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## INVITATION

**We invite you to select participants for the PREPARE Gathering 2018 which will be also the second multi-national thematic meeting of ALTER project, which will take place from 20th October until 1st November in Prizren, Kosovo.**

Participants of PREPARE Gathering have to be selected by the PREPARE member organisations or similar initiatives, which are connected with the PREPARE Network and/or ALTER project partners. For each participant the registration form has to be filled in until the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018: <https://goo.gl/forms/r3haQXBTcb54YhBC2>

The Gathering will be preceded by one-day Travelling Workshops and two days for workshops, discussions and plenary sessions, including PREPARE AISBL General Assembly. The hosts are Network of Organisations for Rural Development in Kosovo.

This multi-national thematic meeting between CSO Networks will ensure intensive dialogue on following issues:

- Strengthening the capacity of CSOs and CSO Networks to participate actively in policy planning and intimidation, to build a strong civil society in rural areas, and to enhance regional development through networking and cooperation
- Building the partnership of CSOs and CSO Networks with public institutions and their involvement in decision-making and governance processes, for the well-being of rural communities in those countries.



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**Travelling workshops.** The first part of the gathering will be three travelling workshops on 30<sup>th</sup> October. Each tour will be taken by a minibus or bus with a group of mixed nationality; and will visit couple of initiatives/places in rural Kosovo and will have the opportunity to understand the story of present situation reflecting both past and nowadays social and political situation in a frame of strong localities, such as traditional rural lifestyle, culture, nature.

Participants will be asked to arrive (1) on Monday 29 October to travel to the venue from which travelling workshops will start or (2) on Tuesday 30 October till 10 am to go to travelling workshop directly from airport/bus station.

Registered participants will receive information about the transportation to the venue.

The Travelling workshops will start mid-morning Wednesday 30 October and will last whole day, to arrive at the venue of the Gathering in Prizren by evening.

**Main Gathering.** The Gathering, with about 60 participants, will be held at Prizren, 75 km South of Prishtina. The Main Gathering in Prizren will be for two days, starting in a morning on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October and finishing in the evening on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Program includes discussions, workshops and plenary sessions, presentations of examples from the countries of participants and Kosovo as well as the general Assembly of PREPARE aisbl.

**Arrivals.** The closest airport to the event is Prishtina International Airport "Adem Jashari" (PRN). Distance from the Prishtina Airport to Prizren is **75 km**. Registered participants will receive information about the transportation to the venue.

**Late arrivals.** Those who are unable to join a Travelling Workshop are asked to arrive on Tuesday 30 October in Prishtina. Details of how to reach Prizren can be sent, on request, by the Conference organisers.

**Departures.** On the **afternoon and evening of Thursday 1 November**, at the end of the Gathering, buses will be provided to take participants direct to Prishtina, for their journey home. If you are travelling home by air or other public transport from Prishtina, **we advise that you should not expect to leave before XX pm that day.**

If you wish to stay over the **night of 1 November** (or subsequent nights) in Kosovo, the organisers can help you to find accommodation, but cannot pay for that accommodation.

**Venue.** The Gathering will be held in the Municipality of Prizren, Hotel Sharri (<http://www.hotelsharri.com/>) in Prevala region.

**Costs.** The Gathering and the Travelling Workshops are being organised by the Network of Organisations for Rural Development in Kosovo in a cooperation with PREPARE. They and the PREPARE Partners are securing funds which will cover the costs of all participants on food, accommodation and transport while they are in the gathering and to provide transportation from Prishtina for on-time participants.

**Contribution to travel costs to Kosovo.** Travel costs to the place of event and back are supposed to be covered by the PREPARE member organisations and by the similar national

organisations for the participants, which they will select. In a case of need it is possible to cover part of the travel costs to the participants (ALTER partners or PREPARE member organizations) by 80EUR/flights per person or 50EUR per country delegation driving by car.

***Please do not book your transport before you receive confirmation of your participation from PREPARE office!***

**Participants.** Invited to these events are members of the PREPARE partner organizations and the PREPARE Network and the partners of ALTER project. The Gathering is planned for around 60 people and we wish to have a wide range of countries represented, for this reason, we will be limiting the numbers who come from each country: 10 from Kosovo; 3 from each of ALTER partners (excluding Kosovo), 2-3 from each - HMRR, LRF and SWG, 2 from each of the other PREPARE partners, up to 6Kosovo dignitaries, ALTER Associate bodies, guests. We seek a mixture of government and non-government participants, since our purpose is to promote partnership between government and civil society in rural development.

**Registration.** If you would like to join the Gathering in Kosovo, please complete the form here: <https://goo.gl/forms/r3haQXBTcb54YhBC2> . You should then await confirmation that you have been allocated a place: please do not arrange your transport until you have received that confirmation.

**Partners and responsibilities.** A multi-national event will involve close collaboration between PREPARE, Network of Organisations for Rural Development in Kosovo and Latvian Rural Forum.

**Information.** If you need information about the Gathering or the Travelling Workshops, please contact :

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