



Added Value of Networking

Success Story

Success Story title *Establishing active dialogue between civil society and the state*

Theme *Cooperation*

NRN *Slovenia* Coordinator *Slovenian National Rural Network*

Partners *Slovenian Rural Development Network (non-governmental organization)*

Period *7th December 2012*

Geo-location *Mengeš, Slovenia*

Beneficiaries *Rural population, NGOs, experts, government organizations*

Main activities

At the end of 2011, the Slovenian National Rural Network (managed by the Ministry of Agriculture and the Environment) and the Slovenian Rural Development Network (non-governmental organisation) organised an event under the motto "The Slovenian countryside after 20 years of independence and initiation of a Rural Parliament in Slovenia". This was the first successful meeting of the rural population, NGOs, experts in the field of rural development and government organisations, current and former agricultural ministers and representatives of many other ministries. During the event successful projects and local products were presented by 15 local action groups (LAG) and local communities. The Rural Parliament was attended by around 200 representatives. The honourable guest and speaker was the President of the Republic of Slovenia, Dr Danilo Türk.

Main results/benefits

An important focus in discussions of the rural parliament was that this form of dialogue between civil society and the state is necessary and it is important to promote networking among all actors in the countryside towards achieving greater competitiveness. Active dialogue between civil society and the state was successfully established. The conclusions of the parliament constitute a good foundation for the preparation of the Rural Parliament in 2012, which will focus on future rural development policy in the programming period 2014–2020.





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Success factors

This event was successfully organised in cooperation with governmental and non-governmental organisations. The event established dialogue between civil society and the state which will continue also with organising the Rural Parliament in 2012.

Additional information

http://www.drustvo-podezelje.si/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=77

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