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NEWS

2nd European Rural Parliament

Second European Rural Parliament will take place from 4th to 6th November 2015 in Schärding (Austria). PREPARE, ERCA and ELARD are co-organizers of the important event for rural civil society. Approximately 300 participants from 40 countries are expected to join the debates about the key issues, concerning rural population in Europe. More on [ERP website](#) and in [ERP Newsletter 1/2015](#).

3rd Slovenian Rural Parliament

Third Slovenian Rural Parliament will gather more than 250 participants from all parts of Slovenia and foreign guests to discuss open issues of the rural areas in Slovenia. In two days, 7. and 8. October, ten working groups will explore challenges and opportunities of rural areas in cooperation between NGO sector, public sector, politicians, scientists, farmers, entrepreneurs and other interested individuals and organisations. 3rd Slovenian Rural Parliament will conclude with Declaration.

A personal statement from the Chairman of PREPARE

You can read a personal statement on European crisis from the Chairman of PREPARE Hannes Lorenzen [here](#).

Public consultation on the Strategy for Agricultural Statistics 2020 and beyond (European Agricultural Statistics System - EASS)

The European Commission envisages modernizing the legal basis of its agricultural statistics production system. It seeks contributions from all stakeholders to identify issues that need to be considered and receive feedback on the possible options. Therefore, Eurostat has launched an open public consultation on: 1. Problems in the current European agricultural statistics system and their impact on data availability and quality; 2. Various options considered for solving these problems and their impact on data availability and quality. All citizens and organizations are welcome to contribute to this consultation. Deadline: 18 November 2015. [More ...](#)

Oak Institute Accepting Applications for 2016 Fellowship

The fellowship is a one-semester appointment as an activist-in-residence. It is designed to provide human rights defenders doing on-the-ground work at some level of personal risk a respite from front-line duties to enable them to reflect, write, and communicate their work to Oak Institute campus community. The focus of this year's search is the arts and human rights. This call for nominations welcomes applicants from all artistic disciplines who have been subjected to, or are at risk of experiencing, human rights violations as a result of their artistic expression; or those who have used their art to foster greater awareness of particular human rights violations. Deadline: 6 November 2015. [More ...](#)

Research Positions for Post-graduate researchers (ESRS) at the

University of Aveiro, Portugal

Two Research Positions for Post-graduate researchers (ESRS) are now open (until October, 1st) at the University of Aveiro in the ambit of the Marie Curie Initial Training Actions' project '[SUSPLACE - Sustainable Place Making](#)'. The positions at the University of Aveiro refer to two research projects: 1. Modes of Innovation in Managing the Commons; 2. Re-Grounding of Practices in Place-Specific Assets and Resources. The contract duration is 3 years, starting the April 1, 2016. ESRS should have a Master Degree and should be willing to complete a PhD within the SUSPLACE projects. More information on the projects, eligibility criteria, requirements and applications may be found [here](#).

EU Funding Documents and Seminars

Seminar series on Financial Instruments delivering ESI Funds, 2 October - 24 November 2015. [More ...](#)

EU Funding Opportunities

Interreg MED: 1st call for modular project proposals. Opening Date: 1 September. Closing Date: 2 November 2015. [More ...](#)

Interreg Danube Transnational Programme: The first call for proposals will be implemented in two steps. The timeline of the first step is 23 September 2015 till 3 November 2015. [More ...](#)

EC: LIFE Action Grants 2015. [More ...](#)

Erasmus+ Calls for Proposals in 2015. [More ...](#)

Competitions

ARGE Photo Competition "European Rural Benefits & Innovations 2020". Deadline: 15 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

Newsletters

European Rural Parliament Newsletter 1/2015. [Read ...](#)

Forum Synergies Newsletter, September 2015. [Read ...](#)

Newsletter on Agriculture & Innovation, September 2015. [Read ...](#)

EIP-AGRI Newsflash, September 2015. [Read ...](#)

Publications

Agrinnovation magazine, Issue 2, 2015. Published by: DG for Agriculture and Rural Development. [Read ...](#)

Rural Connections, Summer 2015. Published by: ENRD. [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. [More ...](#)

Forum Synergies "Lifeshop" 2015: Discovering Moldova rural lifestyle, 24-27 September 2015, Moldova

From 24 to 27 of September 2015, Forum Synergies will organise a "Lifeshop" in Ungheni and Nisporeni districts (Republic of Moldova), in partnership with PREPARE and Ecological Movement of Moldova. Moldova is facing many challenges at the moment in the context of the complicated regional economic and political situation along with its aspirations to join the European Union. The LifeShop concept offers local players the opportunity to discover sustainable lifestyle, with a strong human dimension (focusing on personal relationship between visitors and local hosts more than political proposals). Groups are up to 20 persons. [More ...](#)

LEADER-CLLD Conference on Co-operation, 25 September 2015, Milan, Italy

The main objective of the conference is to exchange on how to support inter-territorial and transnational co-operation (TNC) within the EU and with third countries. The conference is organized by The ENRD Contact Point and DG AGRI. [More ...](#)

LINC Congress 2015, 29 September-1 October 2015, Maratea, Basilicata Region, Italy

LINC – Leader Inspired Network Community – is a European Conference which combines European exchange of experience with sport events and the European culinary tradition. LINC Conference 2015 marks the beginning of the new European Programming Period: the conference will be a great chance to share ideas and proposals and to start new cooperation projects. [More ...](#)

3rd EMEG Meeting "A Frame For A Comprehensive Understanding Of Water-Energy-Food Nexus", 30 September-2 October 2015, Malta

The 3rd EMEG (Euro Mediterranean Experts Group) meeting intends to develop a Nexus approach as a new framing for the interdependence of water, energy and food (the societal challenges addressed by MedSpring) and, through a better understanding of the synergies and trade-offs among them, identify the factors research should take into consideration to ensure that demand is met without compromising sustainability requirements. [More ...](#)

The International Seminar Rural Community Schools 2015, 1-3 October 2015, České Heřmanice, Czech Republic

The Czech National Network of Rural Community Schools is organizing international seminar about rural village and community education and LLL (Linked Local Learning) focused on the CLLD - Community Led Local Development. Two and a half days of thought-provoking lectures from EU and Czech Republic, participants' work, non-formal meetings and new surprising methods and cases. You will get interesting materials and brochures. [More ...](#)

Innovation Food Conference, 12-13 October 2015, Anuga, Cologne, Germany

The iFOOD Conference 2015 will focus on 'product innovations for the food industry' and address technological challenges as well as opportunities for the food production of tomorrow. The conference main priorities will be: Industry 4.0, Consumer Trends, New Foods and Converging Industries. It will be hosted by the German Institute of Food Technology and the Anuga Food Exhibition (Cologne), the world's leading food exhibition. [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 ...](#)

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 ...](#)

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 ...](#)

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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.

More about PREPARE: www.preparenetwork.org

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