



Added Value of Networking

Success Story

Success Story title *The value of Networking: NRN Malta welcoming Estonian NRN*

Theme *Network communications; Knowledge exchange; Cooperation*

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Partners *Estonian National Rural Network, Rural Tourism tour operator in Malta, Birdpark Malta Managing Director*

Period *17th November 2011* Resources *Around €2000*

Geo-location *Islands of Malta and Gozo: 3 regions covered by the LAGs*

Beneficiaries *The 3 Local Action Groups in Malta, Montekristo Estates, Ta' Mena Estates, Birdpark Malta, Estonian First LEADER Award Winners*

Background

The objective of this short networking study visit was to share useful experiences on the implementation of the National Rural Network. This study visit also enabled the Estonian National Rural Network to familiarise itself with the rural and agricultural characteristics of the Maltese Islands and how EAFRD funds are providing the necessary support.

Main activities

An informal NRN meeting was held at one of the RDP beneficiaries under Measure 313 – Birdpark Malta. The delegates were guided around the project with the benefits of the project, particularly in encouraging tourism in rural areas, clearly explained. Visits were then undertaken to the noble city of Mdina for its timeless atmosphere as well as its cultural and religious treasures, to an olive grove in Mgarr where the farmer gave an overview of the main characteristics of the orchard, followed by a nibble of local Maltese produce including sun-dried tomatoes, honey and olive-oil, and to two enterprises located in Ta' Qali involved in clay and glass manufacturing. Dinner was held in Gozo in an agro-tourism beneficiary's investment where traditional Gozo rural produce was served.



Contribution of the NSU

NRN Malta coordinated all the logistics for the two day study visit and provided the necessary support during on-site visits and meetings.

Contribution of the partners

1. The Estonian National Rural Network delivered a presentation on the state of play and the main activities organised by their Network.
2. The Maltese LAGs gave an overview of the composition of their respective LAG and the actions within their Local Development Strategy.
3. The Estonian first LEADER award winners from each category gave an overview of their LEADER projects along with their benefits.

Success factors

This study visit developed opportunities for future networking events and enabled the sharing of best practice and knowledge transfer.

Additional information

A more detailed article has been uploaded on the Managing Authority and Rural Network website:
<https://secure2.gov.mt/mrra-ma/publicity?l=1>

