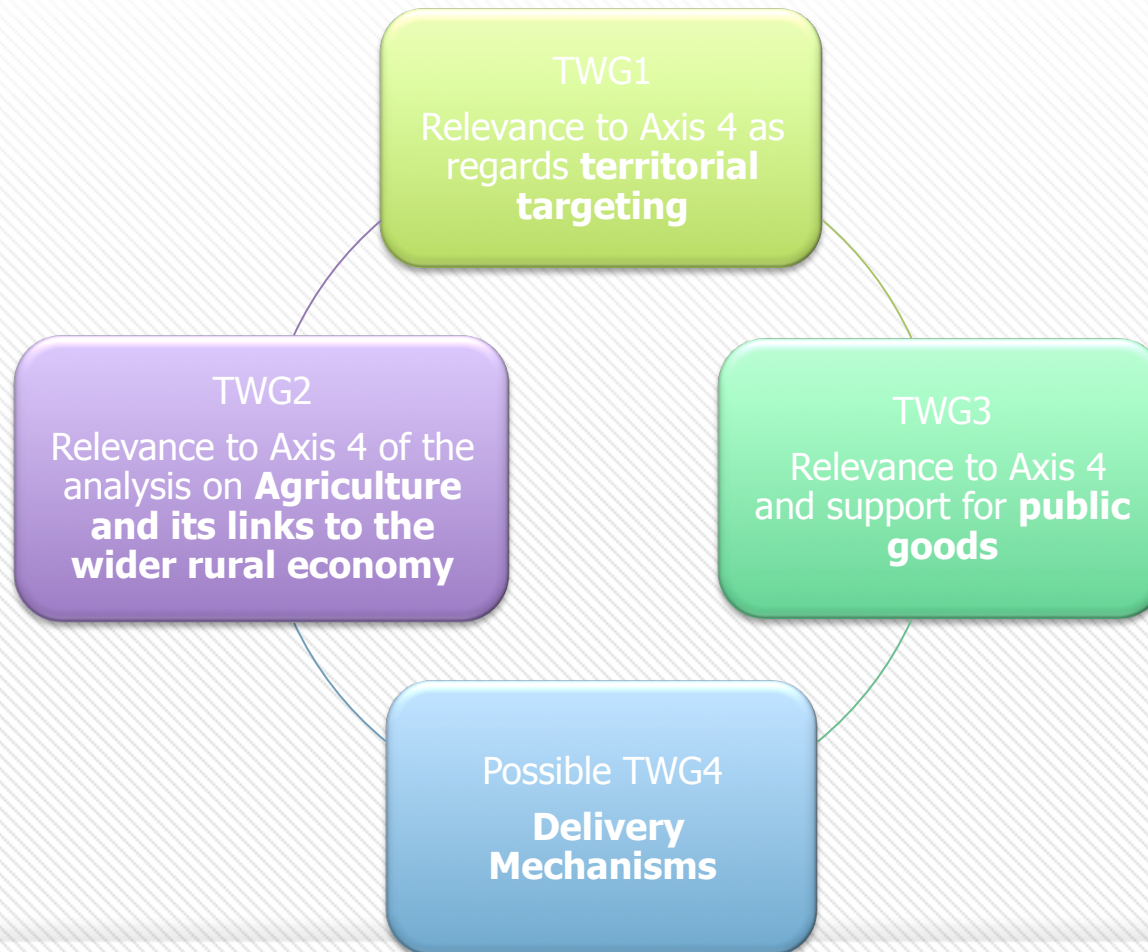
Overview



Supporting the policy implementation process

- **Thematic Working Groups**
 - see illustration next slide
- **RDP analysis and monitoring**
 - Leader results and impact monitoring
- **Other analytical work**
 - Screening of RDPs

Thematic and analytical work of relevance to Leader



Engagement with stakeholders

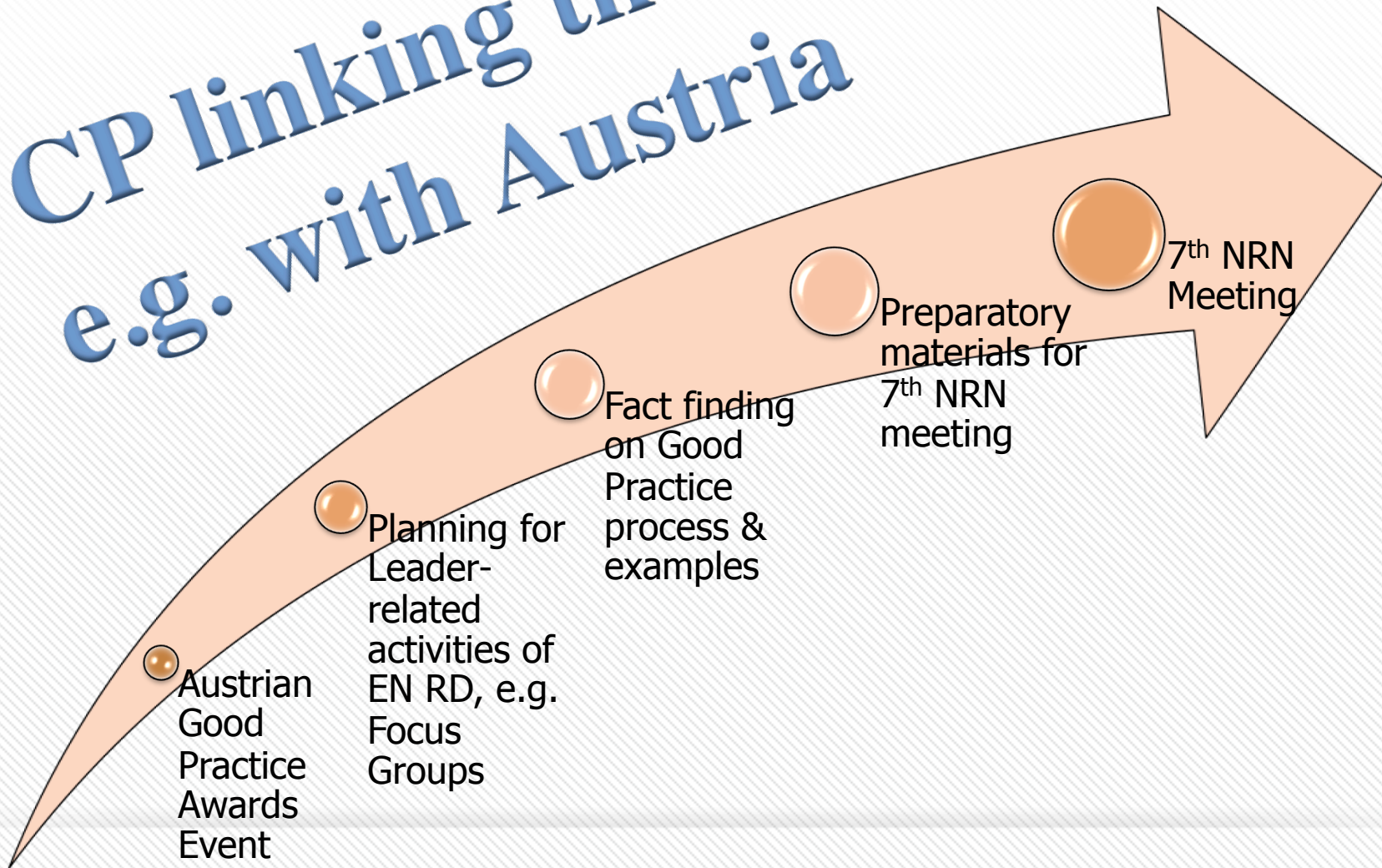
...in particular with NRNs (I)

- **NRN meetings:**
 - 2nd meeting, Prague, Feb 2009: networking and axes 1 & 2 stakeholders
 - 6th meeting, Budapest, Sept 2009: links between Leader and Axes 1 & 2
- **NRN Thematic initiatives of relevance to Leader:**
 - e.g Social farming, Rural Entrepreneurship
- **Fact finding missions:**
 - Malta, Portugal, Austria, Ireland, Italy

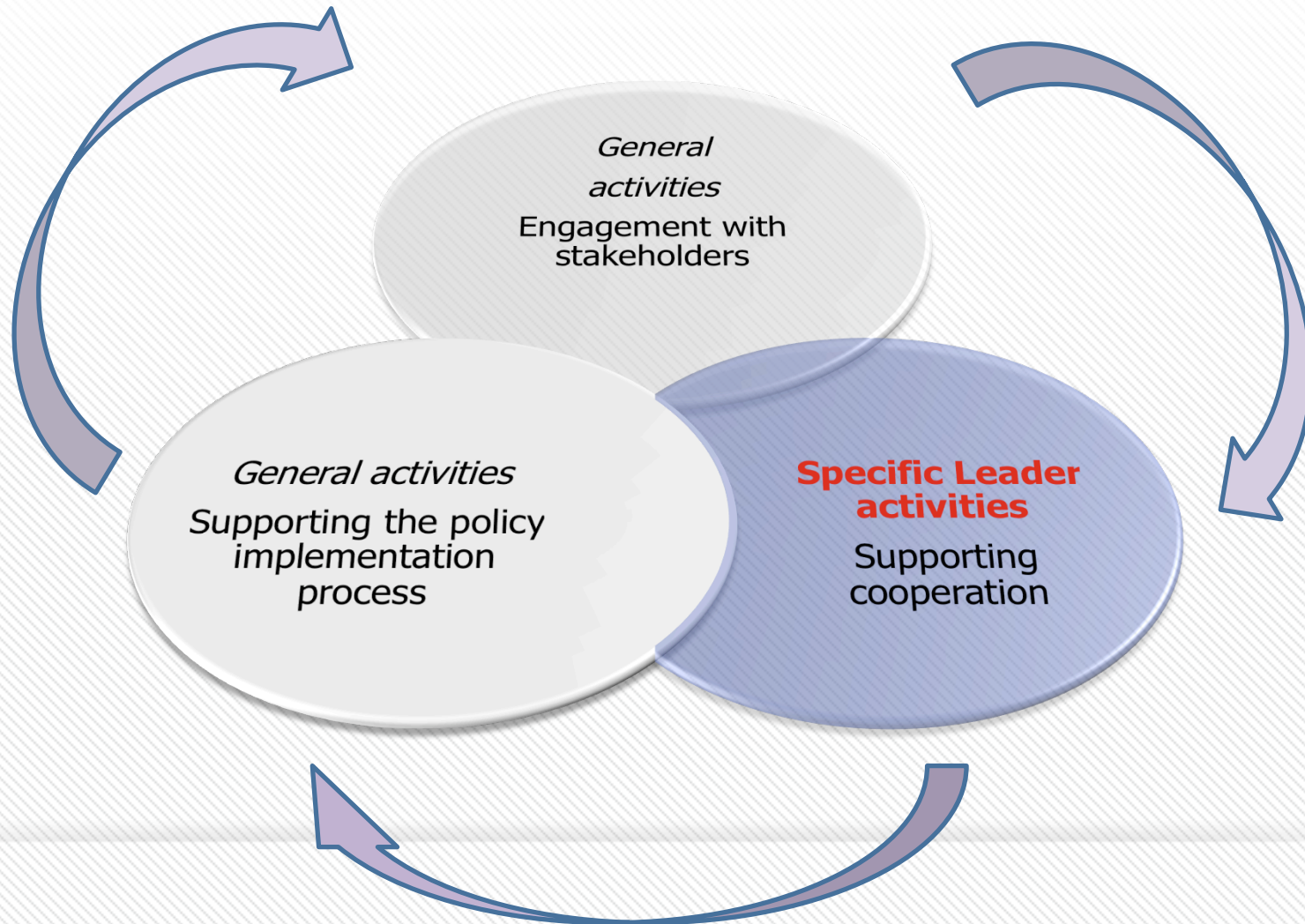
Engagement with stakeholders (II)

- **Good practice case studies:**
 - National award schemes ...
 - SE: "Rustensandan" Easter Festival
 - AT: "Biggest solar power plant of Southern Austria"
 - Pilot GP examples collection and collation in 6-8 MS
 - Potential topics include Leader projects under axes 1 & 2
- **Publication & dissemination services**
 - Periodicals with dedicated articles covering axis 4 activities
 - Newsletters with thematic case studies, Leader events feedback, LAG approaches, etc

CP linking the parts, e.g. with Austria



2. ENRD CP specific activities in support of Leader & LAGs



Participation in Leader Events

- **LEADERfest (CZ)**
- **and other events in MS:**
 - National Rural Development Network – Joining Activities for Economic and Social Rural Development“, Senec (SK), 21-22/09/09
 - Cooperation between rural territories , Clermont-Ferrand (FR), 28/05/09
 - Seminar - Common ideas and good contacts – motivation for the successful partnership, Kaunas (LT), 03/04/09

Promoting & supporting cooperation under Leader (I)

- **Support to NRNs on TNC projects:**
 - collating and distributing among NRNs cooperation requests

- **Cooperation events:**
 - FICODER, Seville, June 2009
 - Cooperation Projects event, Mikolajki, October 2009

Promoting & supporting cooperation under Leader (II)

- **Cooperation platform:**
 - Partner Search Tool, including offers database
 - LAG database
 - Approved TNC projects database

- **TNC Guide**
 - 1st Edition (web based)
 - 2nd Edition:
 - Approval procedures in MS
 - More practical examples of TNC



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TNC Guide



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A variety of guidance materials have been produced in the past about rural development and transnational cooperation (TNC). Many of these have been prepared by National Rural Networks and provide a mix of useful methodological or technical advice on TNC approaches. These materials have now been distilled and re-packaged in the following 'Integrated European Cooperation Guide', which aims to provide an effective cooperation tool tailored to the needs of the current 2007-2013 programming period.

3. The way ahead



Planning ahead

- Launch of dynamic tools
- Active participation and support in cooperation events
- Technical workshops on cooperation
- Further development of TNC Guide
- Use of Leader/LAGs experience to thematic and analytical work?
- Focus groups on problems and solutions?
- Presentation of main findings and outcomes at a Leader event next autumn?

Understanding & Responding to Needs

- **How should the EN RD and NRNs respond to needs?**
 - What are the needs of LAGs as regards TNC ?
 - What are the best tools to support the implementation of the Leader approach and transnational cooperation?
 - Which are the main target groups of LAGs for TNC projects ?
 - Which are the key areas of complementarity between EN RD and NRNs?

Learning and Benefiting from Leader

- **What are the main obstacles in the implementation of the Leader approach and how can they be overcome?**
 - Exchange of practical experience in overcoming bottlenecks; focus group
- **How can LAGs improve their performance?**
 - Learning through cooperation
 - LAG self-assessment
- **Is the Leader approach making a significant contribution to achieving RD policy objectives?**
 - Leader results monitoring
- **What is the potential transferability of Leader approach to the implementation of other parts of RD policy?**
 - Develop a "Leader Mk II" for wider application?



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