

# **LEADER***fest*

Meeting of LEADERs of EU Countries  
18th-19th June 2009, Hradec nad Moravicí  
Moravian-Silesian Region, Czech Republic

## **Rural Areas and Protection of Their Environment LEADER – Common Way to Reach Sustainable Countryside**

Professional and social meeting of rural development stakeholders, especially those, who use LEADER method or are willing or preparing to use this method to develop their rural areas. Invited are not only participants from EU-27, but also from other EU countries, and representatives of organizations on European level such as ENRD and ELARD.

The hosting country, Czech Republic, will be represented by National Rural Network, National Network of LAGs, State Environmental Fund, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Regional Development, and also by representatives of number of LAGs of the Czech Republic.

The aim of the meeting is to discuss possibilities of application LEADER method in environmental programmes in rural areas. Main topics which will be discussed:

- land, water and landscape protection;
- sustainable use of the resources, such as organic food, renewable energies and materials;
- climate change;
- and many others

Part of the meeting is culture and social programme, involving presentation of traditional folk dance and music, tasting of regional food specialities and opening of travelling exposition about implementation of LEADER method in the Czech republic. On the second day of the meeting the participants are invited to several field-visits and excursions, thematically connected with the topics of the meeting.

Whole programme, included the field-visits will be interpreted in English and/or German.

**Discussion papers and presentations from all over Europe are welcomed!**

**Please register on [jiri.krist@ekotoxa.cz](mailto:jiri.krist@ekotoxa.cz) by 30th April 2009.**

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## Draft Programme

### Wednesday, 17th June 2009

- transport from airports in Ostrava, Brno and Praha (Prague)
- arrival of the participants
- unofficial opening

### Thursday, 18th June 2009

- 09:00 – 10:30 Part One (official opening, meaning speech, 4 presentations)
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00 – 12:30 Part Two (4 presentations)
- 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 – 15:30 Part Three (4 presentations, conclusion)
- 15:30 – 17:00 Break
- 17:00 – 18:30 Culture programme
- 18:30 – 19:00 Exhibition opening
- 19:00 – 00:00 Dinner buffet with local food specialities and traditional folk music (cymbalo)

### Friday, 19th June 2009

- excursions and field-visits

### Organizator of the meeting

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