

Albanian Network for Rural Development (ANRD)

Regional workshops “Existing initiatives and the perspective of implementing the LEADER approach in the territories of Drini, Arberi, Egnatia and Vjosa Forums”



Albanian Network for Rural Development (ANRD) organized throughout March 2019 four regional workshops with the constituents of Drini, Arberi, Egnatia and Vjosa Forums to exchange experiences, knowledge and perspectives on implementing the EU rural development policy instrument – LEADER approach. The workshops, which brought together some 150 participants, sought to inform local actors and enable the exchange of existing LEADER-like initiatives and LEADER-LAGs type in the territories of each forum. The

meetings also served as an opportunity to increase the knowledge of local actors about LEADER approach and the perspective of its implementation in Albania. The role and contribution of different actors in relation to the dynamics required by the LEADER approach at local level was at the core of presentations and discussions.

National round-table on Governance of Agriculture and Rural Development

The ANRD organized on February 12th, the national round-table on Governance of Agriculture and Rural Development. This roundtable sought to bring national policies on agriculture and rural development to the core of public discourse from the perspective of rural communities and Albania’s European integration. In particular, it contributed to raise stakeholders’ awareness on challenges and critical issues of the agricultural and rural development policies and to influence their improvement. This round-table followed-up the national consultation process “On the governance of agriculture and rural development”, held during October-November 2018, and set in function of advocacy issues addressed in the Position Paper (<https://anrd.al/publications/position-paper-on-agriculture-and-rural-development-governance/>)



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National Training on “Good governance of CSOs: Planning and reporting”



Albanian Network for Rural Development organized on February 20-22nd, the national training on “Good governance of CSOs: Planning and reporting” for 25 members of its constituents. This training was conducted under the EU funded project “Networking and Advocacy for Green Economy-NAGE” implemented in Albania by ANRD, in cooperation with all members of the Balkan Rural Development Network (BRDN). The overall goal of the



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training was strengthening of the grassroots' CSOs capacities in advocacy and networking, to be able to sustain their role of agricultural and rural reform advocates, in transparent and accountable way;

Upcoming events:

Green entrepreneurship caravan

Green Caravan

In the frame of the NAGE project - *Networking and Advocacy for Green Economy*, a green entrepreneurship caravan will be organized to increase the awareness and sensitize the general public on the importance of support of the process of green farming and entrepreneurship and sustainable rural diversification. The concept of caravan implies an activity that it's not limited in time and space. It is a process that should not stop and should continue spreading and delivering to. It will be a continuous opportunity of networking and creating information, knowledge, synergy and action. The green caravan will comprise a series of activities like info-sessions in schools, media campaigns, public talks, visits to green farms and other green entrepreneurships, etc.