

Added Value of Networking



Implementing funding for cooperative agri-environmental management

Basic information	
NRN:	Germany
Theme:	Success story
Coordinator:	Jan Freese
Partners:	NRN Germany: Federal ministry, federal state ministries, stakeholders from land management and environmental projects
Beneficiaries:	Federal states (opportunities for additional national funding) and stakeholders (better funding opportunities in future agri-environment schemes - AES)
Resources:	n.a.
Period:	In 2012
Main element of networking:	Collection, analysis and dissemination of good practice, success stories and relevant experience
Other elements of networking:	Exchange of relevant experience and know-how

Background

Federal and federal state ministries search for innovative funding measures for agri-environmental management. The federal government together with the federal states provide a funding system (GAK - *Common Task of Improvement of the Agricultural Structure and Coastal Protection*), with this funding being an important source of financing the EAFRD programs of the federal states, particularly for farm investments, AES and rural renewal. The implementation of funding schemes for cooperative AES (aimed at implementing parts of the new Art. 36, proposed for EAFRD 2014-2020) and similar activities had to be developed within the NRN during 2012.



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Main activities

The main activity was the collection and sharing of examples of cooperative management of the cultural landscape between the members of the NRN and the Ministries. This included field visits and a study trip to Dutch AES pilot projects focused on cooperative regional management of the agricultural landscape.

Main results/benefits

Within the GAK funding scheme for 2014, which is supporting the federal states to implement the upcoming new EAFRD 2014 -2020, the federal states and the federal government implemented a new measure "Cooperation to implement AES". The measure supports groups of stakeholders when planning or implementing common activities in the field of AES.

Success factors

The success of the project was reliant on and intensive exchange of German and European examples for cooperation in the field of AES and excellent and on-going contact between the Ministries and stakeholders.

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Networking ensured that there has been a better communication and therefore a better exchange of information.

Contribution of the NSU

The German Rural Network fosters exchange of good practise examples and communication between stakeholders and Ministries.

Contribution of the partners

The partners contributed good practice examples and discussed adequate funding schemes.



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Additional information

Draft of the new funding proposal, only in German:

<http://www.bmelv.de/SharedDocs/Standardartikel/Landwirtschaft/Foerderung/GAK/Foerdergrundsaeetze2014.html>

Förderbereich 4, A1.0 und A2.0: Zusammenarbeit im ländlichen Raum für eine markt- und standortangepasste Landwirtschaft

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