



International Conference for the Black Sea Region:

“CSOs participation in the implementation of rural development policies”

12 September, 2017, Hotel Ukraine, Kyiv

The Conference will gather CSO groups' representatives from the Black Sea Region and representatives of public institutions. The event will provoke a practical exchange of ideas – related to the policies and actions which can create a viable basis for long-term social and economic well-being of rural and small-farming communities across the region.

The participants will represent CSOs and public institutions from the Black Sea countries and experts from Central European countries, the Baltic states and the Balkans. The meeting will enable the exchange of experiences resulting from the best practices enforced in the partner countries as well as help develop forward-looking practical steps, policies and actions in the field of sustainable rural development and small farming.

Languages: Russian (Ukrainian), English, interpretation will be provided

Agenda

9:30 Introduction

10:00 – 11:30 National Frameworks for Participation in Rural Development: Country case studies

- **Rural Development in Ukraine**, Olena Kovalyova, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Food Security in Ukraine
- **Development of LEADER approach in Latvia**, Valdis Kudins, Alliance for Cross-sectoral Sustainable Development, Latvia
- **Effectiveness of NGOs**, Anahit Ghazanchyan, President at Development Principles NGO, *Armenia*
- **National Movements for Rural Sustainable development**, Estonia, Anneli Kana, Member of Board, Kodukant, the Estonian Village Movement
- **The role of Policy makers in effective CSOs participation**, Roman Korinets, expert on Rural Development, Ministry of Agriculture - Office of Reforms, Ukraine

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee-break

12:00 – 13:30 Sustainable rural development practices around the Black Sea region

- **Establishment of Local Action groups- Promotion of LEADER approach from grassroots level**, Pro Cooperare Regionala, Sergiu Mihailov, Director, Moldova
- **Participatory approach for rural development**, Vyara Stefanova, chairwoman of Society for Territorial and Environmental Prosperity - STEP, Bulgaria
- **Grassroots involvement in Rural development policy in Romania**, Atilla Szocs, Eco-Ruralis, Romania

- **LEADER implementation in Belarus- tools and approaches**, Sergey Tarasyuk, Director, International fund for rural development, Belarus
- **Ukrainian Rural Development Network as a promoter of social and economic well-being of rural communities**, Olena Borodina, Head of Coordination Committee of Ukrainian Rural Development Network
- **Local initiatives in the Western Ukraine**, Rostyslav Kos, Director, Karpatske Kolo, Dolyna, Ivano-Frankivsk oblast, Ukraine

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 17:00 Black Sea region cooperation for the rural development, group discussions & reporting, facilitated by NECU

- How to develop cooperation on national and international level in rural development
- Transparent public dialogue
- Commercial and non-commercial civil society organisations in promoting rural development - roles and differences in approaches

17:00 – 17:30 Closing remarks: Perspectives for International and cross sectoral cooperation ahead

Aris Adlers, Black Sea region coordinator, PREPARE Network - Partnership for Rural Europe/Latvian Rural Forum

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