



**RDPE: Delivering Success through Local Action**  
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Table Discussion 2: Shaping the activity of the RDPE Network in 2010-2011

While the RDAs have responsibility for offering LAGs training and support for the day-to-day practical delivery of RDPE, we need to ensure that the RDPE Network continues to develop, to be of use and relevance to LAGs and those organisations using the Leader approach to deliver RDPE. For this exercise participants were asked to:

- i. identify activities that the RDPE Network could do to support them in their activity and delivery of RDPE between now and 2011; and
- ii. prioritise the top 3 activities for which they would like RDPE Network support.

The following information reflects the answers provided by participants in response to the 2 questions above. It has not been interpreted and has been transcribed as it appeared on the answer sheets submitted.

Activities the RDPE Network could do to support you in your activity and delivery of RDPE between now and 2011

- Compile, consolidate, maintain email contact lists
- Always talk to host LAG if you're holding an event in their area – use as case studies etc.
- Use local produce at events
- Help RDAs share good practice / streamlining approaches
- Have fora for different audiences within a single event (e.g. LAG Chairs and members)
- Sharing good practice – project, process to bring consistency
- RDPE Network to find time at meetings to cover difficult issues e.g. spend gap
- Lobbying to influence agenda
- Utilise time in conferences to cover issues rather than asking us what we want you to do (just email us later!)

- Can we have some reps from all Managing Authorities, Defra and all RDAs to answer questions specifically
- We would like to deliver to RDAs and Managing Authorities our best practice and expose them to all the values and specificities of Leader
- Gained more from the general networking (lunch / coffee etc) than the workshops
- Less platform presentations
- Facilitate smaller networking meetings between adjoining regions rather than big national meetings
- Regional networks - assist in augmenting cross LAG projects, more focussed issues, best practice, greater resources, forums, web tools, localised
- Compression of multiple strategies – key points, more accessible/user friendly, plain English
- Promote delivery over process – encourage greater risk taking, better to ask for forgiveness than permission
- Promote focus on positives rather than negatives
- Study tours
- Larger scale promotion and awareness-raising of Leader - national awareness-raising campaign, higher level endorsement / celebrity endorsement. Make sure everybody knows about Leader not just those in rural areas.
- Projects from each region – applicants to talk about their experience of the process
- Trans-national / inter-regional LAGs
- Practice / problem solving
- FAQs
- Mentoring / twinning programmes. Buddying up with a LAG with similar characteristics – need the national network to publish more info on LAGs e.g. priorities, measures delivered etc.
- Promoting leader to others to encourage new groups
- LAGs will morph – so continue to look at /compare diff structures
- Training of LAG members - possibly best done in regions or North / South grouping, perhaps linked with buddying.

Prioritise the top 3 activities that you would like the RDPE Network to support

- Use ideas from sessions to get the message out there
- Q&A sessions with RDAs
- Good practice from experience so far
- Sharing good practice to gain consistency
- Lobbying
- Don't need to keep asking us what we want you to do during precious time
- More opportunities to get together to share good practice and solutions
- More thematic workshops – LAGs and beneficiaries focusing on particular measures
- Regional networks
- Condense multiple strategies, policies etc into plain English and manageable
- Larger scale promotion and awareness raising at a national level
- Larger scale promotion and awareness raising of leader
- Mentoring / twinning programmes and buddying up with a LAG with similar characteristics.