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Call for individual participation in European Rural Parliament 2015 open

The call for individuals is open. If you like to attend the 2nd European Rural Parliament gathering on 4 to 6 November 2015 in Schärding (Austria), please register now until latest 19 October [on ERP webpage](#). Please click [here](#) to get the full program. More in [ERP Newsletter 2/2015](#).

3rd Slovenian Rural Parliament

Third Slovenian Rural Parliament which was held from 7 to 8 October under the title "Rural Parliament contributes to the realization of participatory democracy" has successfully concluded with the adoption of Declaration. The basic objectives of the discussions, thematic workshops and public debates were aimed at creating a space for intensive exchange of views and coordination of visions of the Slovenian countryside in the future. This important event was attended by around 250 representatives of the Slovenian countryside, including prominent experts and representatives of public policy.

LEADER/CLLD Conference on Cooperation

The ENRD Contact Point and DG AGRI organised a LEADER/CLLD conference on 'Strengthening Local Development through Cooperation' in Milan on 25 September 2015 linked to the Expo Milano 2015. The main objective of the conference was to exchange on how to support inter-territorial and transnational cooperation (TNC) within the EU and with third countries. [More ...](#)

Special Edition NRNs' (National Rural Networks) Meeting

The ENRD Contact Point and DG AGRI organised a Special Edition NRNs' Meeting in Milan on 24 September 2015 linked to the Expo Milano 2015. The main objective of the NRN meeting was to strengthen the capacity of Network Support Units (NSUs) & NRNs to provide support and guidance to LEADER/CLLD stakeholders through exchange of experience among managing authorities (MAs), NRNs and Local Action Groups (LAGs). [More ...](#)

Read the draft Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2016-2017 for agriculture, food and forestry

The European Commission has just published a provisional version of the Horizon 2020 work programme 2016-2017 [here](#), highlighting that only the final version will prevail. This draft work programme includes a wealth of opportunities for EIP-AGRI members, with in particular 371 million euros of funding for multi-actor projects spread over 38 topics. These can be found in three calls: sustainable food security, rural renaissance (under Societal challenge 2) and Internet of things (under Cross-cutting activities). You can also look for opportunities under Greening the economy (Societal challenge 5) and Circular economy (Cross-cutting activities). The EIP-AGRI Service Point is currently preparing a brochure to help you find your way through these calls, which will be published mid-October based on the approved final version. [More ...](#)

EU Funding Documents and Seminars

Developing an action plan: Design, set-up, implementation and winding-up of financial instruments. [More ...](#)
Draft versions of the Horizon 2020 work programmes for 2016-2017 are published. [More ...](#)
New EU projects online database. [More ...](#)
Thematic Maps: How your region's challenges are tackled by Interreg. [More ...](#)
Seminar: EAFRD Financial Instruments for agriculture and rural development in 2014-2020, 29 October 2015, Riga, Latvia. [More ...](#)
Info week on Societal Challenge 2 work programme 2016-2017: Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, maritime and maritime inland water research and bio-economy, 24-27 November 2015, Brussels. [More ...](#)

EU Funding Opportunities

Interreg Mediterranean: 1st call for modular project proposals. Deadline: 2 November 2015. [More ...](#)
Interreg Danube Transnational Programme: The first call for proposals will be implemented in two steps. Deadline for first step: 3 November 2015. [More ...](#)
Interreg Central Europe [selects 91 applications](#) for second step of the 1st call. The 2nd call for proposals will open soon after the funding decision in April 2016. [More ...](#)

Competitions

ARGE Photo Competition "European Rural Benefits & Innovations 2020". Deadline: 15 October 2015. [More ...](#)
Horizon Prize for Social Innovation. Voting open until 21 October 2015. [More ...](#)
12th UNWTO Awards for Excellence and Innovation in Tourism. Deadline: 30 October 2015. [More ...](#)
The European Capital of Innovation Award 2016 – iCapital. Deadline: 18 November 2015. [More ...](#)

Newsletters and Publications

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Publications

Factsheets on Partnership Agreements 2014-2020. Published by: ENRD. [Read ...](#)
EU Rural Review, No. 20, 2015. Published by: ENRD. [Read ...](#)
EU agriculture spending focused on results, September 2015. Published by: DG AGRI. [Read ...](#)
The community-led revival of Slovenian Istria: CLLD as a tool to support community-led action on climate change and sustainability. Author: Nara Petrovič, 2015. [Read ...](#)

EVENTS

2nd European Rural Parliament, 4-6 November 2015, Schärding, Austria

The second European Rural Parliament will be held in the beautiful small town of Schärding in Austria, 4 to 6 November 2015. 300 delegates are expected, from over 40 European countries. Please register now until latest 19 October. [More ...](#)

OPEN DAYS 2015: 13th European Week of Regions and Cities, 12-15 October 2015, Brussels

With the headline of 'Europe's regions and cities: partners for investment and growth' 2015 will be structured around three thematic priorities: 1. 'Modernising Europe': The regions in the energy Union and the single digital market; 2. 'Regions open for business': SME development, innovation and job creation; 3. 'Places and spaces': Urban and rural development; urban-rural integration. [More ...](#)

5th International Conference on Organic Agriculture Sciences: Bringing Innovations to Organic Farming, 14-17 October 2015, Bratislava, Slovakia

ICOAS is an international scientific event for cutting-edge organic agriculture research conducted in Central and Eastern Europe. ICOAS provides an opportunity for researchers, students, non-governmental organizations, practitioners, and policy makers around the globe to meet and discuss current challenges of organic agriculture sciences. It follows four excellent ICOAS conferences held in different amazing cities of Central and Eastern Europe. [More ...](#)

Delivering the SDGs in a changing climate, 16 October 2015, Budapest, Hungary

The conference is organised within the framework of the European Year for Development by CEEweb for Biodiversity, NSC – FoE Hungary, EEB, HAND, Climate Alliance Hungary as well as the Office of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights of Hungary. The interactive discussions will focus on a number of interrelated issues within the SDGs, while thinking out of the box and looking for strategic tools for implementation. The debate will reflect on urging issues, such as poverty alleviation, reducing inequality, access to modern energy and fighting climate change and sustainable consumption and production patterns within a broader framework. [More ...](#)

The Central-eastern EU Model for Competitive and Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development, 18-21 October 2015, Zakopane, Poland

The basic goal of this event is to organise the research seminar confronting various approaches to agribusiness and rural development in the context of balance between competitiveness and sustainability. This event shall bring together researchers carrying out in-depth studies in the aforesaid areas from V4 and its neighbourhood EU member states, countries of Eastern Partnership (EaP) and Western Balkans (WB). [More ...](#)

DANUBIO 2015: Sustainable Rural Development: Organic Farming And Eco-Agritourism, 19-22 October 2015, Novi Sad, Vojvodina, Serbia

The conference programme will provide valuable information and networking opportunities for participants to discuss on any research, education and applied aspects related to organic production in the Danube region and Mediterranean, organic animal production and beekeeping, food quality, sustainable rural development, organic R&D, organic marketing and policies for rural development and organic production. [More ...](#)

Creation and economic development, digital (r)evolution and cultural industries, 20 October 2015, Brussels, Belgium

Cultural and creative industries (CCIs) are at the heart of the cultural and artistic dynamics and a driving force for the attractivity and the economic development of the Île-de-France region. This seminar, as part of the 2015 edition of the Île-de-France Europe Days in Brussels (20 to 22 October), will aim to highlight the diversity of the CCIs sector in Île-de-France and Europe and its contribution to the cultural and economic dynamism of European territories. [More ...](#)

EU's Tourism Education & Training Offer – a mapping exercise and performance check, 21st October 2015, Brussels, Belgium

The European Commission, CSES and NECSTouR are organising the final conference presenting the results, highlighting good practice and providing recommendations from the study undertaken in all 28 EU Member States on the training and education systems for tourism and their performance against industry needs. [More ...](#)

The Future of Food - the Future of Biodiversity?, 21-22 October 2015, London, UK

Food production and biodiversity conservation are in conflict. Join experts and leading voices from farmers' groups, food suppliers, major retailers, conservationists, scientists, NGOs and policy-makers to debate sustainable solutions to the growing challenge of balancing food security and environmental protection. [More ...](#)

Rural Youth & Young Farmers Workshop, 22-25 October 2015, Warmonderhof Dronten, The Netherlands

Participation of an active youth force in rural economies and local development is usually limited by: 1. Lack of preconditions and preparatory actions for return of youth to rural areas; 2. Difficulty to get access to land & finance, both for youth and for young farmers; 3. Low level of quality vocational and non vocational education in rural areas; 4. Lack of appropriate support for youth and young farmers' activities in rural areas. The seminar is organised by Forum Synergies in collaboration with the [Future Farmers Movement](#). Deadline for registration: 20 September 2015. [More ...](#)

Seminar: EAFRD Financial Instruments for agriculture and rural development in 2014-2020, 29 October 2015, Riga, Latvia

Participants can expect to further their understanding of how Financial Instruments can help in their efforts to deliver the objectives of the EAFRD, including in field of agriculture and agri-business. Strong audience interaction is foreseen through panel sessions with high-level participation, question and answer segments as well as roundtables. [More ...](#)

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The PREPARE partnership is a group of European and national non-government organizations. The partnership was created in 1999 and has expanded as new national rural movements have joined. The aim of PREPARE programme is to strengthen civil society and to promote multi-national exchange in rural development, with a main focus on the new EU member states of Central and Eastern Europe, as well as accession countries and the "new neighbours" of the enlarged EU.

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