



# Added Value of Networking

## Success Story

Success Story title *Trainings for LAGs on homemade food production*

Theme *Training*

NRN *Latvian*

Coordinator *NSU*

Partners *LAGs, Food and Veterinary Service (FVS), local municipalities*

Period *2011*

Resources *1 training day approx. 500 EUR*

Geo-location *Latvia*

Beneficiaries *LAGs managers and board members*

### Background

In 2011 Latvian Ministry of Agriculture made changes in RDP and direct funding for homemade food production through the LAGs Local development strategies.

### Main activities

With a view to inform about the changes in RDP relating to homemade food production, the NSU organized a training for potential beneficiaries. During the training the FVS specialist presented minimum requirements to be completed when applying for funding. An expert on homemade food production guided participants through main issues of homemade food production.

### Main results/benefits

- Increasing amount of interested persons that would like to produce homemade food
- Greater understanding about homemade production and prerequisites to produce it
- In 2012 the first open project call advertised

### Contribution of the NSU

- Identified LAGs interested in participation in this training
- Together with FVS prepared the training program
- Together with local municipalities organised a practical part of trainings





#### Contribution of the partners

- LAGs spread information about the training and organized participants
- FVS gave lectures during the trainings
- Local municipalities gave a practical support and offered venues to host the trainings

#### Success factors

This training has met with actual interest and addressed the needs of different stakeholders:

- LAGs – a need to disseminate information to project applicants
- FVS – as a controlling body – a need to explain what is considered as homemade food production
- Local municipalities – a need to activate local entrepreneurs

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