



Project: Dream tomorrow's energy

Place: Romania, France (6 Local Action Groups in two countries)

Dates: 2013 – 2015

Type of Cooperation: transnational (LEADER)

Partners:

LAG Pays Vichy-Auvergne, France

LAG Loire Beauce, France

LAG Trois Sources, France

LAG Beaujolais Vert, France

LAG Sud Mayenne, France

LAG Ceahlau Tasca, Romania

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Key Numbers: The environmental awareness of over 1000 children and their parents' was raised. 3 field study tours were organized in France and Romania.

Project's objectives:

The project was born from the observation that energy transition projects were often motivated by the will to leave a sustainable world to future generations. Children are affected by our energy choices and it is important to invite them to think about energy issues and opportunities. Children were asked to imagine and draw tomorrow's energy system and their productions were displayed and shared between partners.

The main goal of the project was to raise the awareness of children and adults on energy challenges. Indeed, by inviting children to think about the future of energy, the purpose was to invite their parents to question their approach of energy as well. Energy challenges are at stake at the global level but also at the very local level, in each and every household.

Operational Objectives:

- Use art and games to raise awareness of children
- Display children production in order to reach a larger public
- Conduct field study tours for local representatives in France and Romania

Actions:

- Build an educational renewable energy guide for holiday camp activity leaders with tools to allow children to build renewable energy projects (small windmill...)

- Distribution of climate-boxes for the parents of the children who took part in the holiday camp activity to learn how to save energy at home (thermometer, etc).
- A drawing context was organized and a quiz on energy challenges. The exhibition was then displayed in the different partner territories
- Plays were created on the theme of energy and they were played in the theatres of the partner territories.
- Field study tours were organized in LAG Sud Mayenne (FR), LAG Beaujolais Vert (FR), and LAG Ceahlau Tasca (RO).

Levers:

The strong will of representative to build a project on environmental awareness for children and the transversal dimension of energy challenges for local populations.

Barriers:

- A long process was necessary to acquire the authorisation to work with children.
- A content adapted to young public had to be developed.

Added value of cooperation:

The project highlighted that renewable energy opportunities are real resources for rural territories and a lever for the development of rural communities. By committing to the energy transition, these rural territories opened new perspectives for future generations. Furthermore, cooperation gave a larger breadth to local actions and motivation.