

NRNs SOCIAL FARMING THEMATIC INITIATIVE

Linking rural development and social farming

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SOCIAL FARMING THEMATIC INITIATIVE

- First meeting – Brussels: 09.12.2009
- Second meeting – Rome: 25-26.03.2010
 - Field visit organised by the Italian NRN
- 2 video conference meetings
- International conference – Belgium
Flanders: 30.09-01.10.2010





SF THEMATIC INITIATIVE MAIN OBJECTIVE

- To improve the implementation of Rural Development Programmes in support of social farming
- To provide input to the development of future programming at national and European level





INVOLVED NRNs



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EXPECTED OUTCOMES (1)

- Overview paper – Final version by December 2010
- Case studies collection – December 2010
- Social farming conference – Belgium Flanders





EXPECTED OUTCOMES (2)

OVERVIEW PAPER

- State of play of SF in the NRNs who are participating to the initiative
- Focus on the links between SF and RDPs: opportunities offered to the implementation of social farming projects
- The Overview Paper is not comprehensive and it does not represent the situation in the EU



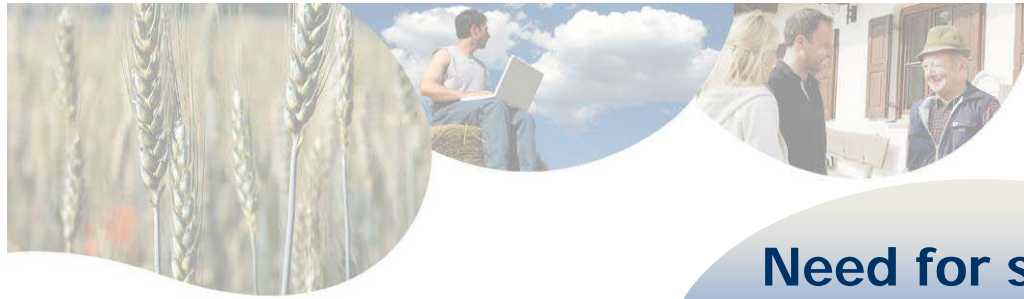


EXPECTED OUTCOMES (3)

CASE STUDIES

- Support findings of the Overview Paper/Sharing knowledge
- Examples financed by RDPs: Austria
- Examples describing the obstacles to access to RDPs funding: United Kingdom
- Examples financed by other funds (National / European)
- Positive response of local communities to the implementation of social farming/green care





Need for strong evidence of the positive effects of SF

**Eligibility criteria
Other barriers**

Legal differences



Lack of knowledge of the possibilities offered by the RDPs

No clear linkages and lack of coordination between RDPs and SF





FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

- Collection of relevant case studies (PIKSE)
- Dissemination:
 - ✓ Overview Paper: EN RD website, articles.....
 - ✓ Case studies: PIKSE database; PIKSE publication
 - ✓ Existing material
- Supporting contacts and exchange of experiences between different actors involved in social farming





POSSIBLE FUTURE COOPERATION ACTIONS BY NRNs

- Based on collected case studies:
 - Further analysis of the possibilities offered by the RDPs in different MS
 - Identification and analysis of the main administrative barriers existing in the implementation of SF projects





REMARKS / CONCLUSIONS FROM THE WORKSHOPS

- To be added before the presentation





THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

