Added Value of Networking

Success Story

Success Story title	*RDP Projects Database*
Theme	*Knowledge exchange*

NRN	*Slovakia*	Coordinator	*National Rural Development Network - Central Unit*

Partners	*Registered RDP 2007-2013: Axis 3 and 4 beneficiaries*

Period	*June 2011-2015*	Resources	*160 Euro*

Geo-location	*Web page*
Beneficiaries	*General public and professionals interested in rural development, LAGs, municipalities*

Background

After the completion of a project the final beneficiaries are obliged to register the supported activity (project) in the Agency for Rural Development, which is the host authority of the Slovakian National Rural Development Network. The obligation to register has to be fulfilled within 3 months after applying for the last application for a non-repayable contribution. Registration is mandatory for projects implemented through measures under Axis 3 and Axis 4 (realised through LAGs) by filling out the registration form for measures 3.1 Diversification into non-agricultural activities, 3.2. Encouragement of tourism activities, 3.4.1 Basic services for the economy and rural population, and 3.4.2 Village renewal and development. On the basis of a duly completed registration form there are registration confirmations in the Agency for Rural Development to the beneficiaries.

The RDP 2007-2013 Projects Database actually contains information on and photographs of more than 700 registered projects (March 2012).

Main activities

To start the process the following steps need to be taken:
- Filling in the registration forms by beneficiaries and sending it to the Agency
- Reception and registration of registration form and photo documentation
- Sending confirmations of registration in the Agency for Rural Development to the beneficiaries
- Publishing the registration form on the NRDN website

A new section on the NRDN website was created for the RDP Project Database.

Main results/benefits

The first and immediate result of this initiative is the actual RDP Projects Database itself, where you can search for the registered projects according to these criteria:
- name of the project,
- beneficiary,
- district,
- region,
- measure number,
- measure code,
- LAG,
- project completion year.

This database helps to choose projects for the ENRD RDP Projects Database.

Contribution of the NSU

The Slovak NRDN is
- the collection point for registration forms;
- a place of recording and further processing to the database in electronic form; and,
- responsible for correct publication in the database on the NRDN website.

Contribution of the partners

The project beneficiaries are responsible for filling in the registration form of their project and sending it (with corresponding photos) to the Agency. The registration form (signed by statutory representatives) has to be sent with the photos on CD by mail.

Success factors

By creating a database the public interested in rural development can be informed about realised RDP projects from Axis 3. The database provides an overview - information and photo documentation, while projects - are not only registered in the National Rural development Network but also accessible to the public in electronic format. Thereby the NRDN contributes to disseminating information to promote the RDP. The projects also serve as inspiration and examples of good practice for others.

Additional information

RDP Projects Database web page: http://www.nsrv.sk/index.php?pl=47