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To LEADER+ Action Groups
in Germany and the new Member
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LEADER + Workshop

**„Ways of setting up a co-operation with Poland,
the Czech Republic and Hungary”,
May 8th – 10th, 2007, Bad Staffelstein (Schwabthal)**

Dear Sir or Madam, dear colleagues,

the National network unit LEADER+, Germany, is pleased to invite you to the LEADER+ Workshop „Ways of setting up a co-operation with Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary “, May 8th - 10th, 2007, at the hotel Sonnenblick in Bad Staffelstein (Schwabthal).

The importance of transnational and interterritorial co-operation projects will gain even more significance in the future. This holds equally true for German LAGs and the new LAGs in Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary. The proximity of these countries to each other facilitates the setting up of joint co-operation projects.

The meeting aims at providing the participants with an opportunity for meeting new partners, for exchanging project ideas and for jointly taking the first steps towards setting up a co-operation project. For this purpose, cooperation projects that have already been implemented by LEADER+ together with the new Member States will be presented as case studies, which will facilitate the understanding of projects developed with several partners. Moreover, already existing co-operation projects looking for further partners will be presented in detail. An opportunity will be provided for presenting projects and exchanging views and opinions. If you already have ideas for a co-operation project, you are kindly requested to work out concrete project ideas, offers or sketches which may be presented on a pinboard during the meeting .

In the following working groups, moderators with previous experience in co-operation will be pleased to give you support according to the state of development.

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If this meeting can provide help in clarifying the approach to be applied for setting up a co-operation, in further advancing projects with regard to contents and – if already possible at this stage – in providing support with draft applications we achieved our goal. The working languages will be English and German.

This workshop is limited to a number of 80 participants. Places will be allocated in the order of the applications received. In case demand exceeds the 80 places available, a maximum of two, or possibly only one representative per LAG will be able to attend. You will be informed accordingly by phone. You may either apply online, by entering the website of the German network unit at www.leaderplus.de/seminare, or by fax, using the enclosed application form. Answers in the affirmative will be given in writing immediately after the closing date.

The closing date for applications is Friday, April 13th, 2007.

For LEADER+ actors (LAG members, project executing organizations, staff of administrative bodies), attendance and meals during the meeting are free of charge. Expenses for travel and accommodation (incl. breakfast) must be paid by the participants. Please find enclosed the program for the meeting and information on how to get to there; alternatively these may be found online at www.leaderplus.de/seminare.

If you wish to present concrete ideas for co-operation at the meeting, please let us know so that we may provide a platform for your request.

We look forward to welcoming you at this meeting. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely yours

By order

Appendix: - Programme
- Travel information
- Fax registration

