



# Newsletter

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## NEWS

### [PREPARE Gathering 2016](#)

PREPARE Gathering 2016, which will be also the first multi-national thematic meeting of ALTER project, will take place from **13th until 16th September in Albania, Voskopoje**. Participants of PREPARE Gathering are invited from PREPARE member and partner organisations and/or ALTER project partners.

The Gathering will include one-day **Travelling Workshops** (September 14) and two days for workshops, discussions and plenary sessions (September 15 and 16). [More ...](#)

### [Forum Synergies "Lifeshop" 2016 - discovering Ukrainian rural reality](#)

From 29th September to 2nd October 2016, Forum Synergies will organise a "Lifeshop" in Dolyna district, Ivano-Frankivsk region Ukraine), in partnership with NGO "Karpatske kolo". 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 ...](#)

### [Publication of the New Guidelines: Evaluation of National Rural Networks 2014-2020](#)

The European Evaluation Helpdesk for Rural Development recently published the new [Guidelines: Evaluation of National Rural Networks 2014-2020](#). The Guidelines are a non-binding document, which serve to complement the legal requirements relating to NRN evaluations. The document clarifies the common elements related to NRN evaluations and gives a wider set of recommendations on how to formulate and manage NRN evaluations, both as a stand-alone exercise and as a part of RDP evaluations. The Guidelines are drafted to be a practical, hands-on guide for NRN evaluation stakeholders. They include step-by-step recommendations on the process and available methodologies for evaluation of the NRN.

### [Europe In My Region photo competition](#)

The European Commission invites you to show how EU investments are being used where you live, work or travel. Participate in the Europe in My Region photo competition for a chance to win a photography workshop in Brussels and a two night trip to Brussels for two people. To enter the competition, all you need to do is take a photo of a project receiving EU funding you know or have seen, with the EU funding information and the EU flag somewhere in the picture. The deadline for submitting up to 3 photos is 28 August 2016. [More ...](#)

### [The 2016 International Mountain Film Competition](#)

If you are interested in making a short film about mountains then you can apply for the **2016 International Mountain Film Competition promoted** by The Mountain Research Centre (CIMO), the School of Agriculture (ESA) of the Polytechnic Institute of Bragança (IPB), the Portuguese Society of Ecology (SPECO) and the European Association of Mountain Areas (Euromontana). Films on all mountain related subjects will be accepted and the competition is open to applicants from across the world. Deadline to send your film is **September 16, 2016**. [More ...](#)

## **EURoma Network Report 'Promoting the use of ESI Funds for Roma inclusion**

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The 'European Network on Social Inclusion and Roma under the Structural Funds' (EURoma Network) has been working throughout the whole 2007-2013 programming period to promote the use of Structural Funds for the inclusion of the Roma population. To this end, it gathers public bodies responsible for ESI Funds (ESF Managing Authorities or delegated Intermediate Bodies/Implementing Authorities) and for the policies targeting the Roma population (National Roma Contact Points) from fifteen Member States. The full report and the executive summary are available [here](#).

## **Newsletters and Publications**

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### **Newsletters**

Rural Evaluation NEWS - number 4. August 2016. [Read ...](#)

ENRD Newsletter, July 2016. [Read ...](#)

Newsletter on Agriculture & Innovation, issue 36, August 2016. [Read ...](#)

ARC2020 newsletter. [Read ...](#)

### **Publications**

Agriculture - Innovation 2025: guidance for an innovative and sustainable agriculture. [Read ...](#)

EU Rural Review 22. Published by: European Network for Rural Development, 2016. [Read ...](#)

Local and Regional Governments in Europe. Published by: Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), 2016. [Read ...](#)

## **EU Funding Opportunities**

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Europe for Citizens: Town twinning 2016 - 2nd deadline: 1 September 2016. [More ...](#)

Europe for Citizens: Network of Towns 2016 - 2nd deadline: 1 September 2016. [More ...](#)

2016 Call for proposals for LIFE Grants. Deadlines: September 2016. [More ...](#)

## **EU Funding Documents and Seminars**

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ENPARD Call for Proposals to support the development of economic and social activities, Tunisia. [More ...](#)

Info Week H2020 Societal Challenge 2. [More ...](#)

Innovation Deals for a Circular Economy. [More ...](#)

Public consultation on Horizon 2020 'Food Security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy' Work Programme 2018-2020. [More ...](#)

## **EVENTS**

### **European Cooperation Day, 21. September 2016**

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European Cooperation Day 2016 takes place on 21 September and the surrounding week. Many cross-border, transnational and interregional cooperation programmes organise an event during that week for people who are normally not involved in EU-related activities. [More ...](#)

### **Leader Cooperation Seminar, 30 September 2016, Dijon, France**

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To develop and promote cooperation in LEADER approach, LEADER France will organize the 30th of september a LEADER event focused on cooperation. [More ...](#)

### **ELARD's workshop "CLLD - How does it really work?", 12 October 2016, Brussels**

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ELARD is organizing workshop "CLLD – How does it really work?" in the frame of European Week of Regions and Cities in Brussels. [More](#)

## **4th European Organic Processing Conference, 24-25 November, Seville, Spain**

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Join organic business leaders on 24-25 November 2016 in Seville, Spain for the European event dedicated to organic food processing innovation and developments. Over two days you will be informed and inspired by experts sharing experience and best practice in: Supply-chain development, Market trends, Innovative approaches, EU policies for market growth. [More](#)

## **CEEweb Academy on EU agriculture and green infrastructure, 18-19 October, Budapest, Hungary**

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CEEweb for Biodiversity is pleased to invite you to its upcoming renowned CEEweb Academy on 18th-19th October, Budapest, Hungary where the focus will be on European policy and practice on agriculture and building green infrastructure. [More ...](#)

## **ELARD's conference "Renewing LEADER/CLLD for 2020+. Celebrating 25 years of LEADER in Europe!", 22-23 November 2016, Tartu, Estonia**

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At ELARD's conference "Renewing LEADER/CLLD for 2020+. Celebrating 25 years of LEADER in Europe!" in Estonia the declaration of LEADER/CLLD will be formulated for the period of 2021-2027. [More](#)

## **II Winter Academy + 3 Month CAS-Research Program 2017 (February 2017, Switzerland)**

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Institute for Peace and Dialogue invite you to join the next International Winter Programs which will be held in Switzerland. During the Winter Program 2017, experienced experts of IPD will share with you professional and academic skills which will cover Peacebuilding, Conflict Resolution, Mediation, Security, Intercultural Dialogue & Human Rights topics. [More](#)

## **Achieving results through CLLD, 6-8 December 2016, Sweden**

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The event will be focusing on how to make the best possible use of the Community-Led Local Development (CLLD) method. [More ...](#)

## **Other Events**

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### **September**

[Prepare Gathering 2016](#), 13-16 September, Voskopojë, Albania.  
[Cork 2.0: European Conference on Rural Development](#), 5-6 September 2016, Cork  
[Landscape and cultural heritage: The power of case studies](#), 5-9 September 2016, Innsbruck and Seefeld, Austria  
[Festival of Slovenian LAG 2016](#), 9. - 10. September 2016, Slovene Istria  
[Conferences and Forums of Terra Madre](#), 22-26 September 2016, Turin, Italy  
[LINC 2016](#), 27-29 September 2016, Dabas, Hungary  
[The Trade for Sustainable Development Forum](#), 28-30 September 2016, Geneva, Switzerland

### **October**

[X European Mountain Convention](#), 3-5 October, 2016, Bragança, Portugal  
[32nd International Film Festival AGROFILM 2016](#), 3-8 October 2016, Nitra, Slovakia  
[Opportunities for European Agriculture: Green Growth and Dynamic Markets](#), 5-6 October 2016, Athens, Greece  
[Scottish Rural Parliament 2016](#), 6-8 October, Brechin, Angus  
[European Week of Regions and Cities 2016](#), 10-13 October, Brussels  
[AlpWeek: Alps & PeopleLiving culture!](#), 11-15 October 2016, Grassau, Germany

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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](http://www.preparenetwork.org)

The main founder of PREPARE activities is Charles Steward MOTT Foundation.

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