

## LAGs Activities



### EU-supported Rural Development Grant Competition in Kazbegi

Within the framework of the European Neighborhood Program for Agriculture and Rural Development (ENPARD II), and more specifically through the project "Strengthening Rural Development Models in Georgia", People in Need\*, together with Kazbegi Local Action Group (LAG), conducted the fourth round of the grant competition to support social and economic initiatives in Kazbegi municipality. The official launch of the competition was held on the 5th February 2018. On the same day, PIN activated a hotline and requested the participants to submit their project ideas. When the hotline was closed on 14 February, PIN received a total of 348 project ideas. In the first stage of the grant competition (19-28 February), participants submitted their initial applications. Out of the 191 applications that PIN received, 151 concept notes were approved and moved on to the next step of the competition. The second stage involved the delivery of full applications by the participants. In total, PIN received 120 full applications.



The project evaluation committee, after evaluating all the project that were submitted, held meetings with successful applicants from 12 May to 13 May 2018. The third stage of the grant competition ended on the 21 May 2018 with 34 projects approved (31 in the business sector, 2 community projects, and 1 submitted by public organizations).

## FAO Georgia Meets LAG Kazbegi

Seven meetings with local stakeholders have organized for FAO representatives. PIN Kazbegi staff, LAG Kazbegi, Mayor and deputies of Kazbegi Municipality, Representatives of Information-Consultation Center of the Ministry of Agriculture, local farmers and cooperatives met during assessment. FAO representatives had opportunity to ask questions regarding agricultural sector and tourism services in Kazbegi Municipality. Meetings participants informed FAO representatives about traditional agricultural sectors, current situation, resources, possibilities and challenges in Kazbegi. Matthiue Rouviere asked questions about agricultural and tourism sectors connections in Kazbegi. As participants have said, Kazbegi has a big potential as local agricultural products market.

Meeting topics:

1. Project and Leader Approach in Georgia
2. Support cooperatives and their current situation in Kazbegi
3. Work on Project Assessment Commission, Projects and Applicants
4. Demonstration fields. Greenhouses in Kazbegi,



their peculiarities and species. Strawberry greenhouses and their work efficiency. 5. Coverage of Capacity 6. Independent Activities and Projects of LAG. For example, the farming market, the ways of its implementation and difficulties 7. Villages engaged in tourism and not. Their life style 8. Farmers, sheep, cheese of Sheep, ways of realization of produced products 9. Village Types and Their Income 10. Touristic services in Kazbegi 11. How to see information about Kazbegi. Where to stay, what to see, how to get fun 12. Branding Strategy



## A memorandum of mutual agreement between four countries was signed (Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova and Georgia)

On April 6, 2018, LAG Kazbegi organized a meeting in ROOMS KAZBEGI hotel, which was attended by delegates from Latvia, Lithuania and Moldova. Members of Akhalkalaki LAG, project representatives from Khulo and Keda were invited as well as Deputy Mayor of Kazbegi Municipality.

In the first part Kazbegi LAG and foreign colleagues discussed about joint projects, formulated a specific action plan and calendar of events. The second part of the meeting was dedicated to members of Akhalkalaki local action group and the promoters of Khulo and Keda projects. They shared their experience with the audience and introduced them with working principles, priorities, assessment procedures. At the end of the workshop

was signed a memorandum of mutual agreement between the four countries (Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova and Georgia). Information support was provided by the TV company Rustavi 2, the journalists were able to interview the representatives of local action groups.

## LAG's visit in Kachreti was hosted by the LEPL Community College "Aisi"

Local Action Group Kazbegi (LAG) visit in Kachreti was hosted by the LEPL Community College "Aisi".

College is a modern level rehabilitated and professional training center. Within an information meeting of the group was introduced to the college educational program and visited the training facilities - House of Culture, Department of bee-farming area, wine house, wine gustation space, fruit and vegetable processing plant, a modern farm pattern, joiner's area and cooking room.

Interested persons are allowed to receive vocational education and trainings, as well as providing the beneficiaries in a residential area.



## Airsoft Pitch equipped and opened

An Airsoft Pitch was established thanks to a grant provided by LAG Kazbegi within the framework of the European Neighborhood Program for Agriculture and Rural Development (ENPARD II), and more specifically through the project "Strengthening Rural Development Models in Georgia", People in Need\*, together with Kazbegi Local Action Group (LAG), during the second round of grant competition to support social and economic initiatives in Kazbegi municipality. Airsoft is an extreme, military-sports game that implements combat action in a specific territory, for which special pneumatic weapons are used, which are absolutely harmless for health careers in full implementation. The "warriors" who come to play are trained instructors where they explain the safety and rules of the game. Then they will be equipped with special form, protective vests, masks and realistic weapons. After that the group will be divided into two teams and the referee will go to the "Battle Arena", ie on the playing field. The overall duration of the game is about 1 to 1.5 hours, depending on the wish and possibility of the customer.







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