



RUR@L NEWSFLASH LEADER Event 2012



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Dear Rur@l Newsflash reader,

Following on from the successful event for New LAGs in 2011, the ENRD organised the "[LEADER Event 2012: Local Development Strategies and Cooperation](#)" in Brussels on 27-28 April 2012.

THE EVENT



Around 400 participants shared two days of interactive and participatory seminars, workshops, and meetings, contributing to highlights such as the 'Networking and Cooperation' Fair. Over 250 LAG representatives from EU Member States plus additional representatives from National Rural Networks, Managing Authorities, the European Commission and rural organisations came together to engage in debates and exchanges around the future of LEADER. The overall focus of the event was upon three themes: improving the quality of the implementation of local development strategies, integrating co-operation as a key component of local development strategies, and encouraging a new wave of transnational cooperation (TNC) projects.

OUTCOMES



In this special edition of the Newsflash we travel along the journey that the LEADER event put us on, reflect on the conclusions we can draw from the intensive discussions that took place, and look together to the future. Read our [review of the LEADER Event 2012](#), which summarises the event's agenda and outcomes. We have produced a [video](#), which captures the buzzing atmosphere of this event. Also click [here](#) to browse our [photo gallery](#). On the ENRD website you can find all the presentations and useful background documents on the dedicated [event page](#).





To [find out more about the ENRD](#), visit [our website](#) where you can also find the [LEADER gateway](#), your one-stop online resource to everything LEADER. You can also download the latest issue of the [EU Rural Review](#), which focuses on the event's theme – LEADER and cooperation. Feel free to share this information with your colleagues, friends and partners!

Sincerely,

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