



The European Agricultural Fund
for Rural Development:
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LAGs Global Networks Seminar

Where? Hotel Ellivuori, Sastamala, Finland (www.ellivuori.fi - 2 hours from Helsinki airport, half an hour from Tampere airport)

When? 15th-16th June 2011

Background

One of the main objectives of the Finnish ELARD Presidency is LEADER method dissemination to new territories, both in Europe and beyond. ELARD's members have already accumulated a wealth of experience on cooperation with non-EU regions. What can we learn from this interaction? What are the LAG level benefits? How to best disseminate LEADER to new territories? The seminar looks for answers to these questions and promotes contact-building and cooperation with non-European territories. The seminar is targeted towards LAGs and national rural networks and its language is English. The seminar is organised by ELARD in cooperation with the Finnish rural network.

Program

14th of June		
21:00	Welcoming dinner at Hotel Ellivuori	
15th of June		
08:00	Optional morning hike & landscape inspiration: 3 km round walk to Devil's Mountain and back	
09:00 – 09:30	Seminar registration & morning coffee	
09:30 – 09:45	Welcome to Ellivuori Island	Arto Satonen, Member of the Finnish Parliament & Petri

		Rinne, President of ELARD
09:45 – 10:15	LEADER in Finland, Russia and Africa	Eero Uusitalo, Finnish Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
10:15 – 10:45	Why and how to disseminate LEADER? A place-based policy approach	Philip Wade, OECD administrator (retired) and expert in regional and rural development
10:45 – 11:15	The value of transnational cooperation to transfer the Leader method	Jean-Michel Courades, DG Agri, EU Commission.
11:15 – 11:45	Questions and Answers Session	
11:45 – 12:00	The Finns as project partners	Juha-Matti Markkola, Finnish National Rural Network
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch	
13:00 – 14:30	Getting to know each other globally - a community theatre approach	
14:30 – 15:00	LEADER in Mozambique	Rocha Amborete, Zambezia Province Government & Ana Carolina Marciano, Joutsenten Reitti LAG
15:00 – 15:30	LEADER in Latin America	Maria Jose Murciano, REDR, Spain
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break	
16:00 – 16:30	LEADER in Cape Verde	Portuguese Expert
16:30 – 17:00	LEADER in Tunisia	Jean Bassede, LAG "Itinérances"
17:00	Conclusions - the lessons learnt?	Experts from DG Development / EuropeAid/ Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
	Discussion & One to one meetings	
18:00	Social Evening	option 1: Church boat ("Viking boat") rowing across the lake to a touristic farm, dinner and sauna, return to hotel by bus before midnight - option 2: sauna & dinner at the hotel smoke sauna by the lake
16th of June		
09:00 – 09:30	LEADER Piloting in Russia	Leo Granberg & Inna Kopoteva, Helsinki University, Ruralia Institute.

09:30 -	Reflecting back to the EU: Could the LEADER method evolve?	Torsti Hyryläinen, Helsinki University, Ruralia Institute.
	Introduction to group work: How to develop/ improve LEADER method based on the overseas experiences to better respond to constantly changing local development needs? How to address the shortcomings reported by the European Court of Auditors? How does LEADER 2.0 look like?	
10:00	Division into three groups: 1) administration, 2) LAGs, 3) Non-EU participants	
11:00 – 11 :30	Presentations of the group work results	
11:30 – 12 :00	Conclusions & closing words	Panagiotis Patras, Vice President of ELARD
12:00	Farewell Lunch	

PRICES

Seminar entrance: free of charge

Accommodation: in a single room 66 €/night, in a twin room 38 €/night

Lunch: 13 €

Dinner: 18 €

Group transportation arranged from the airports of Helsinki and Tampere for those who ask for it, please refer to the registration document. The transportation price is around 50 euros per person and will be collected in cash on the spot.

REGISTRATIO BY THE END OF MAY

You can register to this event on ELARD website using the following link:

<http://www.elard.eu/events/en/lagsglobalnetworksseminar/register>

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