What can NRNs offer?
NRN support for LAGs & LEADER/CLLD implementation

Leader/CLLD subgroup meeting
Brussels, 16 Feb 2016
Background of the NRN- CLLD report & survey

• Prepared for the NRN meeting in Milan (24 Sept 2015) – event had a strong focus on LEADER/CLLD
• 26 (out of 32) networks responded to survey on ‘NRN Support for LEADER/CLLD implementation’
• Draft report for Milan Event
  Final Mapping Report
• Methodological good practices

You can identify practices & continue to exchange with other networks
Bringing different stakeholders together

One of the most important added values of NRNs is to bring together stakeholders from different administrative levels (LAG, MA, PA) & different policies.

This may take different forms:

- LEADER events
- More technical exchange platforms
- Exchange between ministries (multi-funding)
- LEADER/CLLD coordination groups
- Thematic working groups
- Ad hoc events

LEADER Coordination Group in Sweden now involves ‘multi-fund’ representatives.
Support & guidance to LAGs

Increasing the capacity of LAGs to implement local strategies effectively

Typical themes include:

- LDS development
- LAG self-assessment & evaluation
- State aid & public procurement
- Cooperation
- Short supply chains
- Participatory methods
- Social network skills
- The role of LAG managers
- Innovation
LEADER Learning Networks
- Flemish Network
- Approval of the Partnership Agreement on 29 October 2014
- RDP III has been approved on 13 February 2015
- 12 LAGs in Flanders were approved on 22 May 2015
12 LAGs in Flanders (BE)
Learning Networks (LN) for LEADER

• What?
  • 2014: idea LAG coordinator (LAG Hageland+)
  • Informal meetings of all LAGs to discuss one of the themes (or subthemes) of the Local Development Strategies

• Chosen themes Flemish LAGs
  - Regional identity 9
  - Quality of life in villages 8
  - Poverty and vulnerability 5
  - Education on agriculture and nature 5
  - Soil- and water management 2
  - Knowledge transfer and innovation 2
  - Agrobiodiversity 1
  - Sustainable energy and climate adaptation 1
  - Preserving and development of open space 1
  - Starting and rural entrepreneurs 1
  - Regional products and local food strategies 1
Learning Networks (LN) for LEADER

• For whom?
  • LAG coordinators (with or even without the specific theme of the LN in their LDS)
  • LAG members (when that need is expressed by LAGs themselves)
  • Experts on the topic (when that need is expressed by LAGs themselves)
  • Managing Authority (Flemish Land Agency)
  • Flemish NSU

• Why?
  • Learning from each other: sharing positive and negative experiences, discuss problems (organizational, concerning projects, …) … within the chosen themes of the LDS
  • Starting-up of cooperation projects
  • Theme that’s not already in the LDS, but can be in the future -> collect information from other LAGs
Learning Networks (LN) for LEADER

• **When?**
  • On a regular basis
  • If possible – in combination with formal LAG meeting (on demand of LAGs)

• **Where?**
  • Building Managing Authority
  • Building Flemish NSU
  • LAG area
Start-up meeting for all the LAG coordinators

- Date: 29 June 2015
- Each LAG coordinator presented their themes and subthemes of their LDS to each other
Start-up meeting for all the LAG coordinators

- Searching for overlap between themes and subthemes
- Brainstorm session about possible implementation and interpretation of a Learning Network for LEADER
- LAGs gave input for possible speakers, locations, ... per theme
Start-up meeting for all the LAG coordinators

• End of the day: plenary session (conclusions and to do’s)
First Learning Network

• **Feedback from LAGs**
  • Expectations fulfilled: good => very good
  • Not too many speakers => important to have enough time to have interaction
  • Good to have theoretic speakers combined with more practical speakers
  • NSU already asked and received input for possible locations and speakers for the next Learning Network
  • Topic of the next LN will be ‘regional identity’
Thank you for your attention!

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Support for cooperation

Supporting LAGs to develop and implement transnational and inter-territorial projects

- Collection and dissemination of cooperation ideas (linking to other thematic work)
- Partner-search tools
- Field trips & cooperation events
- Guidance, technical assistance/training

TNC-table to discuss transnational cooperation in Finland
Updated report can be downloaded from: