



## International conference „Building Bridges for Transnational Cooperation“

21 - 23 June, 2011

Hotel Europa Royale Druskininkai,  
Vilnius ave. 7, Druskininkai, Lithuania

### DRAFT AGENDA

The International Conference for Local Action Groups (LAGs) “Building bridges for transnational cooperation” is organized at the initiative of the Centre for Programme LEADER and Agricultural Training Methodology and with the support of the National Rural Network of Lithuania.

The Conference is targeted at the Local Action Groups (LAGs) implementing transnational cooperation projects or wishing to find partners for a transnational cooperation project. The purpose of the conference is to provide the LAGs with the information on guidelines for transnational cooperation in Lithuania and other EU countries participating in the conference and strengthening capacities of LAGs for developing and implementing effective cooperation projects. The conference will also provide an opportunity for LAGs to express their needs, share “their story” so far and ensure efficient networking and exchange of experience.

#### Day 1: Tuesday, 21 June

15.00 – 21.30	Registration
	Networking activity for participants
	Welcome Dinner (19.30-21.30)

#### Day 2: Wednesday, 22 June

9.00 – 10.00	Registration
10.00 – 11.20	<b>Welcome and plenary session:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Official welcome and introduction to the conference</li><li>• International Cooperation and LEADER method implementation in Lithuania: Facts, Overview <i>Ministry of Agriculture of Lithuania</i></li><li>• LEADER now and in the future <i>European Commission DG Agri representative</i></li><li>• International Cooperation projects through LEADER: Overview of the EU situation <i>EN RD representative</i></li><li>• ELARD role in finding partners for international projects <i>ELARD representative</i></li></ul>
11.20 – 11.45	Coffee/tea brake

11.45 – 13.15	<p><b>Presentations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LEADER transnational projects in <b>Finland</b> <i>Representative from Finland</i></li> <li>• LEADER transnational projects in <b>Estonia</b> <i>Konstantin Mihhejev, Estonian Ministry of Agriculture, rural development department</i></li> <li>• LEADER transnational projects in <b>Sweden</b> <i>Representative from sw</i></li> <li>• LEADER transnational projects in <b>Poland</b> <i>Jaroslav Supera, Vice-president of MAZOWIECKI LEADER</i></li> <li>• Presentations of others participating countries</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and answers, conclusions, next steps</b></p>
13.15 – 14.45	Dinner
14.45 – 16.30	<p><b>Working groups session</b></p> <p><b>I. Adding value for local business through transnational cooperation</b> <i>Moderated by: Jaroslav Supera, Vice-president of MAZOWIECKI LEADER</i></p> <p><b>II. Development of a transnational cooperation project.</b> <i>Moderated by:</i></p> <p><b>III. Transnational cooperation projects for youth</b> <i>Moderated by:</i></p>
16.30 – 17.00	<p><b>Plenary session:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working groups summary</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions and answers, conclusions, next steps</b></p>
19.00 – 22.00	<b>Official Dinner</b>

**Day 3: Thursday, 23 June**

9.00 - 16.00	Study visits to LEADER projects in the South Lithuania
16.00	<b>Leaving home</b>

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