

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF BARYCZ RIVER VALLEY – BASIC FACT ABOUT THE AREA

Area: 8 municipalities of two voivodships.

Why? Barycz River Valley bird special protection site (Natura 2000 site and one of four Polish Naturally Sensitive Areas, qualified under agri-environmental programmes

Uniquenesses: ponds, meadows, bird habitats.

Main sustainable sources of income: eco-tourism, local food product

PARTNERSHIP RECORD

5 years of partnership of Lower Silesian Foundation for Sustainable Development with local authorities, farmers and other NGOs.

Aim: creation of model solutions for NATURA2000 sites and sustainable development due to formalised co-operation of 3 sectors based on Integrated Strategy of Sustainable Rural Development of Barycz River Valley

PARTNERSHIP RECORD – PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED

1. Barycz River Valley – pilot project

Aim: to initiate the process of creating LAG and to apply under Leader

2. Sustainable development of Barycz River Valley-partnership of man and nature: 1st scheme of Leader

Overall objective: deepening of the co-operation through activation of local community in the local programming and realisation of the SD principle in order to create model solutions for NATURA2000 sites. (Agreement signed in August, project started in October)

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Paralell process of creating LAG and the Strategy of Sustainable Rural Development of Barycz River Valley

70-80% - estimated percent of partners working on the strategy who will participate in LAG

STRUCTURE OF LAG (1)

4 founders:

- Lower Silesian Foundation for Sustainable Development,
- Association pro-Natura,
- Association of Municipalities of Barycz River Valley
- Association of Municipalities of Upper Barycz River Basin



Founders nominate Programming Council (30 members) mainly people working on the Strategy. Later the Council will nominate new members.

STRUCTURE (2)

Everyday managing entity: Board (3 people).

LEGAL STATUS AGREED: FOUNDATION

UPCOMING STRUCTURAL ACTIONS:

- LAG to be registered in mid-December
- LFSD will issue small competition for secretariat.

FACILITATORS' STRATEGY FOR INTERCONNECTED PROCESSES

PRIOROTY 1: **Support for creation of ISSRD**

ISSRD will embrace two parts:

1. Diagnosis (requirement of the Ministry of Economy)

being prepared by the LFSD based on regional and local strategic documents

2. Vision – objectives – activities

already planned during the workshops

ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED

I. Three information meetings on LAG and ISSRD for local actors.

Result: WG on the ISSRD was defined (local authorities – business – social partners). Around 32 people

II. Meeting of future LAG members working on ISRDS in order to analyse the strategic documents:

- local strategies,
- local development plans,
- local tourism development plans,
- municipal plans for co-operation with NGOs, etc.

ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED

III. Three workshops of 3 thematic groups working on:

- 1) eco-tourism,
- 2) local product,
- 3) active local society

Results:

1st meeting: vision of the local development, SWOT analysis for the area of 8 municipalities

2nd: preliminary definition of aims for each of three groups.

3rd: aims for 3 groups detailed, specific acitivities planned to be implemented under 2nd scheme of Polish Leader +.

ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED

IV. 5 researches / studies

Accomplished:

Listing for natural values (syntesis of existing documents, documentation in situ and pictures included)

Human resources development

Started:

*Barycz River Valley Tourism Development Programme
Local Product Development Programme
Sustainable development indicators*

PRIORITY 2: **Support for the process of creation of LAG in Barycz Valley.**

ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED

I. Three meetings informing on the LAG and ISSRD

I. LFSD worked out the preliminary stucture of LAG.

The structure will be consulted with first municipalities.

PRIORITY 3: **Information and promotion of the Barycz River Valley**

Co-organising local events:

carp festival,
stork festival,
bicycle rally,
in order to spread the project ideas (Leader, LAG, ISSRD)

not held for delay reasons

ACTIVITIES PLANNED

- study visit to Saxonia as a transfer of experiences from German LAG in the similar Natura 2000 area
- consulting ISSRD with local community
- informational leaflets on Leader, LAG, ISSRD

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION!

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NICE APPENDIX

LEADER IN THE VALLEY OF WIDAWA AND DOBRA RIVERS

8 municipalities from 2 voivodships in Southern-Western Poland

PARTNERS:

Municipalities
Local businesses + farmers
Ecological Association ECO-UNION

OBJECTIVES:

Creation of LAG
Creation of ISSRD
Application to the 2nd scheme of Leader – Spring 2006

ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTED

8 information meetings in 8 municipalities

OUTCOME: Partnership Initiating Group was defined (10 people representing local authorities – business – NGOs)

Other activities to be implemented:

- Web page design: www.dobrawidawa.pl
- Media work
- Documentation in situ / pictures
- Informational leaflet
- Competition for the design of the logo of the Partnership in primary and secondary schools
- Kayak race on Widawa river