

Added Value of Networking



Seminar “Increasing Quality of Life in Rural Areas in Slovakia – Creation and Maintenance of Public Areas”

Basic information	
NRN:	National Rural Development Network Slovakia
Theme:	Good practice
Coordinator:	National Rural Development Network Slovakia
Partners:	Association for Garden Design and Landscaping
Beneficiaries:	village mayors, LAG representatives, activists
Resources:	Approx. 2 120 Euros
Period:	10-11/2012
Main element of networking:	Capacity building and training
Other elements of networking:	Effective stakeholder engagement Exchange of relevant experience and know-how amongst stakeholders

Background

In recent years due to the on-going renewal of public spaces in cities and towns many parks, green spaces, unused public spaces, cemeteries, squares and playgrounds have been redeveloped. These projects are often successful however are not always sensitive to the environmental or aesthetic needs of the area. Working in cooperation with the Society for Gardening and Landscaping the National Rural Network organised a set of three seminars which focused on the development and reconstruction of public spaces and spaces for sport and leisure activities in the community. The seminars focused on development or reconstruction seeking to preserve traditional values and the uniqueness of the countryside.



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Main activities

Seminars took place in 3 different areas of Slovakia (west, mid and east) providing information on the principles of creating and maintaining public spaces. Best practice examples and experiences from municipalities in Slovakia and from overseas were presented, alongside practical field trips to public spaces in selected villages.

Main results/benefits

The seminar provided expert information on the principles of creating and maintaining public spaces in order to make the most effective use of the funds available - mainly from measure 322 village renewal and development. Seminars provided not only theoretical information but also practical examples and field trips.

Success factors

The information collected and inspirational good practice examples from Slovakia and abroad will help those responsible to take into account aesthetic, practical and historical criteria when deciding on the future appearance of their communities public spaces.

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Experts from the Association for Garden Design and Landscaping were able to provide professional lecturers for seminars, experiences and examples from Slovakia and abroad. They chose suitable villages with appropriate examples in the area of the seminars.

Contribution of the NSU

NRDN SR organised, facilitated and financed the whole event and was responsible for its administration.

Contribution of the partners

The Association for Garden Design and Landscaping was responsible for the thematic aspect of the seminars. They gave the presentations and facilitated the discussions afterwards.

Additional information

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Pictures



Lectures on principles of public spaces creation



Practical demonstration in Miklušovce village

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