European Rural Networks’ Assembly

Green Economy – project examples

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Some examples from 2007-13 RDPs

The benefits for green economy come from

• being aware of the need to protect and enhance natural resources

• looking for opportunities to use these efficiently but non-destructively

• defining clear objective(s) of the project

• imaginative design and implementation

• effective use of RDP and other funding

Most of these projects are not labeled ‘green economy’
Solving Doblemoos peat moor from destruction

GE: active carbon storage and jobs in nature conservation

++ wetland wildlife habitats and resource for recreation, education, ecotourism

RDP: restore water levels, remove plantation trees, visitor access and information, vegetation management by low-level grazing

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Denmark – Midtyelland region

Low emission, high tech livestock housing

GE: efficient production, innovative slurry and air control systems, improved air quality

++ animal welfare, working environment, good practice

RDP: investment support
Slovakia - Žilina region

GE: protecting 1,700 ha forest resources from fire
+ flood protection, wetland habitat, tourism, recreation

RDP: restoring forestry potential and introducing preventive actions

New woodland reservoir

“We consulted a lot of people during the project design and this helped us develop a project that could have several different uses.”

Aladár Trnovský

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Germany - Mainz

GE: downstream flood protection of farmland, businesses and residential property

++ wetland conservation, reduced deforestation, reduced environmental impact

RDP: planning, land consolidation, construction work

Eco-friendly dyke building on the Upper Rhine

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Greece – Thessaloniki

Opening up new, sustainable ecotourism routes in areas that are rich in wildlife, making use of ‘dormant’ natural resources

GE: opportunities for local businesses along the routes

++ education opportunities, awareness of natural resources

RDP: waymarking, information, viewing points

Part of a joint project by Leader LAG and Fisheries LAG, funded by EAFRD and EFF

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Supporting local entrepreneur to produce innovative solar roof tiles

GE: increased local production of innovative renewable energy technology

+++ more adaptable than solar panels, suitable for wider range of uses

RDP: investment support for new factory
Ireland – County Meath

New technology to produce high quality woodfuel

GE: adding value to a renewable energy product; local development of technology to dry 20,000 tonnes of wood chip.

++ climate mitigation benefits, sustainable cropping (willow coppice)

RDP: investment support via Leader LAG
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