

Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs
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COMMUNITY-LED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT
IN OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME EMPLOYMENT,
OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME EMPLOYMENT PLUS,
RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
AND STRATEGIC PLAN
OF COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY

31/03 — 02/04/2025

National Museum of Agriculture, Prague
Kostelní 1300/44, Praha 7 – Letná

Conference Objectives

- Presentation of Local Action Groups (LAGs) as key local actors for the implementation of social agendas and prevention of social exclusion at the local level.
- Promotion of multidisciplinary approaches and multifund solutions in rural areas.
- Recommendations for CLLD in the new programming period 2028+ at national and european level.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA / as of 22/01/2025

MONDAY 31/03/2025

 **Ministry of Agriculture / Ministerstvo zemědělství**, Stárkova ulice, Praha 1

excursions – project visits in LAG Brdy-Vltava / incl. English translation

- World of Good People – Community Centre
- Day Care Centre – Nursing home in Dobříš
- Reconstruction of Space for Meeting People in Neighborhood of Nursery School n. 2
- Revitalization of Urban Green and Space in front of Local Authority in Dobříš
- Reconstruction of School Rooms and its Equipment for Elementary School TRNKA
- Reconstruction of Floors, New Equipment for School Kitchen and New Equipment for Children Game

13⁰⁰ departure from the **Ministry of Agriculture**

14⁰⁰-17⁰⁰ welcome and introduction of the LAG and its activities, project visits.

light refreshments

18⁰⁰ estimated arrival back to the Ministry of Agriculture

TUESDAY 01/04/2025

 **National Museum of Agriculture / Národní zemědělské muzeum**, Kostelní 1300/44, Praha 7

9⁰⁰-10⁰⁰ registration and welcome coffee

10⁰⁰-10²⁰ **welcome speech**

Marian Jurečka / Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs

Marek Výborný / Minister of Agriculture

Petr Kulhánek / Minister for Regional Development

10²⁰-10³⁰ organizational announcement - program, conference objective

10³⁰-12⁰⁰ **presentation of the results and benefits of CLLD calls in ESF and ESF+**

- **MA ESF/ESF+:** overall assessment of CLLD and LAG involvement, including specific examples of implementation, evaluation outputs and good practice
- **LAGs:** examples of successful projects

opening panel

LAG as a key local actor for the implementation of social agendas on the local level

- How LAG activities in the social field contribute to "standard" systems/tools?
- Vision and further possibilities for LAGs involvement in the future.

12⁰⁰-12³⁰ coffee break

12³⁰-14⁰⁰ - **European Commission:** Importance of CLLD/LEADER and support in the next programming period
TBC

- **European Committee of the Regions and the Ministry of Rural Development:** Importance of multifund support of CLLD and LAGs, linking investment (ERDF) and non-investment support, Rural Pact and dissemination of good practice at the European level
[Radim Sršeň](#) / Deputy Minister for Regional Development, Deputy Member of CoR
- **Ministry of Agriculture:** History of LEADER in the Czech Republic and its extension to multifund, CLLD/LEADER in RDP and CAP Strategic Plan, integrated approach
[Radan Večerka](#) / Deputy Minister of Agriculture
- **Ministry of Environment:** Involvement of LAGs and CLLD in the environmental agendas
TBC
- **National LAG Network:** Connecting agendas and multidisciplinary in the rural areas, cooperation towards multidisciplinary at central level, territory as a client = “case management of the territory”
TBC

14⁰⁰-15¹⁵

lunch

15¹⁵-16⁴⁵

parallel expert panels

[good practices and inspiring outcomes of LAGs projects](#)

[discussion on topics for further development within CLLD and LAGs projects](#)

The contribution of LAGs in the field of social inclusion (social work) from various perspectives

Regions, municipalities and target groups. LAGs in the area of social inclusion as a win-win measure for all actors involved. Presentation of LAG activities in the field of social work: examples of regions/municipalities where cooperation is effectively established, examples from small municipalities (mayors) and concrete benefits for their communities, and possibly also the client's perspective (= "client-centered" approach). Community planning of social services – the role of LAGs in mapping needs in the social field, strengthening the competencies of small municipalities in providing social work, coordination, and networking.

moderated by [Melanie Zajacová](#) / Head of the Department of Social Work at the Faculty of Philosophy, Charles University.

Multifunded approach in CLLD and its importance for rural areas and community development, strategic planning in the territory based on local knowledge, interconnection and linking of actors and topics in the territory, recommendations for the new programming period 2028+

Key benefits and added value of CLLD, presentation of good practices of multifund and integrated approach in the Czech Republic – synergies and complementarities (e.g., LAG investment projects in the social area and their connection to ESF+), specifics of support for rural areas and their inhabitants – needs and resources, measurement of support, impacts, and qualitative changes, dissemination of the CLLD approach, and formulation of recommendations for the future programming period 2028+.

moderated by [Radim Sršeň](#) / Deputy Minister for Regional Development

Innovative and creative approaches of LAGs to solving local problems, examples of piloting LAG innovations in local conditions, the further potential of LAGs as drivers of innovation in the territory, linking the activities of LAGs and CLLD-U

Presentation of LAG innovations in CLLD in ESF and ESF+, examples of innovative approaches in community activities (growing importance of communities, community sustainability), piloting innovations in connection with ESF projects, linking research and innovation in public space, and the role of LAGs in local-level innovations, new perspectives on linking LAG and CLLD-URBAN activities into one entity, connection with RDP and Ministry of Agriculture, Smart Villages.

moderated by [Rut Bízková](#) / Innovation and Research Consultant, former Minister of the Environment.

The role and good practices of LAGs in the field of socially responsible employment, building the potential of LAGs to use existing and new tools and approaches to support employment as an opportunity to address employment issues in rural areas

Social inclusion and access to the labor market for the most vulnerable groups in communities - the role of LAGs and municipalities. Piloting integration jobs – presenting experiences and best practices, how to coordinate with CLLD projects in ESF+. Responsible purchasing. Links to social agriculture and social entrepreneurship – creating job opportunities for disadvantaged individuals in the rural labor market, discussions on potential opportunities and overcoming barriers.

moderated by [Gustav Charouzek](#) / Director of LAG Královská stezka

- 16⁴⁵-17³⁰ summary of the panel outcomes, conclusion of the official program of the day
- 18⁰⁰-19⁰⁰ guided tours of the National Museum of Agriculture (in English), access to the museum terrace, a short walk in Letná Park to the viewpoint
- 19⁰⁰-22⁰⁰ dinner (informal meeting, networking, musical performance)

STŘEDA 02/04/2025

 **National Museum of Agriculture / Národní zemědělské muzeum, Kostelní 1300/44, Praha 7**

9⁰⁰-9³⁰ registration and welcome coffee

9³⁰-11⁰⁰ **parallel expert panels**
good practices and inspiring outcomes of LAGs projects
discussion on topics for further development within CLLD and LAGs projects

LAG as a tool for preventing social exclusion and contributing to community wellbeing through community work and community activities

The importance of LAG's role in preventing social exclusion through community activities and community work (prevention is always cheaper than entering services). Mapping, knowledge, and utilization of available local resources. Supporting intergenerational dialogue within the community. Developing community work in the region.

moderated by **Markéta Dvořáková** / Director of LAG Brdy-Vltava

The role and potential of LAGs in the field of volunteering and civic engagement, intergenerational activities and support for informal and shared care

What is volunteering, what forms it can take, related legislation, the potential of LAGs in developing volunteering. How volunteering can be used to improve the social situation of caregivers and their families and what role does LAG play in this (active search for volunteers, their training, coordination, public awareness). Volunteering linked to informal and shared care, including homesharing and other alternatives (e.g. looking after other disadvantaged people such as children in an institutional care, etc.). Palliative care in the client's natural environment (e.g. good practice of palliative care in retirement homes).

moderated by **Markéta Heroutová** / Head of the Brno Branch, Silesian Diakonia

Utilizing the potential of LAGs in piloting and implementing legislative changes in the social field

Providing social work as close to the client as possible, case management, legislative changes in supporting informal caregivers, legislative changes in supporting vulnerable families with children, effective approaches to early identification of at-risk children and providing effective help, wellbeing and mental health of children, a vision of transforming schools towards interdisciplinary cooperation.

moderated by **Lenka Felcmanová** / Chairwoman and Co-founder of the Society for All (SOFA)

Capacity building of LAGs and linking community work and individual social work with the prevention of energy poverty and environmental issues

Energy counselling/energy poverty prevention - connecting with community work or individual social work, including debt counselling, linking with the social climate fund. Environmental activities as part of LAG community activities, opportunities to involve young people in environmental community activities to find solutions, children's mental health, and stress prevention/management, social consequences of adapting to climate change - community work, community energy: focus on working with the community.

moderated by **Iva Černá** / LAG Pomalší

11⁰⁰-11¹⁵ coffee break

11¹⁵-13⁰⁰ **living library**
Examples of projects or organizations outside CLLD that could inspire LAG practice

13⁰⁰-14⁰⁰ **summary of workshops and conference, conclusion**

14⁰⁰-15¹⁵ lunch refreshments

The time schedule of the program, layout of the panels on individual days and thematic focus of the panels may be specified/changed.