

CZECH REPUBLIC

Implementing local development strategies

Location

Czech Republic

Programming period

2007 – 2013

Axis / Priority

Axis 4 – LEADER

Measure

M431 - Running the local
action group, skills
acquisition, animation

Funding (EUR)

Total budget 1mil
EAFRD 0.8 mil
National/Regional 0.2 mil

Project duration

2013 – 2014

Project promoter

National LAG Network of the
Czech Republic

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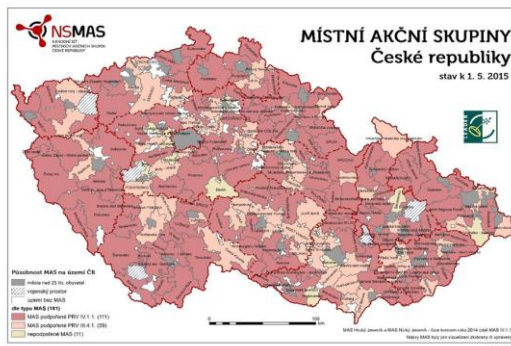
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Peer learning as a way to prepare new LAGs to use CLLD funding

Summary

In the 2007-2013 period there were 112 Local Action Groups supported by the Czech RDP. In 2014-2020 there are plans to have 180 LAGs. This high increase in LAG numbers involves a considerable effort in capacity building, to get them ready to apply for EU funding and implement their Local Development Strategies



A series of training, study visits, internships as well as pilot project selection was organised to provide new Czech LAGs with the opportunity to learn about the practicalities of CLLD implementation from their more experienced colleagues.

Results

All 180 LAGs managed to submit their application for fulfilling 'LAG standards' and about 160 of them had received a certificate allowing them to submit their CLLD strategy.

Nearly 100% of rural areas in Czech Republic are now covered by CLLD (95% of rural communities compared to 59% in previous period).

This project was followed by special call for national cooperation projects focused on peer exchange and evaluation where all LAGs had the opportunity to find a partner LAG which whom they exchanged experience on the application of LEADER principles, the added value of cooperation or evaluation and monitoring.

Lessons & Recommendations

- ❑ The project stimulated mutual cooperation within the LEADER community. The 'old' LAGs were happy to transfer their know-how and experience to newcomers, who appreciated the warm welcome and having someone to ask if they had questions.