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## Development Partnership of Hranicko Region



### ▶ Hranicko Region Development Partnership

The Development partnership is a non-profit association of business, nonprofits, local administration and local associations of the Hranicko Region. It has been established in the beginning of 2005 as an informal association of several institutions active on the regional level, which were united by the idea of cooperation for the region's benefit and the recognition of the importance of the partnership principle. Its establishment was also a prerequisite for a successful implementation of the INNOREF international project, in which the partner regions in Italy and Greece adopt a similar way of regional cooperation. Civic association with identical name was created in 2006, and at present (October 2006) it has 32 members. Statistical data of Hranicko region: extend 305 km<sup>2</sup>, number of the population on 34 804 inhabitants, density of the population 114 inhabitants per km<sup>2</sup>.



### ▶ Mission of the Development Partnership

The basic mission of the association is to support its members and other organizations active in Hranicko region, so that the sustainable development of the whole region is ensured, while local human and natural sources are utilized to the maximum. The organization offers help with the creation of individual strategies for the Hranicko region. All activities are based on the principles of partnership and mutual cooperation.

The first step of the association was the preparation of the region for the subsidy program LEADER, which helps similar organizations in the European Union to develop their regions.

The cooperation of the public and private sectors was supported also by the Hranicko Micro-region via EU funded project INNOREF, thanks to which the region can benefit from foreign experience of the Greek and Italian Regions.



### ▶ LEADER Program in Hranicko Region

Eight best projects supporting tourism and local agriculture products have received from the LEADER ČR Program financial support totaling 3,6 million CZK.

The key to the success of the association was the formulation of its own goals within the region, in other words a "plan" for the support of the most important areas of Hranicko Region, titled Šance pro Hranicko (Chance for Hranice Region). The association submitted this plan for the support of tourism and agriculture products to the LEADER ČR Program administered by the Czech Ministry of Agriculture.

### ▶ Projects supported from the LEADER ČR 2006 Program:

- Municipality Střítež nad Ludinou – processing of waste biomass for energy use (purchase of the mobile wood-chips processing line)
- TJ Sigma Hranice – installation of artificial lighting in the Poštář ski resort
- TJ Sokol Ústí – reconstruction of a village tourist hostel
- Ladislav Jančík – reconstruction of a cow shed of the Hojanka family farm
- GOLFCLUB Radíkov – parking, building of the club room
- Jaroslav Juráň – Pod Skálou farmstead – refurbishing of barns for horses, mini ZOO
- Zdeňka Horníková – enhancement of the local production in the Hranicko Region – purchase of a scraper
- Collective farm Partutovice – purchase of a tractor and a potato peeler



### ▶ Future of the Development Partnership

The civic association works with a long-term vision. Aside from the preparation for LEADER, which is a key element for the association, the partnership will raise other grant funds or educate its members in the area of project preparation.

Cooperation of institutions from various areas of region's life will contribute to the cooperation among projects and the implementation of the idea of sustainable development.

An important step towards further development of the association will be the preparation of the region for the utilization of the EU program LEADER in years 2007-2013. The Development Partnership can enter the program with its own creative strategy of Hranicko Region development, with which it must be successful in the competition with other Local Action Groups in the Czech Republic. The success will bring several dozens of millions of Czech Crowns from the EU funds, which will be distributed to various projects in Hranicko and will contribute to the implementation of the development strategy of the Hranicko Region.