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## RESILIENT AREAS

Connecting climate change to urban and rural development

Good practice  
Lithuanian Association

*Viva Sol*



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# Viva Sol



Land area	6.53 million ha
Agricultural land	3.46 million ha
Ecological farming	158 000 ha
Ecological farms	2600

# What is *Viva Sol*?



*Viva Sol* is a good practice on small, responsible and extensive farming identified during the F:ACTS! project in Lithuania.

*Viva Sol* is Lithuanian association of cheese eaters and producers with international experience which they use for alternative, ecological and environment- friendly forms of farming.

*Viva Sol* maintains small and responsible farming based on:

- small-scale production
- limited inputs
- environmental-friendly production
- the development of a strong link between consumers and local inhabitants





# *Viva Sol*



# Principles of *Viva Sol*

- All work is done by a farmer with no additional wage labour and with as little investment as possible
- Keep environment-friendly practices in all stages of production, processing and selling
- Strengthen the link between city and village

*Viva Sol* seeks to keep village alive!

# *Viva Sol – extensive farming*



In Lithuania extensive farming helps dealing with problems such as:

- Soil degradation
- Loss of biodiversity
- Land abandonment

# The support for extensive farming in Lithuania

## BASIC AIMS OF SUPPORT MEASURES UNDER THE RDP 2007-2013

### Diversification into non-agricultural activities:

- **The main aim** – to improve quality of life in rural areas by promoting employment, support diversification of agricultural activities into non-agricultural ones, encourage the development of services and crafts.



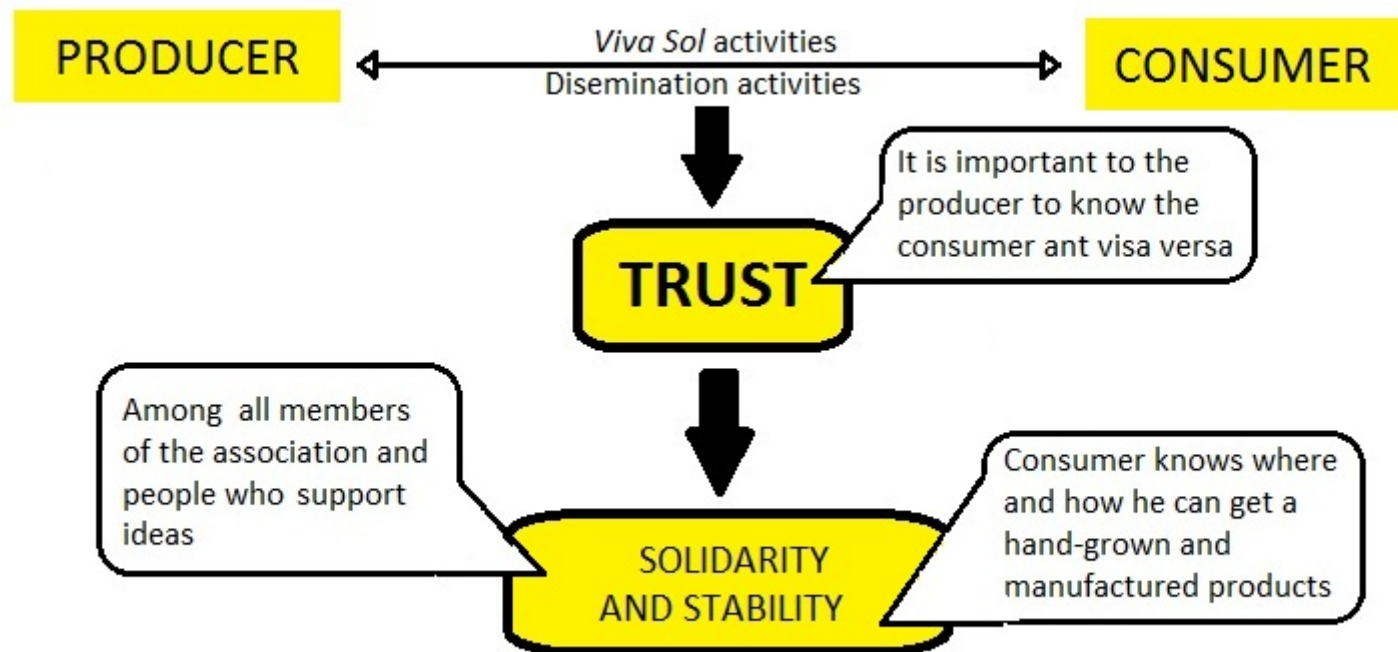
# The support for extensive farming in Lithuania

## BASIC AIMS OF SUPPORT MEASURES UNDER THE RDP 2007-2013

### The support for business development:

- **The main aim** – to support the establishment and development of micro-enterprises and other small business initiatives in rural areas by encouraging non-agricultural activities, creating new workplaces and alternative sources of income and thereby enhance the quality of rural life.

# Social effects in *Viva Sol*



# Social effects of *Viva Sol*

- Cheese-makers home
- Farmer's markets
- Development of extensive farm network (training for farmers)
- Cooperation with international organizations
- Vegetable box scheme

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