

LEADER Event 2013

Building Bridges for the Future

17-18 April, Brussels

Programme



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Dear participants,

**Welcome to the LEADER Event 2013:
Building Bridges for the Future.**

We are very pleased to be welcoming so many of you here from a variety of groups and organisations across Europe, all working to make LEADER a success. As the current programming period comes to an end, we have invited you here to learn from your experiences to help support the design, development and delivery of a more effective LEADER Programme. We are building a bridge to the future - a bridge built on stronger, shared communication and understanding.

More than ever, this is your event. It is about you and everyone else sharing ideas, experiences and aspirations around the same table - exploring what we know, what we want and what can be improved to support programming and delivery of LEADER/ Community-Led Local Development (CLLD) in the 2014-2020

period. A simple process of open and honest exchange between Local Action Groups, Managing Authorities and Paying Agencies is at the heart of this event. It is our aim that everyone will have the opportunity to ask questions, exchange views, discuss challenges, discover solutions, share aspirations and to leave inspired.

Because this is your LEADER event we have already asked what you want from the event and have designed our time together accordingly. With your continued active participation we now have a unique opportunity to exchange experiences and learn from each other. We hope that during this event a new understanding will be developed that will enable greater awareness of the importance of capturing the added value of LEADER; of how to strengthen Local Action Groups (LAGs) and create more effective Local Development Strategies (LDSs), and; of making delivery more efficient. Learning, sharing and exploring solutions together - building a bridge for the future!



DAY 1 Wednesday, 17 April 2013

MEETING LEADER STAKEHOLDERS

Get the answers you need on the current position of LEADER and what you need to do to get ready for the next programming period from a lively introductory panel.

SHOWCASING LEADER

Spend the rest of the day with us showcasing all that LEADER has to offer. Join short, informal **Discussion Corners** debating specific examples and case studies that are relevant for you, your work and your community. These sessions will be held in parallel at the end of the day so you can choose the theme that interests you most.

FAIR and SOCIAL EVENT

Explore the **Fair and Social Event** to discover inspiring projects, people and products at each country stand in the Grand Hall.

TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION

Find new project ideas and your perfect project partner from another country with our **Transnational Cooperation (TNC) Wall**. Post your own TNC project offer and see if another LAG wants to meet you.

Rediscover old, and find new, project partners, friends and contemporaries!



DAY 2 Thursday, 18 April 2013

OPEN DISCUSSIONS

After immersing yourself in LEADER during day 1, the focus of day 2 is on **you!** The **open discussions** on this second day will capitalise on the vast range of knowledge and experience that everyone brings to this LEADER event.

We have used your feedback to identify three open discussion themes that you told us you wanted to explore. We will now support you to define the topics that are key to your work, to the rural development programming process and to your local community. You can then choose the discussion most relevant to you, enjoy stimulating dialogue which explores those topics in depth and, where possible, identify ideas, tools and potential solutions that improve the design, development and delivery of LEADER during the next programming period.

THROUGHOUT THE EVENT

Visit the Aquarium to find the **ENRD Communications Corner** and learn how to make the best out of your "MyENRD" account, make sure you receive all our publications or find out more about the LAG database.

Have your say at the **Expression Corner and Video Booth**. Good or bad, questions or opinions, in fact anything you want to say at all, record your thoughts, reactions and aspirations on a drawing board or in a video booth. Smile, you're on camera!

If you prefer to watch then take a seat in the **Video Corner** to discover the stories of different people living across rural areas in Europe.

You are also invited to the Riverside Room to enjoy the diverse and inspiring photographs submitted to the ENRD's **'Image of Rural Europe'** photo competition.

AGENDA

DAY 1 - Wednesday, 17 April 2013

10:30

Registration desk opens

→ **Registration**

12:00 - 14:00

Buffet lunch

→ **Riverside**

Opening and Introductory Plenary Session

→ **Auditorium**

14:00 - 14:45 Welcome Address

Why this event, and how is it important in the current stage of programming for the different stakeholder groups?

Introduction to the programme and how we will work together

14:45 - 16:00 Panel discussion with representatives of all key stakeholder groups on aspects like:

- What value does LEADER add to the development of rural areas?
- What learning can be embraced ready for the new period?
- What should we consider when designing, developing and delivering the programme at national and local level?

16:00 - 16:30

Coffee/Tea Break

→ **Riverside**

Introducing Open Discussions

→ **Auditorium**

16:30 - 17:30

Setting the agenda for the Open Discussions

Showcasing LEADER and introducing the Fair

17:30 - 18:30 Introducing showcasing of LEADER

Main themes:

- Territorial Development
- Local Development Strategy implementation and evaluation
- Lessons learnt from Transnational Cooperation
- Increasing stakeholder engagement
- Supporting programming

→ **Studio
Restaurant
Aquarium
Cinema
Loge 2**

LEADER Fair

→ **Grand Hall**

18:30 - 21:00

Exchange of:

- Experiences, culture and contacts on country and EU organization stands
- Offers and contacts for finding partners for transnational cooperation projects

Social event with music and drinks

DAY 2 – Thursday, 18 April 2013

Parallel Open Discussions

09:00 - 09:15

- Choosing your topic
- Introduction to the rules!

09:15 - 10:30

**Part 1
Open discussions**

Stream 1 – How can we *design* a Programme which captures the added value of LEADER?

➔ Auditorium

Stream 2 – How can we *develop* effective Local Development Strategies and Local Action Groups?

➔ Studio

Stream 3 – How can we *deliver* the LEADER approach more simply and efficiently?

➔ Riverside

10:30 - 11:00

Coffee/Tea Break

➔ Riverside

11:00 - 11:45

**Part 2
Open discussions**

Stream 1 – How can we *design* ... continued

➔ Auditorium

Stream 2 – How can we *develop* ... continued

➔ Studio

Stream 3 – How can we *deliver* ... continued

➔ Riverside

11:45 - 12:30

Plenary in each stream for group reporting and discussion

➔ Auditorium

➔ Studio

➔ Riverside

12:30 - 14:00

Buffet lunch

➔ Riverside

Closing Plenary Session

➔ Auditorium

14:00 - 16:00

Key conclusions and plenary discussion

16:00 - 16:30

Closing

WHEN, WHAT, WHERE?

DAY 1

12:00 - 14:00 Buffet lunch
16:00 - 16:30 Coffee/Tea Break



10:30 Registration

17:30 - 18:30 Showcasing LEADER and introducing the Fair

18:30 - 19:30 LEADER Fair - An exchange of experiences, culture and contacts

19:30 - 21:00 Social event with music and drinks

14:00 - 14:45 Welcome Address
14:45 - 16:00 Panel discussion
16:30 - 17:30 Introducing Open Discussions

09:00 - 09:15 Choosing your topic!
09:15 - 10:30 Open discussions - Stream 3 - Part 1
10:30 - 11:00 Coffee/Tea Break
11:00 - 11:45 Open discussions - Stream 3 - Part 2
11:45 - 12:30 Plenary Session
12:30 - 14:00 Buffet Lunch

DAY 2



09:15 - 10:30 Open discussions - Stream 1 - Part 1
11:00 - 11:45 Open discussions - Stream 1 - Part 2
11:45 - 12:30 Plenary Session
14:00 - 16:00 Key conclusions and plenary discussion
16:00 - 16:30 Closing

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What do you need to know about the event

Get involved, shape your event

"This event is not for spectators!
All participants are speakers!"

The event is based on the 'participatory approach' that focuses on involvement and active discussions interaction between participants, and creative dialogue.

Language coverage

Interpretation will be provided in: English, French, German, Polish, Spanish and Italian in the plenary sessions.

During group sessions and workshops, the main working language will be English, but you will have the opportunity to find a group working in another "common" European language if needed.

"Hosting" team

Staff of the ENRD Contact Point and Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission