



LEADER IN LUXEMBOURG
2014-2020







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WHAT IS LEADER?

LEADER is an initiative of the European Union and stands for “**Liaison Entre Actions de Développement de l’Economie Rurale**” (literally: ‘Links between actions for the development of the rural economy’). According to this definition, LEADER shall foster and create links between projects and stakeholders involved in the rural economy.

Its aim is to mobilize people in rural areas and to help them accomplish their own ideas and explore new ways.

LEADER’s beneficiaries are so-called Local Action Groups (LAGs), in which public partners (municipalities) and private partners from the various socioeconomic sectors join forces and act together. Adopting a bottom-up approach, the LAGs are responsible for setting up and implementing local development strategies.

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

With the 2014-2020 programming period and with five new LAGS, LEADER is already embarking on the fifth generation of schemes. After LEADER I (1991-1993) and LEADER II (1994-1999), under which financial support was provided to one and two regions respectively, during the LEADER+ period (2000-2006) four regions were qualified for support: Redange-Wiltz, Clervaux-Vianden, Mullerthal and Luxembourgish Moselle (‘Lëtzebuenger Musel’). In addition, the Äischdall region benefited from national funding. During the previous programming period (2007-2013), a total of five regions came in for subsidies: Redange-Wiltz, Clervaux-Vianden, Mullerthal, Miselerland and Lëtzebuerg West.

Since its launch in 1991, LEADER has developed into a substantial part of the regional and national policy for rural development in Luxembourg, which made it possible for some 440 innovative projects to be implemented since. A lot of people living in the country’s rural regions were involved in LEADER projects, enabling them to generate added value from these projects.

WHAT DOES LEADER ACHIEVE?

LEADER

- supports people and the economy
- creates jobs
- enriches culture and society
- stimulates individual potential
- encourages people to actively work together
- binds and connects those who get involved
- enables the realization of innovative ideas
- promotes the exchange of know-how and experiences
- builds contacts between people across Europe
- mobilizes the rural areas of Europe

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During the current programming period 2014-2020, LEADER will act as community-led local development and continue to remain a component of the national rural development programme (RDP). LEADER's main objective is to promote the regional development in rural areas. The involvement of the local population in observance of the bottom-up approach, the empowerment of local resources, the exploration of new ways as well as the idea of networking remain key LEADER features. Furthermore, transnational cooperation projects in particular are to be given greater support.

GRANT APPLICATION PROCESSING OF LEADER PROJECTS

The first contact point for the implementation of projects are the regional LEADER offices of the LAGs. Here, the local stakeholders with similar ideas for projects are put in touch, given assistance, advice and coaching. At regional level, the LAG steering committee, in which all partners are represented by one delegate, decides on the projects to be awarded funding. Formal approval of any given LEADER project is subsequently given by the Ministry of Agriculture, Viticulture and Consumer Protection.

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WHICH MEASURES ARE SUPPORTED BY LEADER?

LEADER supports three distinct type of measures:

Measure 1: Implementation of regional projects as part of the LAG's local development strategy

Funding rate: 71%

Measure 2: Implementation of cooperation projects

Funding rate for inter-territorial cooperation projects: 74%

Funding rate for transnational cooperation projects: 80%

Measure 3: LAG management

Funding rate: 68%

Total budget for LEADER 2014-2020: 15 million euros

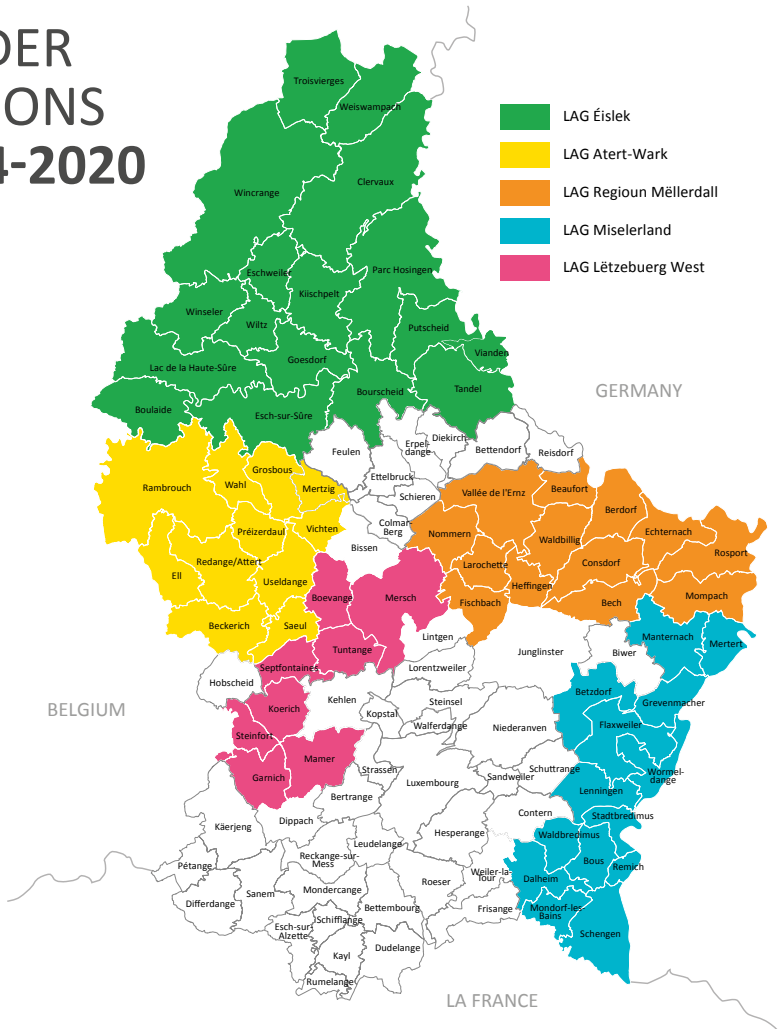
put up by the EU (EAFRD - European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development), the Ministry of Agriculture, Viticulture and Consumer Protection, the local municipal authorities as well as private organisations.

LEADER projects are to meet the following criteria:

- must be based locally in a LEADER region
- comply with the local development strategy
- contribute towards achieving the goals of a LEADER measure
- be innovative
- establish a partnership at regional, inter-territorial or transnational level
- predominantly involve investments of a "software nature"
- set out how the project is to be continued after the LEADER co-funding phase ends, if applicable
- must be transferable to other regions
- positive decision from the LAG steering committee
- in case of cooperation projects: at least 2 LAGs must be involved

Further details are available from www.leader.lu as well as the websites of the individual LAGs, as specified below.

LEADER REGIONS 2014-2020



Adapted by MDDI – Town and Country Planning Department, May 2015.

LEADER 2014-2020

- 5 Local Action Groups (LAG)
- 104 private sector organisations
- 63 municipalities
- 11 other public partners
- 151.556 inhabitants
- 1,739.37 km²

Local Action Group ÉISLEK

REGION PROFILE:

The “LEADER Éislek” region is situated in the north of Luxembourg, in the heart of the Ardennes. Standing out by virtue of its natural beauty, with forested slopes, narrow rocky valleys, green plateaus and home to Luxembourg’s largest barrier lake, this region is the perfect holiday and getaway destination for hikers and nature lovers.

Moreover, major cultural heritage sites include the numerous castles and manor houses dotted around the region as well as the picturesque centres of small towns such as Vianden, Clervaux and Wiltz.

Population: 37,682

Area: 722.10 km²

Population density:

52.18 inhab./km²

Members: 38

of which 1 inter-municipal association (Sicler), 2 nature parks, 16 municipalities, 1 regional social services department and 18 associations operating in the areas of tourism, youth and social affairs, environment and nature conservation, employment and the labour market, as well as farm and forest management.



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2. Heinerscheid (Clervaux)
3. Lellingen (Kiischpelt)
4. Obersauer barrier lake



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LEADER ÉISLEK DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY:

“TYPESCH ÉISLEK” (TYPICAL ÉISLEK)

Social inclusion and poverty reduction

- Setting up new social facilities
- Raising the profile of existing structures

Tourism

- Building a “Quality region”
- Marketing tourist products

Climate change, farming and the environment

- Supporting the use of renewable energy sources
- Public relations efforts in the area of environment conservation and town & country planning

Communication

Devising a regional communication strategy and building a network between the rural development stakeholders

Strengthening regional identity
Networking among stakeholders



Sustainable use of resources
Economic development

Inclusive society

PROJECT IDEAS:

- Tourism: Quality region for hiking in the Luxembourg Ardennes
- Regional information centre for town & country planning and architecture
- Trouso: integration project around textiles
- Communication concept for the “Éislek” region
- Onboarding private forest owners



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Local Action Group ATERT-WARK

REGION PROFILE:

The Atert-Wark region (canton of Redange and municipality of Mertzig) is situated in the western part of Luxembourg along the Belgian border. The region sits in the transition area from Oesling (in the Luxembourg Ardennes) to the so-called Gutland (which has a milder, more moderate climate as well as more fertile farmland). Coming in from the west, the Atert rivulet criss-crosses its way through the canton of Redange. The natural scenery is particularly bucolic with meadows, woodlands and quiet brook valleys aplenty. Coming in from the north, the canton is traversed by the international Euro-Velo Route 5 (London-Rome), taking cyclists along the unique Haut-Mar telange slate quarry, across the old “Jhangeli” narrow gauge railway and through a string of picture postcard villages in the south.

Population: 19,038

Area: 278.59 km²

Population density:
68.34 inhab./km²

Members: 32

of which 11 municipalities, 1 inter-municipal association, Redange Lyceum, the regional social welfare office as well as 18 associations operating in the areas of the economy, farm and forest management, youth affairs, equal opportunities, social inclusion, the environment, tourism and culture.



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2. Rindschleiden

3. Mill center Beckerich

4. Woodwork activities at the old Beckerich sawmill



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LEADER ATERT-WARK DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY:

MISSION STATEMENT: Supporting regional circular economic activities, developing sustainable entrepreneurship, living the social cohesion

| Development areas | Action areas |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Economy, energy & mobility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainable use of natural resources Building a regional value chain |
| Supporting tourism development | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of a profitable and innovative tourist offering Stepping up marketing, networking and coordination efforts |
| Cultural networking | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working up the shared history of the Atert-Wark region and making this digitally accessible Supporting traditions and customs |
| Inclusive social work | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developing new types of welfare services Improved integration of young people in the regional labour market Raising awareness for sustainable development among the population in general and youngsters in particular |

PROJECT IDEAS:

- Regional ecological marketing structure
- Alternative regional funding platform
- Development of a mobility advisory service
- Positioning the region in sustainable tourism
- Implementation of the first Earthship in Luxembourg
- “Social workshop” umbrella project



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Local Action Group REGIOUN MËLLERDALL

REGION PROFILE:

The Mëllerdall region is situated in the eastern part of the country. Here, the landscape is typified by a multifarious natural and cultural environment and offers a highly memorable experience. Unmistakably unique in the region are the awe-inspiring rock formations in Luxembourg sandstone, which have been opened up to visitors by way of hiking and cycling trails. These natural conditions are a major cornerstone of the local tourist trade, which is the main economic activity, alongside traditional farming. By the same token, the marketing and further development of regional products, maintaining the agricultural landscape as well as highlighting the geological particularities are some of the goals shared with the Mëllerdall nature park.

Population: 25,542

Area: 296.06 km²

Population density:
86.27 inhab./km²

Members: 33

of which 13 municipalities, 1 inter-municipal association and 19 associations operating in the areas of regional development, tourism, regional products, nature parks, the environment and nature conservation, youth and social affairs.



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2. Mullerthal Trail at the Haupesbach

3. Mëllerdall Region

4. Rock formation in Luxembourg sandstone



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REGIONAL MISSION STATEMENT OF THE LAG REGION MËLLERDALL 2014 – 2020



PROJECT IDEAS:

- Tourist Info 2.0
- Making regional history and geology accessible for people to experience first hand
- Diversity4kids ++
- Development and marketing of regional products
- “Holz vun hei - Regioun Mëllerdall” (Heathland wood from the Mëllerdall region to be marketed as a strong local brand/quality label)
- Stage-setting, storytelling and know-how transfer in Leading Quality Trails (LQT) network



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Local Action Group MISELERLAND

REGION PROFILE:

Miselerland-Moselfranken – the first cross-border LEADER region in Europe!

The two LEADER groups of the German-Luxembourg border regions Moselfranken (Rhineland-Palatinate) and Miselerland (Luxembourg), situated in the heart of the Greater Region, which stretches out on either side of the river Moselle between the hubs of Luxembourg City and Trier and is typified by vineyards and fruit farms, jointly masterminded the first European cross-border LEADER development strategy in pursuit of a new quality of neighbourly coexistence in the region they share and serving as a shining example for Europe's many other border regions.

For many years, the people that live in this transnational LEADER area have nurtured close ties and maintained a lively exchange across the national borders. The main objective of the partnership-based development concept is to foster and broaden the existing collaboration, making it even more concrete and tangible.

Population: 38,932

Area: 260.78 km²

Population density: 149.29 inhab./km²

Members: 50

of which 14 municipalities and 36 associations operating in the areas of environment and nature conservation, viticulture, farm and forest management, pomiculture, tourism, youth and social affairs, labour and employment, regional products and a lot more.



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1. Miselerland and Moselfranken
2. Putting people at the heart of what we do
3. Delightful man-made scenery



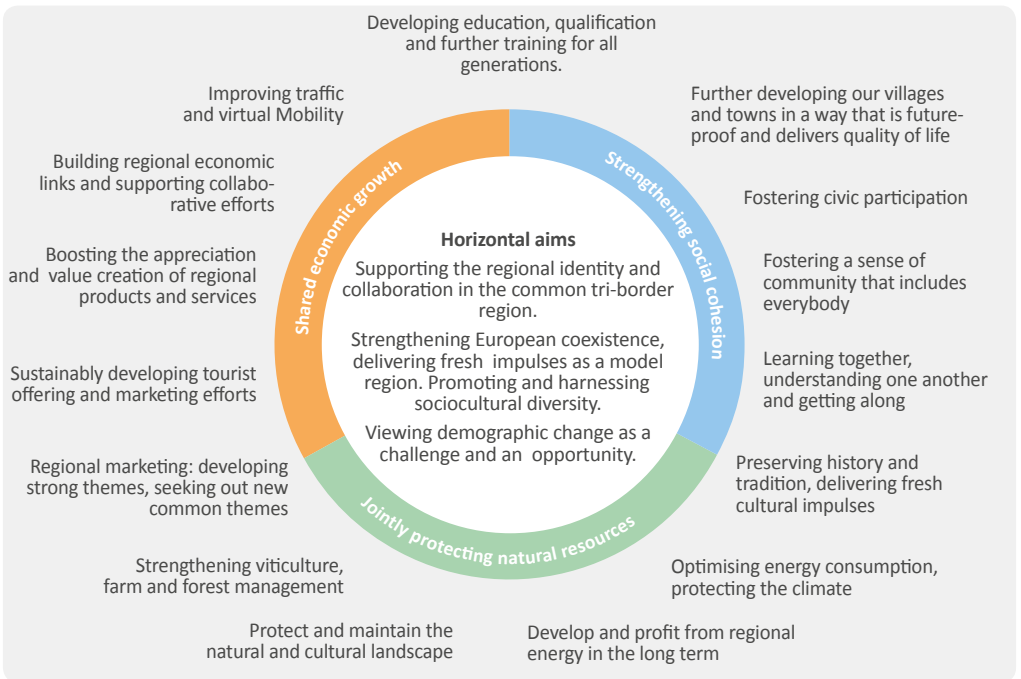
LOCALLY INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT 2014-2020

MISLERLAND - MOSELFANKEN

PEOPLE – REGION – EUROPE

Towards a common region in the Germany – France – Luxembourg tri-border area

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PROJECT IDEAS:

- Overcoming boundaries and divisions – genuine neighbourliness
- Educational opportunities for young people
- Orchard skills
- Diversity@mosel
- Enhancing the appeal of our tourist offering
- Fresh impulses for viticulture



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Local Action Group LËTZEBUERG WEST

REGION PROFILE:

Deeply indented valleys, uplands used for farming and rolling hills mark out the distinguished and varied agricultural landscapes of the region. Alongside the famous Valley of the Seven Castles, the region also owes its appeal to significant cultural assets from every era of human history, together with the sheer naturalness and rural character of the natural surroundings. Ensnared in the unique and unspoilt natural beauty of the Mamer and Eisch valleys can be found Luxembourg's largest protected natural wildlife habitat, which is part of the European Natura 2000 network. In the region Lëtzebuerg West contrasts come together to form an original and striking whole.

Population: 30,362

Area: 181.84 km²

Population density:
166.97 inhab./km²

Members: 27

of which 8 municipalities and 19 associations operating in the areas of leisure, tourism, youth and social affairs, village life and traditions, culture, history, climate, farm and forest management.



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2. Aansebuenger Gäert (gardens)
3. Mamer Church
4. Geschicht erliewen



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LEADER LÛTZEBUERG WEST DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY:

Together in our region

| WunnRegion (Living region) | NaturRegion (Natural region) | KulturRegion (Cultural region) | TourismusRegion (Tourist region) |
|--|---|---|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social cohesion & quality of life • Communication | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture & regional products • Water • Forest & Nature • Energy • Learning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional stories • Culture • Learning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism • Leisure activities • Learning |



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PROJECT IDEAS:

- Local history for children
- Romans & Celts in the West
- Lëtzebuerg West as a hiking region
- Tourist Information Centre West
- Civic engagement - inclusion through participation
- Learning about nature



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