



Participation, Cooperation and Partnership

A Local Action Group Perspective

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Participation, Cooperation, Partnership - The LAG Structure

- The LAG Members;
 - Civic Society Focused / Political?
 - Partnership or Collective?
 - Decision Makers or Paper Pushers?
 - Risk Takers or Averse to Responsibility?
 - Representative or Exclusive?
 - LEADERS or Followers?
- Does the LAG represent a good 'team' to impress the Policy Makers and Policy Shapers?

Participation, Cooperation, Partnership - The LAG Area & Stakeholders

The first challenge for any LAG...

- Become Relevant, Known and Recognised
- Become a 'Partner' with local groups and services – sharing their challenges
 - Local Community Structures (NGO)
 - Local Government Offices/Officials
 - Local State Offices/Services
 - Small Enterprise (old and new generation)
 - Relevant Networks (Local, Regional, National, European etc.)

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- The LAG Plan (Part 1)

- The 'first' LAG Plan...Are you focused? – know what you can do and what is beyond your capacities...
- Ensure it is relevant – Local Stakeholders (Respect)
- Start Simple; Get the basics right – Plan your 'activities'....equally your professional team and systems and your communications plan...
- Your Plan should accommodate change and growth beyond the boundaries of the 'Rural Development Programme/LEADER'.

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- LAG Policy Makers

- It is a 'Relationship' – start slowly
- LEADER Approach is 'Alien' to Some...Nurture and Share it...
- Develop informal and formal communications channels (included in your LAG Plan)
- Have the right 'negotiation' team; Positive & Creative Approach
- Seeking as much support as possible
- Willing to share as much 'responsibility' as possible

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- The LAG Plan (Part 2)

- As part of the 'Animation' Plan consider investments that will encourage greater and broader linkages between the LAG and Government/EU Bodies
 - Prioritise investments that will enable encourage greater linkages, cooperation and participation (Local-Regional+)
 - Invest in 'Research' into local challenges that cannot be met by the Rural Development Programme alone...e.g. Employment, Social Innovation, Environment etc.
 - Invest in 'Local Partners' to develop the capacity to separately develop partnerships with Government and develop parallel complementary supports in partnership with the LAG



The newly extended 'Tracton' community facility – Providing Services to over 30 community groups



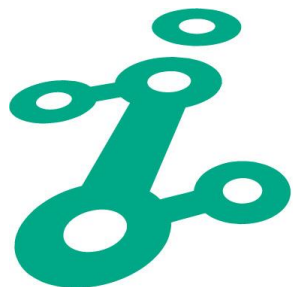


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- Aimed at people on live register (welfare payment)
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- Include pre-start up Phase
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