



State of Play of Rural Development Network in Albania

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Emerging Rural Organisations Network

- Formally not yet established
- Existing Local Action Groups (7) and NGOs at local level with capacity and expertise in rural/local economic development
- Limited support by various donors-SNV, Oxfam, Open Society Foundation, etc.
- Focus – capacity building, support to women, economic development (small projects)



Initiatives

- IDM(NGO) as a lead representative has agreed
- To promotion and institutionalization of the Albanian Rural Development Network, and its promotion at the international networks.
- Furthermore IDM has developed partnership networks at the national level with various important relevant stakeholders, such as Albanian Association of Counties, Albanian Association of Municipalities, Albanian Association of Communes, the Agency for Development of Mountainous Areas (MADA), etc.



- Whereas at the international level IDM is member of PREPARE network Partnership for Rural Europe.
- The aim of the PREPARE Network is to promote multi-national exchange between those who are involved (as individuals or organizations) in rural development anywhere in Europe, to strengthen civil society and to promote multi-national exchange in rural development, with a main focus on the new EU member states of Central and Eastern Europe, as well as accession countries and the "new neighbors" of the enlarged EU.



Albanian Rural development Network

Declaration on Networking among the Stake holders for the National Rural Development Network (NRDN) and their initiatives;

- considering the importance of the cooperation;
- readiness to work together on improvement and strengthening the cooperation of the rural development networks in the Country;
- establishment of a platform for regular exchange of information;
- experience and knowledge;
- joint initiation and implementation of project “Albanian an Rural Network “



The Need for establishment of the Rural Development Network

- willingness to establish an organization to work on rural development on sustainable principles
- open to new membership through transparent networking,
- permanent cooperation between all rural development stakeholders in Country



Further Support

- **Proposed priority in IPARD 2014-2020**
 - Setting up of the national rural network through TA measure
- **Targeted at:**
 - Capacity building
 - Information to broader public on rural development policy
 - Transfer of good practices in agriculture and rural development



Measure 8 Of Strategy

- The LEADER approach at programme level shall comprise at least the following elements:
- Area-based local development strategies designed for regional rural territories having a set of common problems and opportunities;
Local public-private partnerships (local action groups);
Bottom-up approach with a decision-making power for local action groups concerning the elaboration and implementation of local development strategies;
Multi-sectoral design and implementation of the strategy based on the interaction between actors and projects of different sectors of the local economy;
- Implementation of innovative approaches;
Networking of local partnerships.