



**10th European Week of
Regions and Cities**
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Workshop description

Organiser:

European Commission Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development in collaboration with the European Network for Rural Development Contact Point

Title:

Ingredients for a successful Local Development Strategy (CLLD)

Theme:

Preparation, design and implementation of local strategies for Community-led Local Development (CLLD). Lessons learned in the preparation, design and implementation of the Local Development Strategy under the LEADER approach.

Workshop date / time / room:

11 Oct 09.00-10.45 workshop 11A02

Workshop description (max. 100 words):

Local Action Groups (LAGs) have the responsibility of designing and implementing a Local Development Strategy (LDS). However, in practice, designing a high quality LDS can prove to be demanding. According to the report of the European Court of Auditors (ECA) on LEADER, there is some disparity in the quality of the strategies developed by various Member States, particularly as regards how stated objectives will finally be achieved. This workshop will show the results of the analysis of the Focus Group on Better Local Development Strategies – established in 2011 within the European Network for Rural Development. Participants will have the opportunity to learn more about the Focus Group's recommendations to the Member States with regards to the current and the next programming period so as to improve the quality of the local development strategies of Local Action Groups (LAGs).

Name and organisational affiliation of Chair:

Rob Peters, European Commission DG AGRI-G3 "European network and monitoring of rural development policy", Head of Unit

Name and organisational affiliation of speakers

(seminars and workshops: max. 4 / debates: max. 6):

- **Sanna Sihvola** (Ministry of Agriculture, Finland): *Local Development Strategy as a development process*
- Successful examples
 - **Sabine Weizenegger** (LAG Regionalentwicklung Oberallgäu, Germany)
 - **Anastasios M. Perimenis** (Lesvos Local Development Company S.A., Greece)
- **John Grieve** (ENRD Contact Point, Expert in local development): *LDS as a key element of LEADER – analysis of the Focus Group on Better Local Development Strategies*
- Panel discussion
 - All the speakers
 - **Jean-Michel Courades** (European Commission DG AGRI- G3)
 - **Michael Gregory** (ENRD Contact Point)