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PREPARE Gathering

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**Networking in Rural Areas
Common Agriculture Policy Reform after 2013**

**Our Commitment to
future of RURAL COMMUNITIES**

**Focal point of Sustainable rural
development in Macedonia**

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Situation in Rural Development

Economic, Social importance of the rural areas

- 87% of Macedonia is a rural area and
- Home to 40% of the population but
- 60% of the villages are affected by de-population
- 33.5% of villages are with up to 100 inhabitants
- 20.6% of all villages are under 50 inhabitants
- Dissatisfaction from the income from agriculture
- Villages have too little access to public services

Rural Development **REQUIRES:** INITIATIVE and TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW



of detecting ONE or GROUP of
creative and deter-mined individuals

Crucial importance - human factors in rural development issues:

- Education
- Technical training
- Development of skills



**To make it socially and regionally
more inclusive and equitable**

Implemented Programs in Rural Development

- **RURAL COMMUNITY ENABLEMENT APPROACH PROGRAM**
2001-2002, 670.000 €
- **INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

2002-2004,	<u>659.000 €</u>
2004-2007,	<u>1.691.640 €</u>
2007-2009,	<u>789.980 €</u>
- **COMMUNITY FORUM PROGRAMS**

2008-2010,	<u>98.000 €</u>
2009-2010,	<u>81.430 €</u>





METHODOLOGY

Based on Participatory approach

Balanced participation of all stakeholders:

- Local Rural development INITIATIVES
 - DECISION making process and
- Participation in Implementing PRIORITY projects

in favor of creating and implementing RURAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

METHODOLOGY “Participatory approach”

**MOBILISING
and
DELIVERING
Rural development
in rural areas
Rather than
Implementing fixed
set of measures**





METHODOLOGY “Participatory approach”

Process in which stakeholders (real people) have own INFLUENCE and CONTROL:

- In making own rural development initiatives
- To analyze and select their own priorities
- To establish clarity & consensus for rural priorities
- To plan, mobilize and utilize own local resources
- Over the way of solving their priority problems
- In making decisions from common importance

METHODOLOGY “Participatory approach”

Involvement of all local actors:

Population at large: diverse profiles and all age representatives, gender equality, marginalized groups

- All interested citizens, local formal/informal groups
- Local political representatives
- Women and young people
- Business/Trade, local CSO's
- LSGU, Public services, media

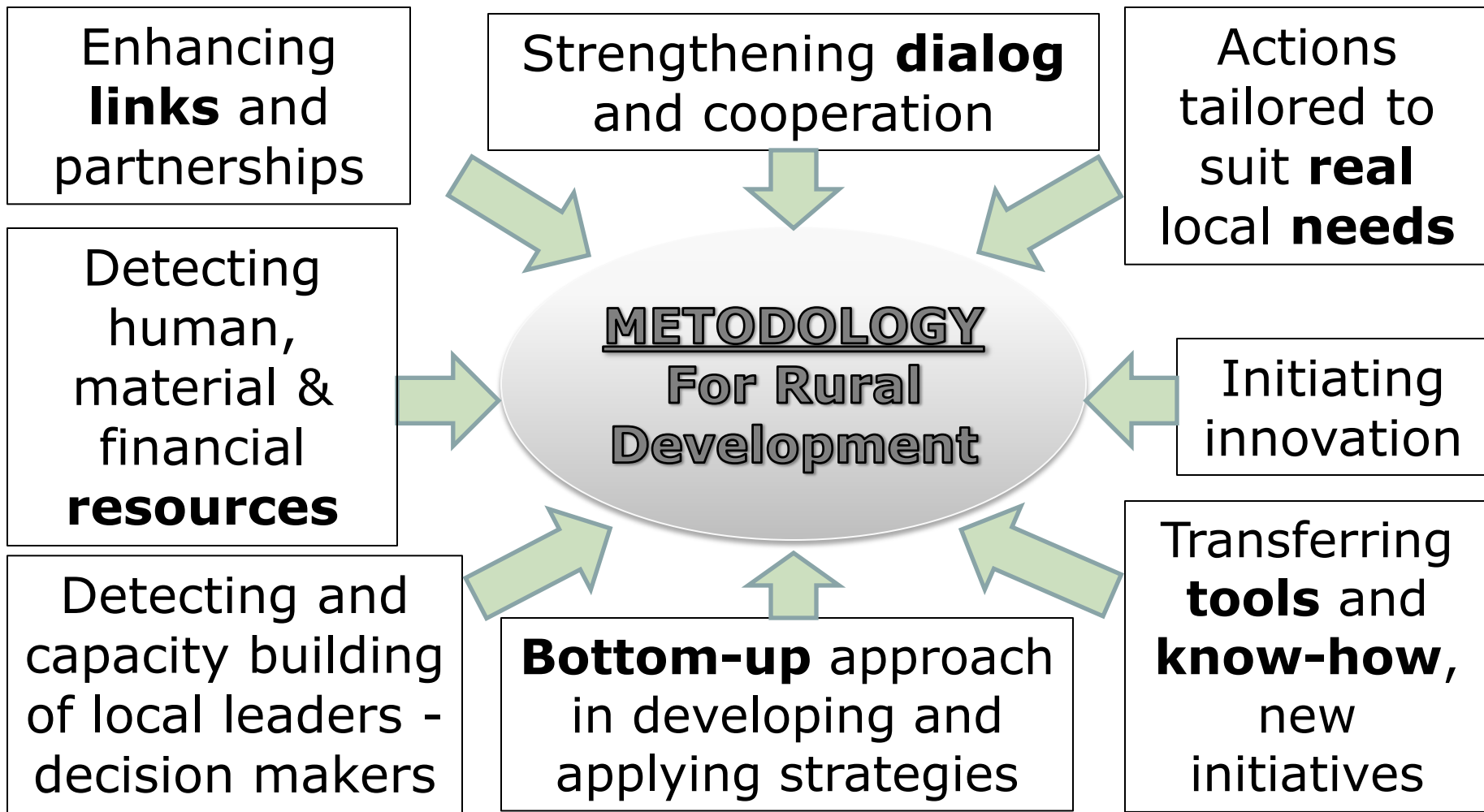




METHODOLOGY “Participatory approach”

With aims to:

- Increase feeling of joint ownership
- Generate sense for participation in decision making
- Mobilize and utilize all local resources and skills
- Build local capacities for independent actions
- Provide sustainability in future rural activities
- Improve rural area’s economic competitiveness





Results from methodology

Handbook with selected good practices
Potential for replicating
Alka's working methodology



Possible users of the methodology

- Donors, experts, consultants
- Rural population, local groups/decision makers
- Formal and informal community groups
- Interested private and civil sector
- Ministries, Institutions, LSG & public services



Applicability of ALKA methodology

Different components can be employed in particular actions on rural level:

- Analysis of rural real situation and needs
- Identification and mobilization of rural recourses
- Preparing short & long-term development strategies
- Building specific local capacities
- Planning future initiatives & decision making
- Independent monitoring & evaluation of actions
- Increasing local/regional cooperation, transparency



RESULTS: Alka Partners in rural community development projects

- **41 Municipalities**
- **Centers for development of Regions in RM**
- **112 Rural communities, CC and IB with implemented community projects, conducted PCM trainings and Development Action Plans designed**
- **50.274 Inhabitants as project beneficiaries**



Financial Contributions in rural communities' priority projects

Programs	ALKA (EURO)	Partners Participation (EURO)	Total (EURO)	Partners' participation from Total (%)
CAD 2001-2002	317.000	171.715	488.715	35%
ACTED 2002-2004	912.090	782.830	1.694.920	46%
Alka 2004-2009	1.108.935	654.460	1.763.395	37%
Total	2.338.025	1.609.005	3.947.030	41%



Dominated rural priorities from DP

● **AGRICULTURE**

**Irrigation Systems, Infrastructure
Organised Market for products trade
Accessible Credits**

● **LIFE STOCK BREEDING**

**Accessible Credits
Establishing Profitable Farms
Professional Help and Consultancies**

● **INDUSTRY**

**Establishing Small & Medium Enterprises,
Fruits & vegetable processing capacities
Organised Promotion of Handcraft products**



Dominated rural priorities from the DP

● INFRASTRUCTURE

Roads

Water Supply System

Sewage systems and purification plants

● PUBLIC SERVICES

Medical points, primary health care

Improvements in transport

● ENVIRONMENT

Organised solid waste collection

Solid waste disposal areas

Cleaning rural areas, environmental campaigns



Alka - Future Focus

- **SUSTAINABLE RURAL DEVELOPMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE**
- **BUILDING CAPACITIES FOR LOCAL REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR MOBILIZING RECOURSES/POTENTIALS**
- **STIMULATING - PROMOTING THE COOPERATION AND INNOVATION IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT**
- **INCREASING PERFORMANCES OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT STAKEHOLDERS**
- **DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE STRATEGIES FOR SOLVING RURAL PRIORITIES**



Alka – Future Instruments and tools

- **EXTENDED PRESENCE ON NATIONAL LEVEL**
- **ESTABLISHING RURAL PARTNERSHIPS AND LINKAGES**
- **CROSS BORDER AND REGIONAL COOPERATION**
- **ACTIVE NETWORKING**
- **UTILIZING ALL FOREIGN FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

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FOR YOUR ATTENTION**

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