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RURAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATIVE ACTION IN PRIORITY 9 OF THE EUSBSR:

*“ENHANCE THE COMBINED EFFECTS OF THE RURAL
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES”*

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**COMMON ACTION “ENHANCE THE COMBINED EFFECTS OF
THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES”
UNDER THE PRIORITY 9 OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
STRATEGY FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION**

The main idea is:

“The programmes could be linked when dealing with similar problems. There should be a streamlining of the rural development measures in the national Rural Development Programmes, including joint studies and monitoring. There is a need to develop joint training and advisory measures, with more emphasis on common innovation across borders”.

(extract form the report prepared by the European Commission)

Our task is:

To develop organization of the meetings and creation closer contacts at the level of Managing Authorities in the Baltic Sea Region.

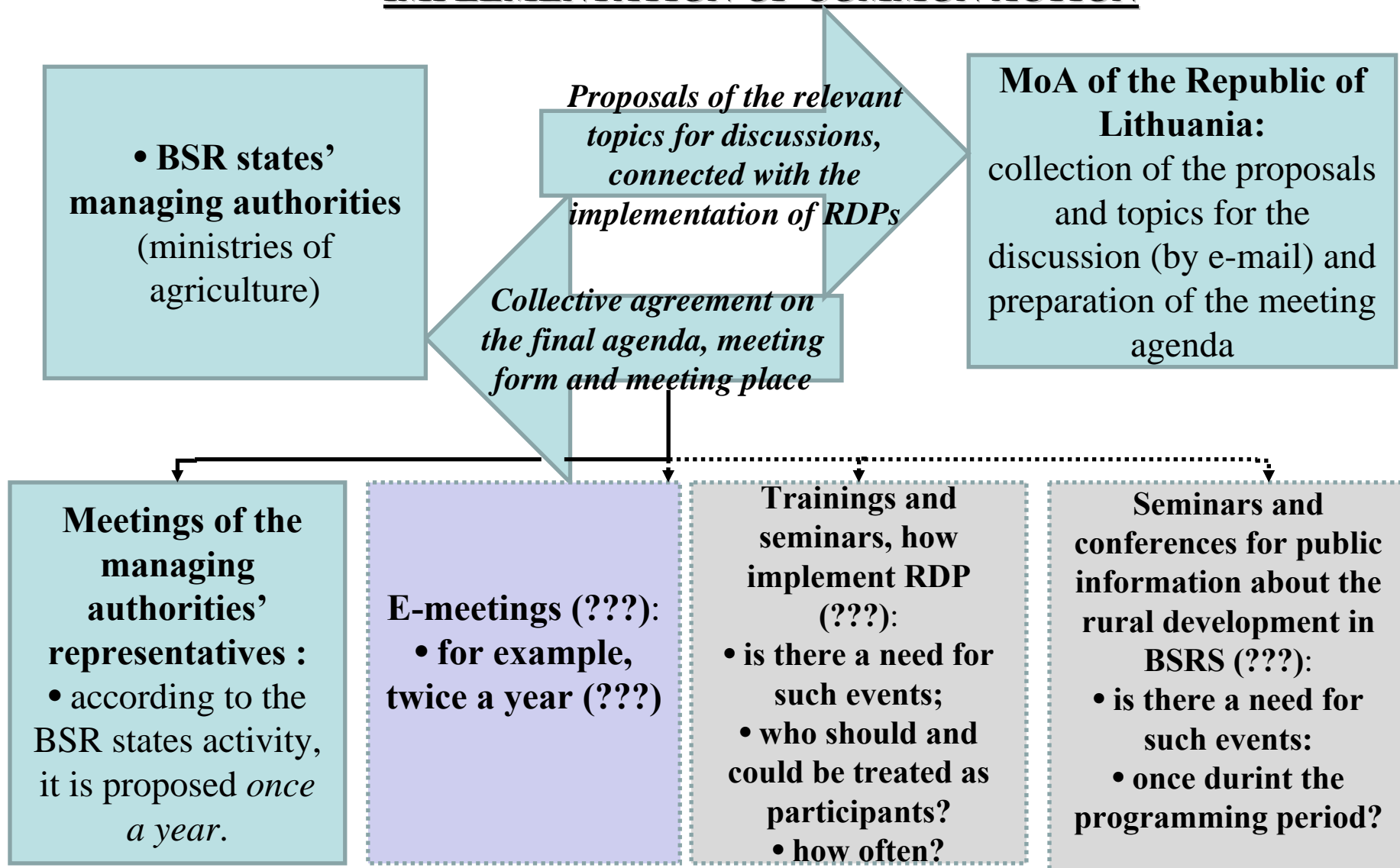
ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE PERIOD OF 2010-2011 (1)

I. Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania prepared questionnaire and sent it to the representatives from BSR countries in May, 2010. It was expected to collect answers from the managing authorities (ministries of the agriculture), responsible for the coordination of the implementation of national rural development programmes (additional questionnaire also was sent in October, 2010).

II. The aim of the questionnaire:

- to identify the importance of the common action for the BSR countries' managing authorities;
- to explore the acceptable form for the organization of the activities of common action during the period 2011-2013;
- to identify relevant thematic content for the meetings under the common action;
- to ascertain the topic for the discussion during the eventual first meeting.

OVERVIEW OF THE DECISIONS TAKEN ON OCTOBER, 2010 (1): THE MODEL PROPOSED FOR THE ADMINISTRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMON ACTION





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(2):

THEMATIC CONTENT OF COMMON ACTION

- **Experience of implementing national rural development programmes for 2007-2013 (administrative systems, priorities, measures, financing, problems) and priorities after 2013;**
- **Cooperation and representation of common regional position in the process of the preparation of the *Acquis communautaire* for the further programming period of 2014–2020 (the cooperation should be focused on the RDPs' level only. There could be discussion e.g. on what kind of common problems there are regarding the legislation and implementation of the RDPs. For example, in the future there should be options for transnational cooperation within the RDPs also for other measures than *LEADER*);**
- **Better cooperation and coordination between the EU funds (EAFRD, EFF, ERDF and ESF);**
- **Simplification of EU legislation for rural development.**

ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE PERIOD OF 2010-2011 (2)

IV. During the first semester of 2011 the concrete aims, tasks and activities under the common action “Enhance the combined effects of the rural development programmes” (priority 9 of the European Union strategy for the Baltic Sea Region) were formulated.

V. On June 2011 Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania, as coordinator of the common action, together with Finland (main coordinator of Priority 9) and Sweden (leading for coordination of the fisheries), applied to the European Commission for the Technical assistance.

VI. at the EUSBSR Priority 9 seminar on 27th September 2011 the further plans and activities, also the creation of network through the managing authorities in the Baltic Sea Region were discussed.

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The general and specific objectives that the action aims to achieve:

- reinforcement of the combined effects of the rural development programmes of the Baltic Sea Region’s member states during the period of 2007–2013 and after 2013;
- encouragement of the sustainable rural development in the Baltic Sea Region;
- concentration on joint learning and training how to implement national rural development programmes. Those activities will aim at both a better implementation of the on-going programme and collecting good ideas for better rural development policy after 2013;
- creation of the net for better communication between EU member states, belonging to the Baltic Sea Region, their representatives from managing authorities (ministries) together with social, economic and institutional partners.

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Expected results and their use:

The result expected:

- **creation of the net for the close communication of the representatives from the EUSBSR member states’ managing authorities** (national ministries of agriculture), dealing with the coordination and implementation of European Union’s Common Agricultural Policy and national rural development programmes;
- this will contribute to reaching the objectives of Priority 9 and, thus, the whole EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and will help solve issues and problems, connected with the sustainable rural development in the Baltic Sea Region, more effectively.



**THE *USAGE OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE* FOR
COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMON
ACTION “ENHANCE THE COMBINED EFFECTS OF THE
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Technical information:

- duration (in months) – **max. 28 (from the 1st of September, 2011 to the 31st of December, 2013).**

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Technical assistance would be used for:

- organisation of the event (preliminary of the 1st half-year of 2012), during which the meeting of the EU member states', belonging to the Baltic Sea Region, representatives from managing authorities (ministries) would be organised (place: Lithuania). This event is necessary in order to seek the aims of the action, as specified before;
- reimbursement of the travel and accommodation costs in order to participate in joint meetings and seminars of the EUSBSR or Priority 9 or its sub-sectors;
- direct coordination and administration of the implementation processes of this common action.



SUSTAINABILITY OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS

The successful implementation of common action “Enhance the combined effects of the rural development programmes” during the period 2010-2013:

- will help to solve issues and problems, connected with the sustainable rural development in the Baltic Sea Region, more effectively;
- would be a background for closer cooperation between EUBSRS states in further perspective of 2014–2020 and for the creation of new ideas for new initiatives and projects, which would correspond the objectives of Priority 9 and, thus, the whole EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region



CONTACT INFORMATION:

The contacts for the suggestions of the key topics for the discussions or for the plans of further meetings (agenda questions, member states' needs and questions to be discussed, registration of new member states' contact points and etc.):

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