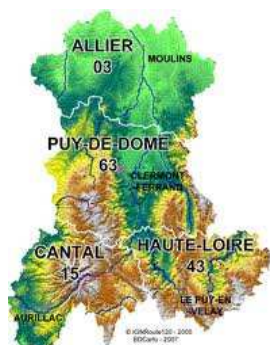


## More information about the project: ENGLISH TRAINING COURSE FOR RURAL ACTORS (English of cooperation)

### Where are we?

We are in the center of France, in a Region called Auvergne. Our Region counts 4 departments and 12 LAG. It is a quite mountainous area especially in the south where we have many ancient volcanoes. The highest mountain is 1,885m. Our area is mainly rural, agricultural and touristic. As far as industry is concerned, it remains quite big with industrial champions such as Michelin (tyres), Limagrain (seeds, food research). We also have a dynamic and diverse fabric of small industries: metallurgical, mechanical, pharmaceutical, food, cheese...



### Who are we?

We are the rural network of Auvergne. **Our network works with all the actors of rural development in our region.** We concentrate on several topics which are: new technologies as a way to improve services to the population, evaluation of public programs, transnational cooperation, local products, rural planning and ecoconstruction. We also help the 12 LAG to develop LEADER transnational project throughout Europe.

### Our project in a few words

We are planning to organize in **cooperation with a partner (a rural network or LAG in an EU member state) a common English training course (3 days) for our French rural actors and our partner's rural actors.** We want to create the best conditions possible to make the rural actors practice their English. The mornings would be dedicated to English courses and the afternoon to visits in the welcoming LAG area or rural network area. This would be a way for the participant to practice English on different topic (tourism, local products...). We want this training to be all about practicing and meeting new people who work also for rural development.

### What about the date?

This project is planned for November 2011. Beginning of November would be ideal.

**Who would attend?**

We are thinking of bringing about 30 people to attend the course (elected representative, technicians, LAG managers, project managers...). The list is not definitive yet but it will be people trying to develop transnational projects (LEADER, INTERREG...) or working for rural development within Auvergne.

We will have to split the course in different levels (beginners and intermediates at least). The idea is to mix your country's local actors with ours, so they practice and communicate in English. We believe it is the best way to improve their English and break the ice!

**Where would be the English training course?**

We would like to organize the course in our partner's area as we have prepared a budget for that. This would be in a place where we could visit rural development projects. Our partners could present their projects to us in English as a way to practice and exchange about their project.

**What would be the course about?**

The course will be based on the English of cooperation (vocabulary of cooperation, cooperation themes, introducing yourself and your territory etc...) The idea would be to choose the contractor (the English teachers or school) with our partner so we are sure it answers both our needs.

We will first agree on the training specifications, send it to several contractors and then choose together the best one. It is important to us to choose a contractor who is able to adapt to our topic: cooperation and rural development. The contractor has to work with us to prepare also the afternoon visit. For example: studying touristic cooperation in the morning and presentation of a touristic project in the afternoon where he could accompany us.

**What about the costs?**

We are going to pay for the organization of the trip, all the traveling and accommodation costs, the training course etc... We would like our partner to cover the cost of training of its local actors (cost depending on who we choose). We might share also some other costs like food or transport, to be discussed.

**This is, all in all, the framework of the project but we really hope to develop this project in partnership, so do not hesitate to tell us what you think or tell us your other ideas!**