

Case study 2014, SPU Nitra

Draft proposal

“Ex post evaluation of local development strategies in Leader approach”

Objectives

To learn about:

- ✘ implementation of the EU Leader approach in the Slovak Republic
- ✘ the EU instruments to support Community-led local development in 2014-2020
- ✘ monitoring and evaluation of the EU rural development interventions financed out of EAFRD
- ✘ ex post evaluation of local development strategies in Leader approach
- ✘ techniques for assessment of the added value of Leader method and their seven principles

To build up skills:

- ✘ in the practical application of evaluation tools
- ✘ in the participatory research

Content of the case study

The case study will contain:

- Theoretical lessons – general orientation in Slovakia, macroeconomic situation, the EU rural development policies of 2007-2013 and 2014-2020, the Common Monitoring and Evaluation Framework of Rural Development Programs, the EU Leader Axis, the state of art of the Leader Axis in Slovakia and in particular in Nitra self-governing Region as example of the regional best practice in the field
- Training – the evaluation tools and techniques used for the ex post evaluation of local development strategies and implementation of Leader methods,
- The desk research focused on three cases – documents of integrated local development strategies of Leader local action groups. The subject of the desk research is: analysis of territorial SWOT, problem analysis, strategic framework, action and financial framework, monitoring and evaluation framework and the strategy implementation via individual projects
- Practical field survey in local action groups – focused on the assessment of seven principles of Leader approach and application of Leader method.
- Organising and conducting presentation in front of representatives of particular local action groups on findings, conclusions and recommendations
- Developing final report.
- Developing the SWOT analysis on the Leader Axis in Slovakia based upon experiences gained in local action groups territories and received information

Target group

Students of the IMRD