



RDPE Network workshop: “Integration in Rural Development Programmes”

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The Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE)



- Budget of £3.9 billion
- EU rural development priorities:
 - Improving the competitiveness of the agricultural and forestry sectors (Axis 1);
 - Improving the environment and the countryside (Axis 2);
 - Improving the quality of life in rural areas and encouraging diversification of the rural economy (Axes 3); and
 - Building local capacity for employment and diversification (Axis 4).

The Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE)



- Regionally devolved
- Current delivery bodies:
 - Forestry Commission (axes 1 and 2);
 - Natural England (axis 2);
 - Regional Development Agencies (axes 1, 3 and 4); and
 - Local Action Groups (axes 1, 3 and 4 depending on region)

What is the RDPE Network?



- Requirement under the European Rural Development Regulation
- Purpose – to support the delivery of RDPE through:
 - the exchange of ideas, experience and practice...
 - across the four axes...
 - between EU, UK, national, regional and local rural development activity...



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Cross-axes Projects Database
A searchable database of RDPE funded projects to share ideas & practice

Face-to-Face Activities
Information about what's on & how to get involved

Discussion Forums
Online discussions - range of topics



www.rdpnetwork.org.uk

News, Publications & Enquires
Signposting to information in England, UK and Europe

Funding sources
Links to RDPE funding sources across the English regions

Leader
Leader guidance
LAG directory
Partner search requests
Links to cooperation opportunities
Leader E-news

Site Functions
Twitter
RSS feeds
Mailing list sign up
Site fully searchable
Feedback form



Integration – Example 1



- **The Deer Initiative** – Initial issue:
 - Over-grazing by deer damages biodiversity and challenges success of RDPE schemes funded through Axis 2
- **3-part application:** i) Training for deer stalkers; ii) Provision of game larders and meat-cutting plants; iii) Marketing of venison as a high quality, healthy alternative meat.
- **Integrated benefits** – *environmental* (habitat/landscape benefits) + *social* (training) + *economic* (SME/employment).

Integration – Example 2



- Water-related projects, e.g. reservoirs and resource efficiency
- **The Stody Estate in North Norfolk** has approval (and planning permission) for a reservoir and pipeline (funded under Axis 1) .
 - Improving the sustainability of water management in the River Glaven valley should impact favorably on the Sites of Special Scientific Interest and Higher Level and Entry Level Stewardship Scheme impacts (Axis 2) on the estate.



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Interactive Exercises

1. What does integration mean to you (in your Rural Development Programme)?
2. Challenges/Barriers to integration in your Rural Development Programme?
3. Solutions/Ways to encourage integration in your Rural Development Programme?