

COOPERATION AGREEMENT

Title of co-operation project: The Pathway Project

Important notices:

1. This co-operation agreement relates to the LEADER+ elements of the project (specifically the funding and promotion of the project). All other information is included only for reference purposes.
 2. Responsibility for the day-to-day management of the project lies with the project developer – the Loch Lomond Pilgrimage Centre, Luss.
 3. Lomond & Rural Stirling LEADER+ accepts no liability for this project (except to ensure that it complies with LEADER+ regulations) or the safety and wellbeing of participants.
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Declaration

The undersigned, representing the partners, hereby undertake to implement the co-operation project defined in the Annex and also certify the veracity of the information contained therein.

Applicable law and competent court

The agreement is governed by Scottish law. Any dispute between the parties resulting from the interpretation or application of the agreement which cannot be settled amicably shall be brought before the courts of Scotland.

Partner 1 (lead partner): Lomond & Rural Stirling LEADER+

Name of representative: Dereck Fowles

Position: Chairman

Date:

Place where agreement is signed (including country):

Signature:

Partner 2: GAL Polesine Delta del Po
Name of representative: Francesco Peratello
Position: Chairman

Date:

Place where agreement is signed (including country):

Signature:

Partner 3: LAG Maaseutukehitys ry
Name of representative: Pekka Pynnönen
Position: Chairman

Date:

Place where agreement is signed (including country):

Signature:

Partner 4: Kyjovské Slovácko in Motion

Name of representative: Ing. Vlasta Lochmanová

Position: Chairwoman

Date:

Place where agreement is signed (including country):

Signature:

Partner 5: Voluntary Association of Municipalities Microregion VENKOV

Name of representative: Miroslav Dlouhy

Position: Vice-chairman

Date:

Place where agreement is signed (including country):

Signature:

Annex - Description of project attached to co-operation agreement

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Description of project goals, main project activities (including relevant places and dates) and beneficiaries of the operation:

The aim of the project is:

- To bring together young people from all over the world to assist with the creation of a 'pilgrimage' pathway.

The objectives of the project are:

- Strong links between the community of Luss and other rural communities participating in the project;
- Strong individual ties between the participants;
- Connections between the natural assets of the Luss area and people, communities and businesses;
- An enhanced visitor experience for those visiting Luss;
- The best use being made of a scarce and valuable resource – the 25-acre site around which the pilgrimage trail will wind.

The young people will converge on the village of Luss, to participate in the following:

- Weeks 1 and 2
 - The construction of a section of pathway, to a standard set in the Lowland Path Construction Guide. On site, the young people will be supervised and assisted by Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park rangers and a local professional craftsman;
 - To undertake craft training through pottery and candle-making workshops at the Loch Lomond Pilgrimage Centre, Luss.
- Week 3
 - To travel as a group around other places of interest in Scotland, such as Oban, Iona, Stirling and Edinburgh. This will allow all the young people to learn more about Scotland's heritage and culture and further develop a sense of community and co-operation.

The young people will be drawn from the five partner area, and will participate in the project in one of two periods:

1. 10 July – 28 July 2006
 - LAG Maaseutukehitys ry
 - Voluntary Association of Municipalities Microregion VENKOV
2. 31 July – 19 August 2006
 - GAL Polesine Delta del Po
 - Kyjovské Slovácko in Motion

Groups participating in Period 1 should arrive in Scotland no later than Sunday 9th July. Groups participating in Period 2 should arrive in Scotland no later than Sunday 30th July.

Description of anticipated results for beneficiaries of the operation and for the areas concerned:

The project will give the opportunity for young people from a variety of areas and backgrounds to broaden their horizons through travel, exposure to different cultures, and co-operation. Such an opportunity will be a formative experience that shall serve to create an international community of young people who have co-operated on the project. The community of Luss shall also benefit through improved communication skills, cultural understanding and knowledge. The creation of the pathway will provide residents of Luss, and visitors, with an enriching resource that shall, amongst other things, tell them about the people who created it and where they are from.

Period of implementation of the project:

February – November 2006

Role of each partner in relation to main activities:Lomond & Rural Stirling LEADER+ (LRS)

- To oversee the overall funding of the LEADER+ elements of the project (except where costs are incurred exclusively by other partners);
- To manage elements of the project exclusive to Lomond & Rural Stirling LEADER+;
- To disseminate the results of the project nationally through the UK LEADER+ Network and EU-wide through the LEADER+ Observatory;

GAL Polesine Delta del Po

- To manage the finances relating to the project that are exclusive to GAL Polesine Delta del Po;
- To manage elements of the project exclusive to GAL Polesine Delta del Po;
- To disseminate the results of project locally and through other suitable channels.

LAG Maaseutukehitys ry

- To manage the finances relating to the project that are exclusive to LAG Maaseutukehitys ry;
- To manage elements of the project exclusive to LAG Maaseutukehitys ry;
- To disseminate the results of project locally and through other suitable channels.

Kyjovské Slovácko in Motion

- To manage the finances relating to the project that are exclusive to Kyjovské Slovácko in Motion;
- To manage elements of the project exclusive to Kyjovské Slovácko in Motion;
- To disseminate the results of project locally and through other suitable channels;

Voluntary Association of Municipalities Microregion VENKOV

- To manage the finances relating to the project that are exclusive to Voluntary Association of Municipalities Microregion VENKOV;
- To manage elements of the project exclusive to Voluntary Association of Municipalities Microregion VENKOV;
- To disseminate the results of project locally and through other suitable channels.

Management of project finances:

1. Partner 1 shall be responsible for ensuring that the Loch Lomond Pilgrimage Centre complies with the conditions of its LEADER+ grant.
2. The Loch Lomond Pilgrimage Centre shall pay the following costs:
 - Accommodation at Luss (subject to the conditions of point 5, below);
 - Accommodation during week 3 (subject to the conditions of point 5, below);
 - Meals;
 - Utility costs (e.g. gas, electricity);
 - Laundry costs;
 - Entrance fees to places visited during week 3;
 - Airport transfers to Luss from either Glasgow Airport, Glasgow Prestwick Airport, Edinburgh Airport – and back again;
 - Transport costs incurred during weeks 1, 2 and 3;
 - Costs of materials for construction of pathway;
 - Costs of materials used during craft workshops.
3. Partners 2, 3, 4 and 5 shall be responsible for all costs associated with transporting their participants from their home to either Glasgow Airport, Glasgow Prestwick Airport, Edinburgh Airport – and back again.
4. Participating young people and accompanying adults shall be responsible for all their own out-of-pocket expenses.
5. Participating young people and accompanying adults shall be responsible for paying for their own accommodation if they choose not to use the project accommodation provided by the Loch Lomond Pilgrimage Centre.