



Strengthening of the rural territorial partnerships by applying the EU LEADER approach

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Visible examples of the changes at the organisational and community levels due to FSTP support provided

- ◆ In regional project „ALTER“ financed by EU it's support 17 projects in 7 countries
- ◆ The projects was linked with rural development and CSO was local organisation
- ◆ One of the key theme of the projects was development territorial partnership based on the LEADER approach
- ◆ 5 local consortium from 4 countris (NM, TR, SRB, KOS*) worked on territorial partnership development

- ◆ Improved capacities of local actors from all 3 sectors (about 500 representatives) for building territorial partnership and LEADER approach
- ◆ Partnership at local level was supported
- ◆ Bottom-up approach implemented
- ◆ Local strategic planning based on the territorial partnership was implemented
- ◆ Sharing knowledge and partnership was supported
- ◆ Innovation was supported
- ◆ Two new Local Action Groups (LAG) was established

The main struggles of the FSTP beneficiaries

- ◆ Changing the habits of local communities and waiting for someone else to solve the local problems
- ◆ Encouraging local actors to actively participate is a difficult process that requires great commitment
- ◆ The challenge in building an intersectoral partnership
- ◆ Unclear decisions of national authorities on the implementation of the LEADER approach

The changes the FSTP beneficiaries are reporting

- ◆ Improved knowledge of local actors about the LEADER approach and territorial partnerships
- ◆ CSOs are the initiators and bearers of the LEADER approach implementation process
- ◆ Local development is planned in a participatory manner and is not limited by administrative boundaries
- ◆ The LEADER approach brings the democratization, equality and decentralization of society

The effects of the application of the horizontal aspects into FSTP approaches and supported projects

- ♦ The LEADER approach enabled the inclusion of marginalized categories (women, youth...) in the processes of partnership building and strategic planning
- ♦ Women and youth must be represented in LAG management bodies and this is ensure his voice in decission making process
- ♦ During the preparation of the Local Development Strategy, all relevant local actors were involved with opportunity to create measures for improving in key themes for local community
- ♦ Within LDS, "small" local topics are treated, including topics from the field of environmental protection, social protection, local services...



**If you want to go fast, go alone
If you want to go safely, go in company**

A photograph of a winter landscape. The scene is dominated by snow-covered evergreen trees, their branches heavily laden with white snow. In the lower center, a wooden building, possibly a cabin or a small house, is partially visible, its roof and walls also covered in snow. The background shows a steep, snow-covered hillside. The overall atmosphere is serene and cold. The text "Thank you for your attention" is overlaid on the left side of the image in a white, serif font.

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