
NRN Malta Committee Meeting

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Dingli Interpretation Centre

The Way Forward of the National Rural Network Malta

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Rural Development Programme for Malta 2007 – 2013
The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development
Co-financing Rate: 75% European Union, 25% Government of Malta



Europe Investing in Rural Areas

NRN Committee: way forward

- The Committee is scheduled to meet once every 4 months in parallel with the newsletter.
- All NRN Committee members are expected to contribute in their own means.
- The NRN will ensure a closer collaboration with the 3 Local Action Groups.
 - Promotion of the Rural Development Policy among the farming community and general public.
- The Managing Authority remains the Network Support Unit, in charge of the implementation of the NRN.

Activities in the pipeline

- Continuation of the study presently carried out by the University of Gloucestershire on CAP reform
- NRN Committee will be providing feedback on the study
- Public Seminar and Presentation of Results – **end of May 2012.**
- Evaluation of the Rural Development Programme 2007-2013 – in process.
 - NRN Committee members may be requested to collaborate with the evaluators
- Participation in Fairs and Events
 - Naturalment Malti Dairy Festival – 6th May, Gharghur
 - Participation in Imnarja activities – 28-29th June 2012

NRN e-newsletters

- Newsletters published so far:

- No.1 - Introductory newsletter on NRN
- No 2 – Water, Climate Change and Agriculture
- No 3 – Quality in Local Agricultural Produce

- Upcoming NRN e-Newsletters

- Proposed 4th newsletter – The importance of renewable sources of energy in agriculture
- Proposed 5th Newsletter – Agro-Tourism in Malta
- Proposed 6th Newsletter – CAP Reform



Other upcoming activities...

- Information Campaign on the CAP in schools (eg. Through a drawing competition) - proposed for October 2012.
- Current Activity – Rural Photo Competition
 - Applications are open!!
 - Deadline: **11th May 2012**
 - Categories: Both Professional and Amateur Photographers
 - Themes:
 - Rural Youth,
 - Rural People,
 - The Spirit of Leader,
 - Rural Diversity,
 - Rural Environment,
 - Rural Employment
- Applications are being accepted by the Local Action Groups
 - Majjistral Action Group - www.leadermajjistral.eu
 - Xlokk Action Group - www.galxlokk.com
 - Gozo Action Group - www.leadergozo.eu

**We encourage you to actively participate in the activities of the
NRNM!**

Thank you for your attention