

LEADER in Czech republic

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From programme to network

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Nation Rural Observatory

Where was the beginning ?

2003 – Rural renewal programme (with some aspects of LEADER method)

- used mainly for training
- designed by Ministry of regional development

2004 – LEADER CR (for period 2004-2006)

- designed by Ministry of agriculture

2004: 16 new LAGs got a chance to distribute according the LEADER method 70 mil. CZK (2,5mil EUR) and about 80 individual projects supported

2005: 21 LAGs – 2,5 mil. EUR – about 90 projects

2006: 23 LAGs – 2,5 mil. EUR - about 100 projects

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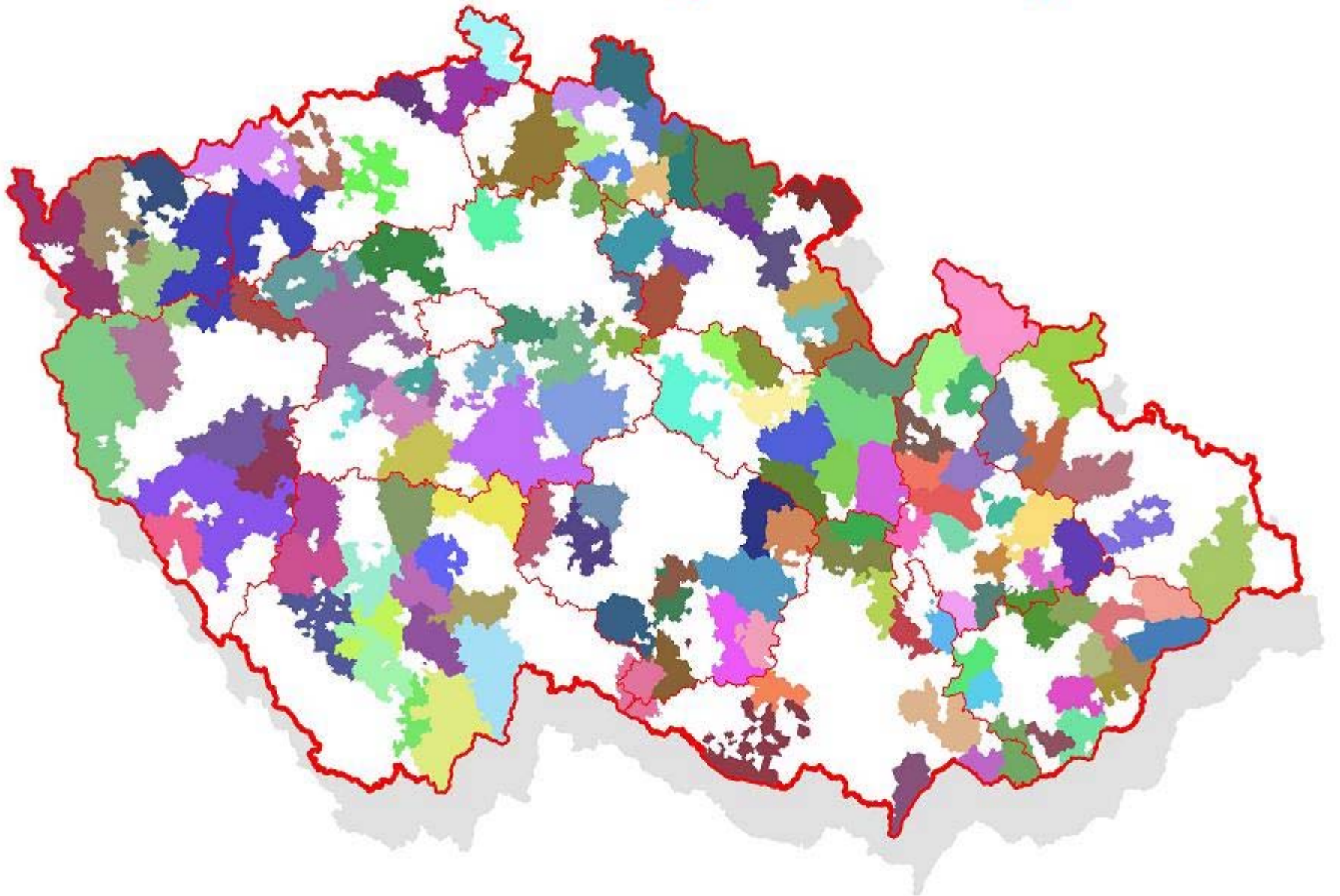
- designed by Ministry of Agriculture
- implemented under operational programme Rural Development and Multifunctional Agriculture
- in two subprogrammes
 - 1) Implementing LAG's strategies (supported 10 LAGs)
 - 2) Capacity building of LAGs (supported 70 LAGs)

That was the TOP !

And what about the DOWNS ?

- Now there are 140 Local action groups in CR
- 3 500 municipalities from 6 300 in CR
- 2,5 mil. Inhabitants from 10 mil. in CR
- 60 000 km² from 78 000 km² of CR

All of them are trying to work on the basis of
LEADER method



And what about the DOWN ?

TRYING means to clear many difficulties

- psychological
- political
- financial
- lack of information and know-how

So LAGs are looking for help

Who can help them ?

Ministry of Agriculture ?

They can help with administration process
but
they have lack of capacity in helping with implementing
LEADER method

Partners on EU level ? (EU LAGs, PREPARE, ELARD)

They can give us informations, experience, know-how,
examples of best practice,
but
it is not able for them to spread all of this among 130 LAGs

Czech LAGs themselves ?

Yes, but they must cooperate together

Czech LAG's cooperation

National rural observatory

- Founded in 2005 by representatives of 12 LAGs
- Targets:
 - 1) Supporting rural actors and their networks by training, consultancy, research and information services
 - 2) Communicating and spreading information and experience about rural development in the country and in the EU
 - 3) Informing the public, media and public administration about rural issues and LEADER principles
 - 4) Cooperating with public authorities at the national, regional and local level
- 5) Initiating and helping to build The National Network for Rural Development

National network for Rural Development

National rural observatory – (managing board elected by 12 founders)

National network for rural development - 35

Board of experts –
election of 3 members of MB of NRO per each 3 years

General meeting – election of 3 members of MB of NRO per each 3 years

Project management group

Educational working group

Managing board of NTRD

Media working group

Research working group

International cooperation group



National rural observatory – Founders will elect 3 members of MB of NRO per each 3 year

Thank you for attention

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