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Some one hundred people gathered at the Musée de Vin in Ehnen on Saturday for a select and varied Wine Tasting, together with a gently didactic exhibition. The tri-national event was sponsored by 'LEADER Miselerland', an organisation promoting regional and national rural development in the cross-border region along the Moselle.

Around a dozen varied Moselle wines and crémants (sparkling wines) from France, Germany and Luxembourg were available for tasting, and experts were on hand to explain the influence of the varying local geology on the wine, and the various distinct aromas that make up the 'nose' of a wine. A quiz-sheet was also handed out to allow the public to demonstrate what they had learned from the event.

'LEADER Miselerland' is a Local Action Group under the LEADER Programme, responsible for setting up and implementing regional development concepts by bringing together public and private partners from various socio-economic sectors. Its aim is to mobilise people by building up links between projects and economic stakeholders in rural areas to help them realise their development vision and to try novel approaches to improve the economy and quality of life outside the bigger conurbations.

As part of the national Rural Development Programme, the LEADER Local Action Groups are co-funded by the national and local governments, with the support of the European Union. Since its Luxembourg implementation in 1991, the LEADER programme has developed into a substantial element of regional and national rural development policy. This initiative has helped to implement almost 300 innovative projects. A great many people in rural areas in Luxembourg are involved in and benefitting from the LEADER-projects.

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