



**Network promoting
e-learning for rural development
e-ruralnet**

**LLP Transversal Programme
Key Activity 3 ICT - Networks**

**WP7 – Form national stakeholder networks & Advisory
forum**

**Summer Academy
International Workshop**



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Programme of E-ruralnet Workshop

Day 3 – Tuesday 30.08.2011

E-ruralnet Workshop – Learning networks in rural areas – their contribution to local governance

09:00 – 10:45

Round Table.

- Learning for local governance: the needs of different stakeholders" *by Roger Evans*
- Learning for local governance: the role of learning networks and e-learning *by Nikos Varelidis*
- Learning Networking Related to Good Governance: The Community Planning Partnership Model, *by Patricia Wallace*
- Knowledge Networking for Rural Areas in the 21st Century – ICT in your pocket, the world at your fingertips, Agenda 21 within reach, *by Gordon Sillence*
- Creating learning communities with the power of heritage interpretation networks, *by Lili Mahne*

10:45 – 11:00

Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00

Round Table continues with discussion

12:00 – 13:30

Workgroups: Devise an action plan for networking of LLL stakeholders in rural areas, in the context of local governance systems, using the e-ruralnet network as an example

13:30 – 15:00

Lunch

15:00 – 16:00

Plenary Session: Presentation of workgroups' results, discussion of the action plans and synthesis into a comprehensive plan

16:00 – 16:15

Coffee break

16:15 – 17:00

Presentation of case-studies by participants

17:00 – 18:00

Preparation for study trips

20:30

Dinner

REPORT

The E-ruralnet Workshop was held during the 3rd day of the Summer Academy and was attended by 32 participants from 12 different European Countries.

The Workshop started with a round table and a discussion by Roger Evans on the topic of “Learning for local governance: the needs of different stakeholders”. Roger Evans highlighted the characteristics of good governance and described the needs of the various stakeholders.

Nikos Varelidis discussed on “Learning for local governance: the role of learning networks and e-learning” by drawing examples from the national network process during the e-ruralnet project. Nikos Varelidis also elaborated on new learning needs and pedagogies and discussed with the audience the digital gap in relation to ICTs.

Patricia Wallace discussed on “Learning Networking Related to Good Governance: The Community Planning Partnership Model” based on her experience in the U.K which generated a lot of discussions. Patricia shared her experience on how communities and government can work together and the contribution of learning networking.

Gordon Sillence from Portugal discussed on “Knowledge Networking for Rural Areas in the 21st Century – ICT in your pocket, the world at your fingertips, Agenda 21 within reach”. Gordon shared with the participants his experiences on Agenda 21 in Algarve, Portugal and the actions taken to influence local stakeholders.

Lili Mahne discussed on “Creating learning communities with the power of heritage interpretation networks” drawing her experience from Slovenia and the successful heritage interpretation networks. A discussion followed on the topics presented and speakers answered to participants’ questions.

Following the discussions participants were divided to four work groups with the task to “Devise an action plan for networking of LLL stakeholders in rural areas, in the context of local governance systems, using the e-ruralnet network as an example” with the assistance of facilitators and speakers. Workgroups were given one hour to prepare their action plans, draw conclusions and create a presentation. Each workgroup presented its results to the other groups and a discussion followed with the participation of all speakers.

PHOTOS





