



Added Value of Networking

Success Story

Success Story title *Hungarian Rural Academy Series*

Theme *Knowledge exchange*

NRN *Hungary*

Coordinator *NSU*

Partners *Hungarian Ministry of Rural Development*

Period *October 2010 – June 2011*

Resources *Approx. 12,244 EUR (3,365,491 HUF)*

Geo-location *Each region of Hungary*

Beneficiaries *Rural development actors*

Background

The task of Hungarian NRN is to organize a network of all parties interested in rural development as information and cooperative network, and the harmonization of its activities. To meet the requirements within the Hungarian Rural Academy, four series of conferences were held with various topics that were considered as priorities from the rural population's point of view. In addition, they aimed at raising awareness on the NRN.

Main activities

The series of events were organized across the country, in 17 locations in total, with the following topics:

- Reform of the Common Agricultural Policy and Preparation for the Hungarian EU Presidency
- Local Products
- Local Economic Development – Rural Job Creation – Employment Good Practices
- Regeneration of the "Alföld Program" – Water management challenges and landscape management solutions in the Tisza-Valley

For each series experts, researchers, farmers and other practitioners were invited to give lectures and to present the challenges of the various fields. The events tried to tackle particular issues in both theoretical and practical way (e.g. by giving an opportunity to speak for local products manufacturers and to present their products). One of the events was integrated with a study trip to the River Tisza.

Main results/benefits

Regarding that more than one thousand visitors participated in total, and most of them who filled the evaluation sheet assessed the conferences useful and interesting, it could be said that the Hungarian Rural Academy Series achieved its objectives. According to the views expressed by the participants, the events tackled important and key issues for rural development.





Contribution of the NSU

The NSU managed all the four series including financial and organizational tasks, namely identifying the venues, competent experts and speakers, finding and getting in touch with the practitioners (farmers, local product manufacturers). Facilitation of the events was done by the NSU staff.

Contribution of the partners

The Ministry of Rural Development helped the NSU in organising well-prepared speakers and competent experts as well as in finding related topics.

Success factors

- Combining theoretical and practical ways of presenting the topics
- Cooperation with the Ministry of Rural Development and inviting competence experts helped to give relevant and firsthand information for the practitioners
- Creating an opportunity of exchange between practitioners and experts

Additional information

Reports on the Hungarian NRN homepage including presentations of some speakers:

<http://www.mnvh.eu/hirek/788/20101104/magyar-videkakademia-hatekony-kozossegi-politika-kozos-celokert>

<http://www.mnvh.eu/hirek/785/20101105/magyar-videkakademia-ozora>

<http://www.mnvh.eu/hirek/785/20101112/magyar-videkakademia-gyor>

<http://www.mnvh.eu/hirek/774/20101214/mnvh-videkakademia-konferencia-helyi-termekekrol>

<http://www.mnvh.eu/hirek/785/20110420/%E2%80%9Eaz-alfold-program-ujjaelesztese%E2%80%9D>

<http://www.mnvh.eu/hirek/929/20110516/gazdasagfejlesztesrol-munkahelyteremtesrol>



Local Products Tastings - second series of Hungarian Rural Academy

