Local development strategy as a development process

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Evaluation criteria for Local action Groups and local rural development plans

I Criteria established for LEADER LAGs

II Criteria established for local rural development programme

III Features of a good local rural development programme
Criteria established for LEADER LAGs

1. The operational area

2. Definition of the rural area

3. All the actors of the area must have the opportunity to become LAG members (rules cannot exclude certain actors).

4. The Board of the LAG must follow the tripartition principle.

5. The sufficient economic and administrative skills
Criteria established for local rural development programmes

1. Preparation of the local rural development programme openly and extensively using the bottom-up principle.

2. Objectives and connections to the different strategies

3. SWOT-analyses, broad-based activities and activities from many different fields.

4. Different objectives

5. Arrangements of co-operation coordination and complementarity with other actors of the area

6. Private and public funding, including 20 % from the municipalities
III Features of a good local rural development programme

- The programme has a clear and logical strategy.
- The programme is feasible and realistic and includes ideas or solutions that are clearly new to develop the area.
- Co-operation with various parties
- How to activate and involve the inhabitants of the area and the various population groups and actors
- If the programme involves transnational and inter-territorial co-operation, these must have clear and reasonable objectives.
- Clear indicators
- Broad selection of activities
- Other funding
Preparation of Leader in the programme period 2007-2013

National level (Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, LAG working group, several working groups and committees...)

Local action groups (local people, local and regional administration...)

Information by letters
Seminars - discussions
Call for tender – Leader LAG 2007-2013, telling selection criteria
15.12.2005 applications
Comments for National Strategies Continental Rural Development programme
Feedback of local strategies
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Selection of Leader LAGs