



LEADER success factors in Luxembourg: the example of three LAGs

LAG Atert-Wark, LAG Éislek, LAG Lëtzebuerg West

Our motivation for working with this topic

The initiatives of the Local Action Groups (LAGs) described here have been useful in many respects. They allowed for the testing of new concepts and ideas, improved the image of agriculture, involved many young people and young farmers, supported niche products and helped co-finance 'soft' projects as well as prepare for the acquisition of funds for tangible investments. Not the least, these projects also created jobs.

From a Managing Authority perspective, the lessons learnt through these projects also provided information for us to prepare and plan the measures that will possibly be co-funded in the next Rural Development Programme.

This is what we did and do

The SOLAWA project administered by LAG 'Atert-Wark' created the first model of community supported agriculture with meat producers in Luxembourg, in the form of a local social enterprise based on cooperation.

The EARTHSHIP project by LAG 'Atert-Wark' created a hub for local culture and an ecological, low-impact building that demonstrates closed circuits and autonomous energy supply. A project steering group involving 14 local stakeholders was set up to manage the project.

'Ask the Farmer' is an inter-territorial cooperation project involving all of the three LAGs. The project started in 2018 and aims to organise educational workshops in primary schools to raise awareness among pupils about modern agriculture. After the first week of announcement, the workshops became fully booked for the year 2018 with 40 classes registered to attend.

The 'VRR' project initiated by LAG 'Éislek' aims to provide support for high-quality niche products (e.g. cooking oils, mustards, honey, seeds, buckwheat), introduce new knowledge and increase local production. The project currently involves 12 farmers.

Those actors/ groups/ individuals were important

These projects involved local farmers and their customers, and the local communities.

Our learnings/ this is what we can recommend

All of these projects demonstrated that considerable outcomes can be achieved with relatively small budgets if community and stakeholder participation as well as cooperation is encouraged.

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LAG Éislek

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LAG Lëtzebuerg West

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