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NEWS

PREPARE Black Sea Traveling Workshop in Georgia and Armenia

The last details of the PREPARE mission in the Black Sea region for 2016 are finished. PREPARE delegation will organize the Travelling Workshop in Georgia and Armenia from 24th to 28th October. Representatives from civil society and governments will meet and discuss during the visiting the best practices in both countries and attend at two Conferences in Tbilisi/Georgia and Yerevan/Armenia. Co-organizers of the event are Development Principles NGO from Armenia and Civil Development Agency CiDA from Georgia. Draft programme is available [here](#).

First meeting of PREPARE AISBL Executive Board

Executive Board of PREPARE AISBL passed the first working meeting. Main tasks of the new team in the first period of mandate will be fundraising for activities in the target countries and campaign for the third European Rural Parliament in 2017.

Forum Synergies Second Workshop on Sustainable Forest Management

Forum Synergies is inviting for the [2nd workshop](#) (Sustainable Forest Management) in a series of 4 which will take part from 10-13 November 2016 in Tara National Parc in Serbia. [Registration](#) is open now until October 26.

Activities of project ALTER

Project "ALTER - Active Local Territories for Economic development of Rural Areas" – is implementing project cluster established by networks and national organisations from West Balkan countries and Turkey, supported by Croatian Network for Rural Development, Latvian Rural Forum and PREPARE network. In the upcoming period the project partners will develop national advocacy plans for rural development support, to support capacity building of the CSO in each country about advocacy and policy monitoring and also will be analysing framework for sustainable rural development in each of 7 project countries. [More](#)

Reports from the 14th European Week of Regions and Cities

Read the [daily reports of the 14th edition of the European Week of Regions and Cities](#), during which 130 workshops spread across some 30 Brussels-based venues were held. Over 5,000 attendees and 800 speakers were registered for this Brussels-based four day event on EU regional policy.

Save the date for the Third European Rural Parliament

The **Third European Rural Parliament** will be held **18 to 21 October 2017** in the attractive small village of **Venhorst, in the North Brabant province of the Netherlands**. The event, which will gather 300 people from over 40 European countries, will be jointly organised by Landelijke Vereniging voor Kleine Kernen LVKK (National Association of Small Towns) of the Netherlands and its provincial partner the Vereniging Kleine Kernen Noord-Brabant VKKNB (North Brabant Association of Small Towns).

Integration of elements of the reformed cohesion policy in the programming exercise for the 2014-2020 period - final results of studies

The first series of four studies was launched in 2014 to assess the integration of elements of the reformed cohesion policy in the programming exercise for the 2014-2020 period. The last study provides information on the scope of project sizes in the 2007-2013 period. They provide evidence and an analytical basis for the debate on the design of the policy post 2020 and related impact assessments. All of the studies have now been finalised and the final reports published. The final reports are available on [InfoREGIO](#).

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ELARD Newsletter - 2/2016. [Read](#)

EC RegioFlash - September 2016. [Read](#)

EIP-AGRI Newsletter, October 2016. [Read](#)

EVENTS

Financial Management of Rural Development Programmes, 5-6 December 2016, Maastricht

The purpose of the seminar is to examine in detail the challenges with respect to the financial management of rural development programmes, various implications of the second pillar reform and the consequences for national and regional administrations and other stakeholders. [More](#)

Proposals for a new agriculture policy in the EU, 16. November 2016, Brussels

The European Union has committed to sustainable agriculture and the recovery of biodiversity. As regards the upcoming debate on the future of the EU's Common Agriculture Policy post 2020, NABU/BirdLife in Germany and BirdLife Europe would like to invite you to a discussion on the results of a study commissioned by NABU: Fit, fair and sustainable: Proposals for a new agriculture policy in the EU. The event will take place the 16th of November 2016 from 18:00-22:00 in Representation of the State of Baden-Württemberg to the EU in Brussels. Please register by 11th of November 2016 at www.nabu.de/agrarstudie-bruessel.

List of Events

23-28 October 2016

PREPARE Black Sea Traveling Workshop in Georgia and Armenia

10-13 November 2016

Forum Synergies Second Workshop on Sustainable Forest Management, Tara National

Park, Serbia

14-15 November 2016

European Rural Development Seminar Effective Management and Control of EAFRD 2014-2020, Berlin, Germany

22-23 November 2016

"Renewing LEADER/CLLD for 2020+. Celebrating 25 years of LEADER in Europe!", Tartu, Estonia

24-25 November 2016

4th IFOAM European Organic Processing Conference, Seville, Spain

6-8 December 2016

Achieving results through CLLD, Sweden

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The PREPARE partnership is registered as international NGO with seat in Brussels. Members of PREPARE are national non-government organizations - rural networks from 18 European countries. 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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