

1. Annual Work Programme (AWP) 2012: priorities supporting RDP implementation

- The network maintains an annual work programme which has been approved by the MA on 28th March 2012.



1.1 Priorities of the current AWP:

- The network's main priorities for 2012 include:

1. National Network activities

- Ensuring the possibility to exchange experiences and know-how, disseminating the best practices, launching and managing of a project database
- Organizing territorial, regional and local forums and events
- Organizing professional trainings
- Organizing professional events of the Sections of the Network
- Preparing of methodological and technical studies and surveys

2. International relationships

- Ensuring assistance to facilitate territorial and international cooperation
- Organizing international study tours, conferences and trainings
- Multi-actor development, helping the improvement of cooperation networks
- Providing information for the rural organizations and actors about the opportunities of development using international development sources

3. Operation and administrative tasks of the Network:

- Provision of the tasks of the Permanent Secretariat
- Ensuring the harmonized operation of the HNRN
- Coordinating the registration process of the HNRN
- Informational tasks
- Developing and operating the website of the HNRN
- Coordinating of the Network of the professional and the non-governmental organizations

1.2 NRN's activities implementing the above mentioned priorities

• Service and information tasks:

- organizing the exchange of professional experiences and know-how
- helping the methodological exchange of experience
- disseminating best practices
- carrying out surveys related to the Axes III, IV of the New Hungary Rural Development Programme (NHRDP)
- organizing professional training programs

• Communication tasks:

- keeping in touch with the implementing bodies of the NHRDP and utilizing the relationships amongst them
- providing general information related to the measures of axes III, IV of the NHRDP

- launching and managing a project database of the best practices
 - launching and managing a database of international good practices
 - **Tasks of international and inter-regional relationships:**
 - providing assistance to establish transnational and inter-regional cooperation
 - organizing study tours and trainings
 - facilitating the multi-actor developments, establishing of cooperation networks
 - providing information for rural organizations and rural actors about the improvement possibilities of domestic and international development resources
 - ensuring the cooperation with the European Network for Rural Development
- The AWP is available on: www.mnvh.eu.

2. Thematic Initiatives launched by the Network

- **New thematic issues that the network is planning to address:**
 - An international conference was organised with the title "The effect of rural development subsidies on rural areas" on the 22-24 November 2012 in Búč village (at Vintop Karko), Slovakia. Organisers are: Hungarian NRN, AGRYA – Agricultural and Rural Youth Association Hungary and ASYF – Association of Slovakian Young Farmers.
 - The main objective of the conference is to initiate an exchange of views and opinions on the implementation of rural development subsidies.
 - The conference will be divided into three thematic panels:
 - National planning and local needs;
 - Rural workplaces, social status and communities;
 - Natural resources and agriculture.
- **Status info and plans about continued thematic initiatives:**
 - The Network Support Unit (NSU) organizes different thematic events and provides relevant thematic information. Suggestions regarding thematic events are made by the Presidency of the Network, cooperative partners and registered users of the network. The Permanent Secretariat collects information on the needs of members and presents these for approval to the Secretary-General and Managing Authority (MA).
 - Calendar for events and publications are available on the NRN's website.
 - The members of the council established 4 sections according to the 4 axis of the National Development Programme.
- **Programme plans of the 4 sections:**
 - **I section:**
 - » Continuous professional further training of farmers
 - » Support of young farmer's participation at international trainings
 - **II section:**
 - » Debate on the midterm evaluation of Agri-Environmental Management (AEM)
 - » Professional debate and presentation of Hungarian best practices by organising thematic field trips (e.g. animal-registry, crops used in crop-rotation, etc.)
 - » Opportunities for the pilot-level introduction of a different AEM system (it is operating without prescriptions – through the "Green Point system" that ensures the evaluation of environmental efficiency)
 - » Organisation of field trips (e.g. to Austria, France, Switzerland) in order to get acquainted with foreign best practices (among other to study the operation of the "Green-Pont" System)
 - » Implementation of the terms of landscape management and protection within the framework of the so called "walk of life model" announced by the Ministry of Rural Development (It means that family farms will be formed on state

owned lands)

- » Drafting of proposals for the development of vocational farmer trainings and of farm advisory system with the view-point of emerging demands concerning environmental-awareness
- » Professional forums: e.g. review of the assignment of less favourable areas (LFA); Harmonisation of the management plans of the Natura 2000 project, and the Areas of High Natural Value and the watershed area management projects – taking into consideration the aspects of regulation and control; the possibilities of the promotion of ecological management, etc.

● **III section:**

- » Diversification of the rural economy (diversification into non-agricultural activities, support of the creation and development of micro-enterprises, encouragement of tourism activities)
- » Improvement the quality of life in rural areas (Conservations and sustainable development of (non-built) rural heritage, conservation of cultural (non-built) heritage)
- » Community gardens project: combined activities of the Fruit Grower Network of the Carpathian Basin and Garden-friends' Circle with the stakeholders of pastoral and local initiatives
- » The role of folk craftsmanship in rural economy (Proposals for the decision makers)
- » Folk-architecture master-building programme with the help of network co-operation
- » "Kaláka" programme – using traditional building solutions and traditional materials (Proposals for the decision makers)
- » Community marketing: "farmer shop" and "farmer shelf" programme (Proposals for the decision makers)
- » Problems of the autonomy of food-supply and self-sufficiency of the countryside (Proposals for the decision makers)
- » Support of traditional architectural creative workshops in order to conserve rural heritage and ensure sustainable development (Folk Architecture Association)
- » Support of the organisation of study-series, trainings and practices fostering the self-supporting and self sufficient ability of the countryside (Autonomous settlement programme)
- » European Village Renewal Award Competition, the works of the award winners will be published in a book
- » Thursday School, regular village seminars
- » Implementing planning aids for different rural areas
- » Lifestyle in the countryside – school programme

● **IV section:**

- Setting up a National Rural Planning Network (working out a training programme-package, civil trainer knowledge, train the trainer knowledge)
- Project management and/or quality management, management counselling
- Marketing-communication for rural civic organisations
- Establishment of the Nivo Prize for Local Community Initiatives
- Starting "TRANSLEADER" Project (2012-2015)
- Organizing professional debates in the following themes with drafting proposals: the scope of LAGs, organisational framework and organisational structure of LAGs, working conditions, controlling, planning, implementing and monitoring of local development strategy planning, selection of projects, the relationship among paying authority – LAG – applicant)
- Fostering network building capacity, regional teambuilding – strategic planning knowledge (in 7 regions, two-day vocational training, than training of the future trainers (4 days))
- Supporting civil organisations concerning rural development to improve their project management, project-generation and project implementation, partnership building and local networks, conflict resolution

- Several calls are announced by the Presidency of the HNRN. All of them are closely related to rural development in the following themes:

- Organizing events and conferences
- Organized knowledge transfer - related to different aspects of rural development - aimed to provide theoretical and practical knowledge in order to expand the ability of the countryside population for increasing their living conditions through strengthening their competitiveness in the economy, improving their ability of self-preservation and growth.
- Exploring the possibilities and problems of the countryside, providing studies of various new methodological and practical

knowledge, partly determined by the needs of local communities and/or rural development organizations, with an ultimate aim of ensuring the sustainable utilization of human, economical and natural resources on the countryside and establishing the scientific base of rural planning and programming.

- Publishing, editing and copying of vocational publications.
- The participants shall be Hungarian organizations with valid tax identification number and activities closely related to rural development. Registration shall be done after the authorization progress, which can be required in the first week of every month at the following address:
- **Issues addressed by the events:**
 - Community Lead Local Development Planning,
 - New LEADER territories,
 - Planning of the next programming period,
 - Organizing the public consultation on rural development of the next programming period.
- **Issues addressed by working groups:**
 - HNRN following working groups regarding the next programming period planning:
 - Working group for environmental quality and natural resources
 - Working group for sustainable agricultural structure and production policy
 - Working group for forestry
 - Working group for increasing added value, quality systems and food safety
 - Working group for local community and social cohesion, improvement of local economy
 - Working group for R&D and innovation, knowledge transfer, training
 - Working group for culture and rural heritage
 - Working group for financial rulings, income stabilization and risk management
 - Working group for monitoring and evaluation
 - Working group for state support
 - Working group for technical assistance
 - Working group for general planning, institutions, procedural orders, simplification
 - Working group for fisheries
- **Thematic issues addressed in other ways:**
 - Additional themes are addressed through two projects:
 - i. Rural Developers and Planners Networking Cooperation**
 - It is highly important for us to meet the requirements (possibilities) defined in the EU 2020 Common Strategic Framework. On a long term the rural development programme based on the framework has to face with these requirements. The preparation for the 2014-2020 programming period is our common responsibility. Our most important task is the effective use of the different resources. In order to achieve these goals the LEADER Section of the HNRN has defined the setting up of the programme of the Rural Developers and Planners Networking Cooperation programme.
 - The aim of the programme
 - The role of the planning network would be to ensure a continuous broad scale social basis for the professional planning-monitoring process conducted by several ministries to help the better involvement of the stakeholders and the better use of the common knowledge; hence the local actors will be better involved in the implementation of the rural development programme. And they could see it as their own programme.
 - Activities of the programme:

- Setting up thematic workshops
- Organizing international and national forums
- Organizing international study tours in the terms of planning
- Making researches and studies to prepare for the next programming period
- Preparation of the actors of the rural development, (trainings, further trainings)
- Introduction stipendiums to prepare for the next programming periods
- Increasing dissemination of information concerning the element of the programme.

ii. TRANSLEADER – for the successful implementation

- TRANSLEADER: it is an international comparison programme which surveys the methods and mechanism of the realisation of rural development in different thematic fields in different countries. After this survey complex proposals will be made for the implementation of new national methods and mechanism, to make the best use of the experience and knowledge already developed.

- Concrete goals of the programme:

- Giving professional help in the field of the LEADER programme to the coordinated elaboration of the Hungarian Rural Development Programme for 2014-2020
- Preparation of the national actors for the next programming period concerning the implementation of the programme; to create the circumstance for common learning

- Expected results of the programme:

- Demonstration of the implementation models of the other member states with thematic elaboration
- Proposal for the Hungarian LEADER implementation model and proceedings in the period of 2014-2020
- Prepared national rural development actors who have clear knowledge about integrated developments and the European goals of the LEADER Programme

- Geographical scope of our project:

- MAP (Europe) – Marking the countries to be examined – these are: Ireland, Finland, Spain, Austria
- Graphical element (there is a textbox inside the element with the following words): "Research – Cooperation – Exchange of Knowledge"

- Main activities:

- Comparative analysis of the international LEADER implementation models
- making proposal for the national implementation model

- Connecting activities:

- National local planning teams for the recognition of the international models
- Exchange of knowledge to work out a proposal for the national model
- Compiling a case study

- Complementary activities:

- Organizing a national forum to demonstrate European best practices through the analysis of the chosen member states by international speakers
- Organisation of an international field trip within the LEADER section programme named "EUROPEAN RURAL ADVENTURES" to study the implementation models of the examined countries
- Preparation of the national rural development experts with the help of the chosen international implementation models (best practices for implementation) and through getting experiences in this field – within the framework of a LEONARDO da VINCI programme.
- Contribution to the information and dissemination activities concerning the project and the connections and complementary activities

- **Information about thematic initiatives available on:**

- <http://www.mnvh.eu/szakosztalyok>

2.1 LEADER-related activities

- LEADER related activities and LAG support done by NSU members:

- **Training for LAGs:**

- The main objective of the HNRN is to establish a network-like cooperation between those professionals who do want to contribute to the development of the Hungarian countryside. The activity of HNRN focuses on rural employment and the relating cooperation and exchange of good practices. To achieve these aims the HNRN has implemented several event and conference series and trainings.

- **International training**

- In order to encourage and help cooperation between the LEADER Local Action Groups (LAGs) and the professional and civic organizations of agricultural and rural development, the HNRN Permanent Secretariat has launched a training series.

- **Training series: "International cooperation step by step"**

- In the context of the "International cooperation step by step" we went around the theme of cross-border cooperation and the theme of developing partnership, from the appearance of demand to the realization. Both themes are of priority importance for the rural stakeholders and are specified to the regions. Our lecturers are all experts in their themes and able to debate on the questions, opinions and proposes in every location.

- **Experiences of international cooperation (lectures):**

- Cross-border cooperation projects, good practices
- Experiences of the debate of the LEADER reform; expected changes of the international cooperation items
- Supporting tools of cooperation of the ENRD

- **Lecture:**

- ABC of international cooperation", translation of the ENRD Transnational Cooperation Guide

- International cooperation agreements to help LEADER LAGs cooperation were signed with Poland (2010), Slovakia (2011) and Romania (2012).

3. Communication

- The New Hungary Rural Development Programme is the National Rural Development Programme prepared for the 2007-2013 period pursuant to Art. 15 (1) of Council Regulation (EC) 1698/2005 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development:

- The main instrument of communication and dissemination for relevant RDP content is the website of the RDP: <http://www.umvp.eu>
- Communication on the RDP and its amendments are the responsibility of the Ministry of Rural Development.

- The rural network furthermore has an internal communication plan not open to the public.

- The main instrument of communication and dissemination of network activities and information is the HNRN's website: <http://www.mnvh.eu>

4. Cooperation interests of the Rural Network

- To promote relations with other National Rural Development Networks from the European Macro region of the Danube River.
- To promote the co-operation projects of LEADER LAGs from different Member states;
- To develop the co-operation between organizations of farmers and young farmers;
- To facilitate the dissemination of best practices in the fields of production and marketing local products;
- To disseminate best practices in the field of the production and usage of renewable and sustainable energy;
- To exchange and disseminate professional methodologies that enables small rural settlements, rural communities to be able to manage successful rural development projects;
- To exchange and create the dissemination of good practices for the renewal and maintenance of rural public services in small settlements;
- To identify and disseminate the good practices gained from development projects of the small (micro) entrepreneurs living in small settlements.

5. Documents

- List of your publications, info materials, videos, etc:
 - Magyar Vidéki Mozaik: <http://www.mnvh.eu/hirek/magyar-videki-mozaik>
- Videos:
 - <http://www.mnvh.eu/galeria/video>