



Folklore group ORDZOVIANKA and moderator PhDr. Božena Švábová at the Opening Ceremony of LEADER-FEST.

Slovakia: LEADER-FEST 2012

The third ever LEADER-FEST was held in the historic city of Levoča, Slovakia on 29-30 May, 2012. Following on from two successful LEADER-FESTs held in the Czech Republic, this year's event was hosted by the Local Action Group LEV, in partnership with the Slovak NRN.

In total, some 250 delegates from 11 countries attended the event, which focused on applying an integrated approach for the application of the LEADER method post-2013. Workshops were held on topics such as the green economy, local products and services, youth participation and rural tourism. In addition, LAGs exhibited traditional crafts and produce at a market, and the event also provided an extensive folklore and cultural programme, which involved over 430 folklorists and 50 crafts workers.



A local produce stall during LEADER-FEST

Andrea Hradiská President of the LAG said:

"We are delighted that we were able to involve many important organisations working on the development of rural areas here in Levoča. We are grateful to participants who helped to create and approve a new declaration which will be presented to our collective governments, as well as to DG AGRI and DG Regional Policy in the European Commission, and the European Parliament".

For further information, see www.maslev.sk and www.nsrp.sk.



A craft stall during LEADER-FEST.