

# Capacity building for the local groups – an example from Poland



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# The Polish context



- A large budget for Axis 4
- High importance of inland fisheries
- Well-organised, vocal community of fishermen
- Strong and active rural civil society
- Numerous and generally strong Leader LAGs
- Experience in capacity building
- Willingness of the Polish Managing Authority (Ministry of Agriculture) to set up a capacity building programme for the fisheries groups

# Recruitment



- High number of groups to be trained – 60 (estimated 40-50 might get funding)
- Various channels of information
- Involvement of regional authorities (already involved in Leader)
- Possibility of recruitment directly via a special website or with recommendation of the regional authorities
- Verification of each group by MA, occasional merger of groups

# Capacity building



- **TRAINING:**
  - For each group separately
  - Three main training modules:
    - ✦ (1) General information about Axis 4, objectives, characteristics, background, next steps (5 hrs)
    - ✦ (2) Building a local partnership (8 hrs)
    - ✦ (3) Developing local strategies (2 x 8 hrs)
- Support to groups through website and advice of trainers (by phone or e-mail)

# The process



- Selection of NGO as contractor
- Selection of 20 trainers throughout Poland
- Preparation of training programme and materials by the trainers in interactive workshops
- Training sessions (module 1 completed, most of module 2 completed, module 3 in progress)
- Consultancy – mixed level of use

# First experiences



- Many people don't fully understand the purpose of Axis 4 – attempts to use for „their own ends” by local authorities on the one hand and fishermen on the other
- Generally high interest and big expectations
- Big emphasis on procedures and legal issues (let's first register the group and get the funding, we'll worry later about partnership, community involvement etc.)