



Latvian Rural Forum (PREPARE Network member)




Partnership for Rural Europe



Mission – to promote sustainable development of Latvia's countryside, so that rural areas of Latvia become as a place where live **satisfied people** who are able to realize **economical & social needs** in their living space.

Workshop: "Rural Development in B&H" Banja Luka, 18.07.2012




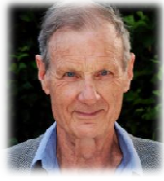


22.10.2004. Latvian forum of rural communities, Saulaine (Latvia)

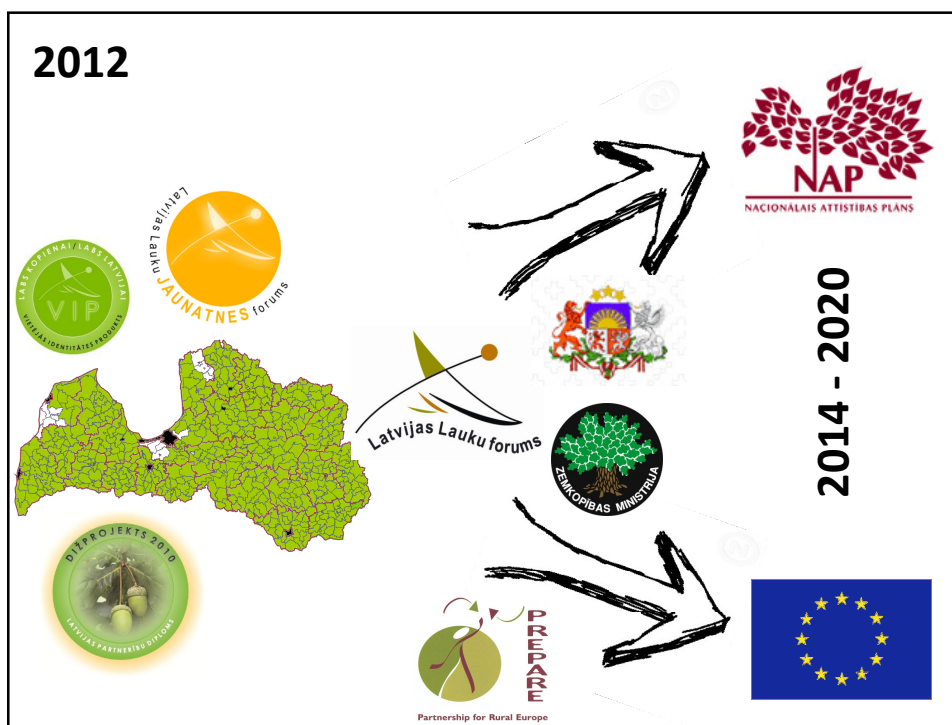
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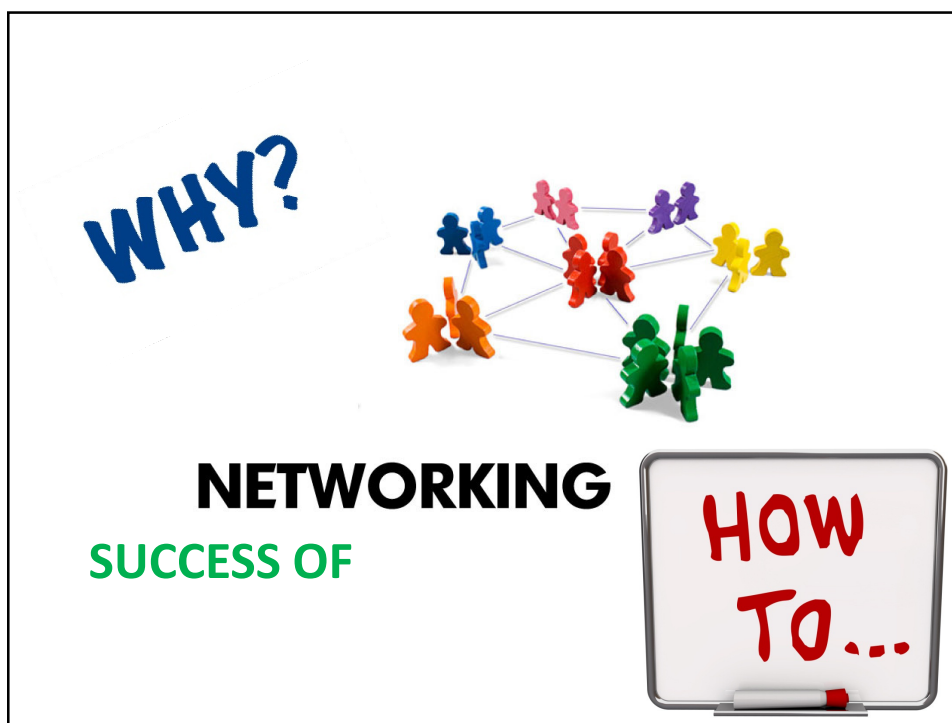
08.-11.05.2003. conference “Developing and promoting local initiatives in the candidate countries”, Pardubice (CZ)

The stated aim might be :

- to draw public and political attention to the problems, needs and resources of the rural areas and rural communities of Latvia;
- to encourage and support the people who live in the rural areas to take initiative to improve their own lives, their communal facilities and their local economies;
- to promote the creation and activity of local action groups and civil-society organisations at local, pagast, district and wider levels;
- to encourage and facilitate networking and cooperation between rural NGOs of all kinds and at all geographic levels;
- to enable rural NGOs to represent the voice of rural communities to government, and to act as the partners of government in developing and implementing policies and programmes which affect the rural areas and communities;
- to enable rural NGOs to play an effective role in influencing the policies and programmes of the European Union, and in interpreting those policies and programmes to the rural people of Latvia.





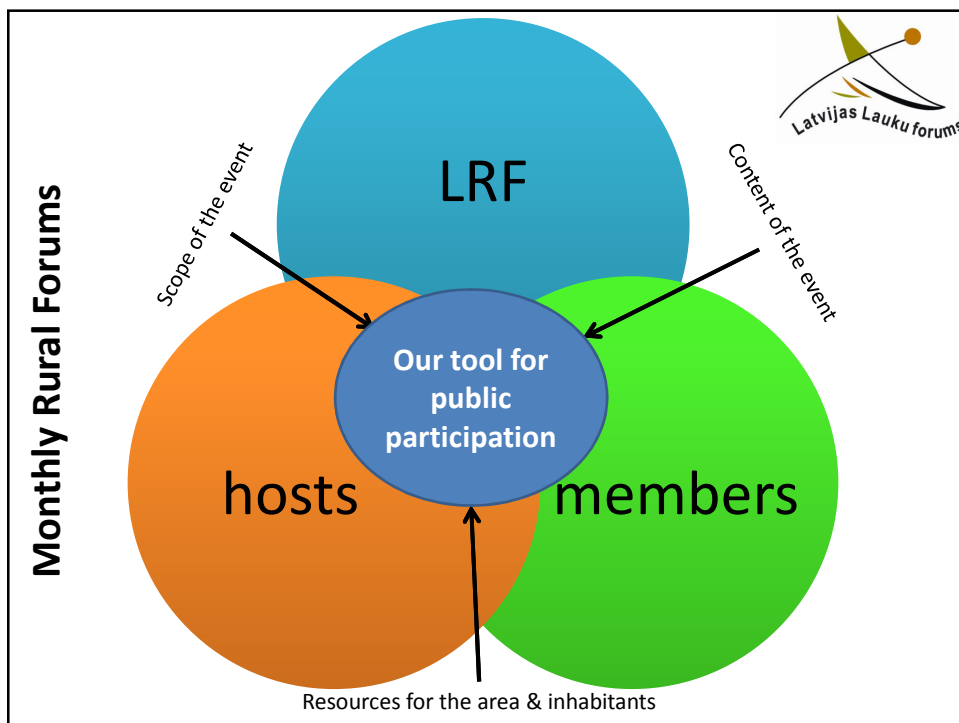
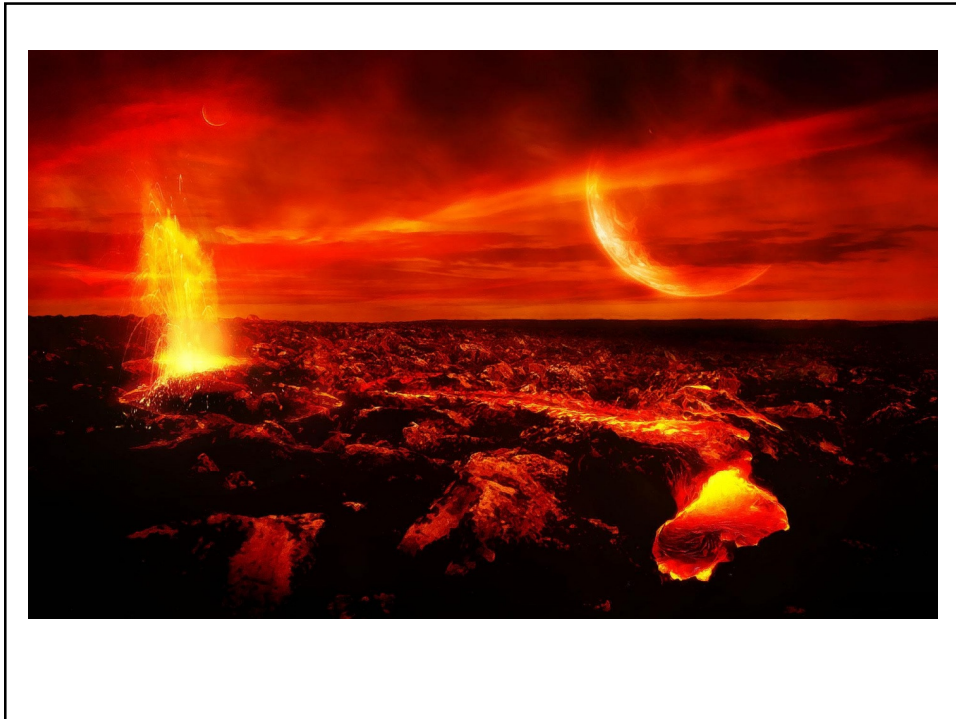
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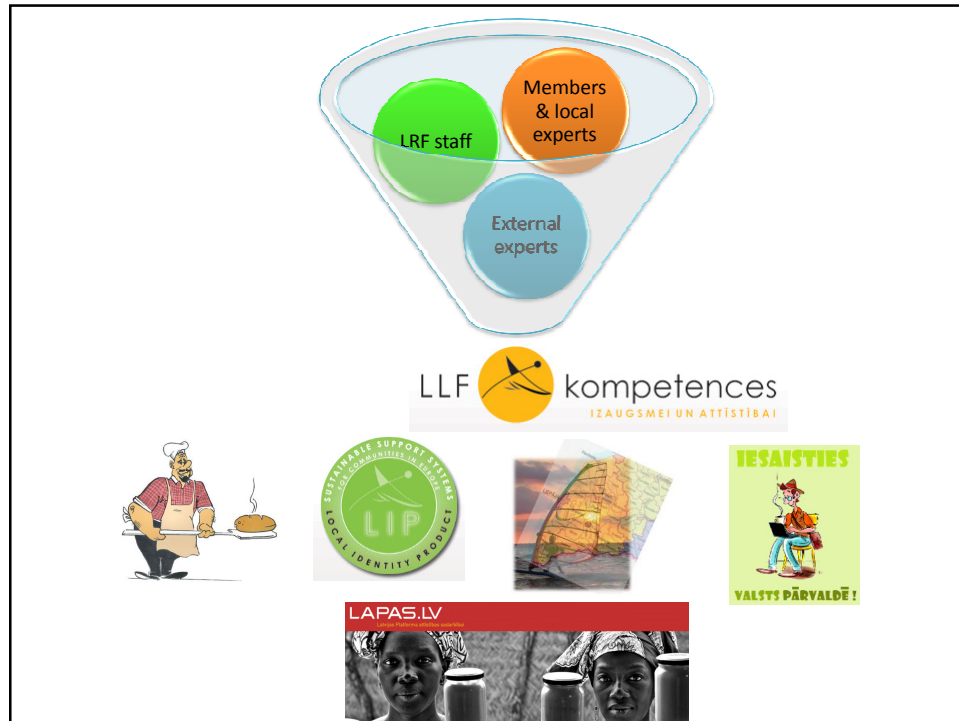
- Shared values (vision of the future)
- Benefits of acting together for common good and individual needs
- Sense of belonging

Rural development – make it easy going and easy understandable

how to ...

- Constantly review organizational culture of network & members;
- Open eyes, ears and mind;
- Leave space for creativity and innovation;
- Cyclic process;
- Don't become a victim of your traditions;
- Respond to external changes.





COMMUNITY WORK



**VI Nontraditional
Community Games**



**1st Latvian Rural
Community Parliament
14.-15.06.2013.**

OPENED ORGANISATION



TEAM WORK:

- OFFICE;
- BOARD;
- COUNCIL;
- MEMBERS;
- VOLUNTEERS.



STRATEGY OF LRF: 2010 - 2012

- ADVOCACY OF RURAL VOICE;
- EMPOWERMENT OF RURAL NGOS;
- PROMOTION OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT

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