



# Added Value of Networking

## Success Story

Success Story title *ENRD 9<sup>th</sup> meeting in Malta*

Theme *Network communications; Knowledge exchange; Cooperation*

NRN *Malta* Coordinator *NSU*

Partners *ENRD*

Period *28-29<sup>th</sup> June 2010* Resources *€9300*

Geo-location *Dolmen Hotel, Qawra, (within Majjistral region, Malta)*

Beneficiaries *DG AGRI, ENRD, NRNs from 27 Member States, 3 Local Action Groups in Malta, NRN Malta steering & Coordination Committee Members*

### Background

The event was part of the Programme of a 4-day European Rural Network Conference organised by the European Commission and hosted by the Maltese National Rural Network. Malta expressed its interest in hosting the 9<sup>th</sup> ENRD meeting in view of the fact that the NRN had just been set up and had started working hard to deliver results right from the beginning. NRN Malta gave an overview of the set up of the Maltese network mainly through the Steering and Coordination Committees and the thematic priorities for 2010 including; competitiveness, multi-functionality and adding value to agricultural products, water management and rural tourism. NRN Malta wanted to give all MS NRNs, ENRD and DG Agri the opportunity to visit Malta in order to understand its diversity in agriculture and rural development. Moreover, it also wanted to show where EAFRD funds are being disbursed.

### Main activities

1. Organisation of the 9<sup>th</sup> NRN Meeting at Dolmen Hotel Qawra
2. Imnarja festival following the meeting
3. Dinner of local rural produce at Limestone Heritage
4. Film on Malta's history
5. Visit to Valletta, Malta's capital city
6. Visit to a dairy farm funded through RDP 2007-2013
7. Visit to Dingli Cliffs, a rural tourism area which is benefiting from funds under Measure 313 of the RDP 2007-2013.

### Main results/benefits

High Level Representatives from the Ministry for Resources and Rural Affairs and also other local rural stakeholders understood more about the level of importance the European Commission devotes to the National Rural Network in the implementation of Rural Policy. The meeting encouraged other MS' to hold ENRD meetings in their home country so that representatives from other MS' can acquire knowledge of the diversity of rural development across Europe.





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#### Contribution of the NSU

NRN Malta was responsible for the entire organisation of the meeting and all the events related to it including a presentation on the work of NRN Malta during the meeting itself.

#### Contribution of the partners

Various partners delivered presentations and contributed through the sharing of experiences and discussions.

#### Success factors

This was an excellent opportunity for NRN Malta to organise a networking event on such a large scale, involving all Member States, DG Agri and ENRD. This meeting was particularly important because DG AGRI discussed the contributions that each country presented on the reform on the Common Agricultural Policy post-2013. Other key NRN tools were developed further through this meeting like PIKSE, which are proving successful. The meeting fostered networking and the sharing of experiences with other member states. It was also a very good platform to make the Maltese public aware of the role of the European National Rural Network.

#### Additional information

[http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/en-rd-events-and-meetings/meetings/en/9th-nrn-meeting\\_en.cfm](http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/en-rd-events-and-meetings/meetings/en/9th-nrn-meeting_en.cfm)

