



# Dissemination of Focus Groups results

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# Products and status of development (1)

- Focus Group 1: Implementation of the bottom-up principle
  - Extended report on the implementation of Leader approach
     ♥ Completed → EN RD public website
  - Summary of the Extended report
    - ♦ Completed → EN RD public website
  - **Draft supplementary report** on specific issues of Leader implementation: running costs and complex & small scale projects
    - To be finalised by end November 2010
    - \$\to\$ To be added to the above products by mid-December 2010







# **Products and status of development (2)**

- Focus Group 2: Preserving the innovation/experimental character of Leader
  - Extended report on preserving the innovative character of Leader
     ☼ Completed → EN RD public website
  - Summary of the Extended report
    - ♥ In preparation/to be finalised by mid-December 2010 → further dissemination on EN RD public website







# **Products and status of development (3)**

- Focus Group 3: Implementation of the "ccoperation" measure
  - **Report to the LsC** of 20/05/2010 on the implementation of the cooperation measure: bottlenecks an solutions
    - ♦ Completed → EN RD public website
  - Draft supplementary report on common action definition, common costs and key areas for cooperation projects
    - ♦ To be finalised by end November 2010
    - ☼ To be added to the above product by mid-December 2010

















### Y EN RD REPORT

#### the Ploughing Championships in Ireland

Around 182,000 people made their way to County 195daw, Instand for the National and Buopean 95oughing Championships, from 21—23 September. The event Included a series of workshops horsed by the European Commission with the adoldance of the the European Commission with the assistance or mis DN RD Contact Point Rural Development projects were presented on the Themas of bloenergy, business creation and development and trammandial cooperation regarding energy projects. Organic taming took cambe stage on September 21st, development an extensible was devoted to the subject. Click here

#### Ceremony for the Award of Village Renewal Prizes

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## POLICY BRIEF

#### Semi Subsistence Farming Seminar **Highlights Key Issues**

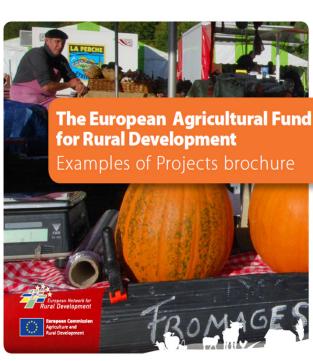
The small farm debate has taken on special significance with the last two enlargements of 2004 and 2007, more than tripling the number of subsistence and semi-subsistence farmers to 11 million in the EU-27. As testimony to mounting interest in this area, some 140 people attended a recent seminar subsistence farming in the EU: current situation and future Romania, on October 13-15.

ilinar was to assess EU. "These farmers face particular challenges, as a considerable amount of their production is for self-consumption and so they are often not integrated into agricultural and/or product markets," said Sophia Davidova, Reader for the event. The seminar fo-

cused on the on-going debate about the role of small and semi-subsistence tors to the diversification of the rural economy and guardians of cultural tradiI am convinced that as long as small farms are in a position to market their production and conand the vitality of rural areas, they must be supported.

Agricultural Policy after 2013 will support both the diversity and the performance of European agriculture. Referring to the second Pillar of the CAP, he noted that rural development programmes will give more importance to the transfer of know-how, training programmes and the mobilisation of local initiatives. Mr Clolos also said he envisaged the creation of packages of measures that respond to the specific needs of small farmers or farmers in mountain areas. "I am convinced that as long as small farms are









# Thank you for your attention

