



BNED LEADER Programme 2014 - 2020

Update June 2015

Here is the latest news from the BNED LEADER team:

Defra Bulletin

Having received the latest Defra Bulletin we are able to pass on some further information to you all regarding the beginning of the LEADER Programme.

- We are in the process of completing Financial Tables, Outputs and Milestones data which will be agreed by the Local Action Group (LAG) and sent to Defra by 30th June 2015. If this is accepted by Defra they will then provide us with Individual Funding Agreements and Covering Letters by the 15th July 2015.
- Our Delivery Plan is to be completed by the 31st July 2015 and sent to Defra for review. This is in addition to the Local Development Strategy (LDS) that was submitted in September 2014. When document checks have been completed by Defra they will then issue a Delegated Authority Agreement and Division of Responsibilities, which will mean we will then be 'Open for Business'.
- Defra are finalising the LEADER Handbook for applicants that should be sent to us for local additions in July. As soon as these are ready they will be made available to all interested parties via the LEADER website.
- Application forms and guidance is being reviewed by Defra following comments from training sessions. These will be ready in time for the programme launch.
- LEADER boundaries are being reviewed and should be available for viewing at <http://magic.defra.gov.uk> from the 5th August 2015.

LEADER Team Training

- Training sessions for various programme processes have been completed for the LEADER team in May and June.
- Further sessions are to be arranged by Defra for late summer/early autumn.

Funding

- Our figure for funding for the whole programme is €1,713,000

- Defra are working with their finance team to ensure they can help us deal with potential exchange rate fluctuations throughout the programme. They are hoping to have some news for us on this over the next few weeks.

LAG Meeting

- Our second Local Action Group meeting of the year is arranged for 24th June 2015. Here we are advising our members on recent developments and they will also be receiving training from a representative from Defra.

- We have a list of possible projects we have had information about and will be sharing this with the LAG to give them an idea of what to expect.

- Our new Monitoring and Support Officer Nicola Parsons will be attending this meeting and meeting the LAG members for the first time.

Thank you..

- Thank you for taking time to read our update! We hope this helps explain where we are with our funding and gives you some idea about when we may be ready to accept any applications.

- Feel free to get in touch if you have any more information about your own projects and remember, We are here to help! We will help you as much as we can when you are applying for funding once we are 'Open for Business' and all our information and advice is FREE!!

- If your project can't be helped by LEADER we can point you in the direction of other funding that may be available to you.

We hope to be in touch again as soon as we have any more information

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