



Newsletter

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NEWS

[New leadership of PREPARE elected](#)

General Assembly of PREPARE AISBL elected new team, who took the leadership of the international non-governmental organisation with seat in Brussels. New **President** of PREPARE AISBL is **Goran Šoster**, economist, representing Slovenian Rural Development Network. First **Vice-president** is **Anneli Kana**, representing KODUKANT from Estonia and second Vice-president is **Petar Gjorgievski**, representing Macedonian Rural Network. Three further members of the PREPARE **Executive Board** are **Aris Adlers**, representing Latvian Rural Forum, **Kim Smedslund**, representing Finnish SYTY and **Višnja Jelič Mueck**, representing Croatian Rural Development Network. **General Secretary** of PREPARE AISBL is **Dragan Roganović** from Serbia and **Treasurer Anita Selicka** from Latvia.

[PREPARE Gathering 2016 in Albania](#)

In the beginning of September PREPARE partnership organized its traditional **PREPARE Gathering in Albania**. After introductory one-day **travelling workshops** around all country, participants gathered in **Voskopoje**, historical village near Korçe. More than 80 participants from 20 countries took part in different workshops and **plenary conference**, discussing the issues of partnership building and networking. PREPARE Gathering 2016 was supported by **Charles Stewart Mott Foundation** and by the European Commission through the **project ALTER**.

Reports of the Gathering will be available on the [PREPARE website](#) in few days.

[PREPARE's traveling workshops in Armenia and Georgia to be held in October 2016](#)

PREPARE gained registration earlier this year as an **International Non-profit Association** under Belgian law, and is launching the next phase of its activity by organising in October a **traveling workshop in Armenia and Georgia** for participants from **eight countries** surrounding the Black Sea. This will enable exchange of ideas between people from those countries and from PREPARE partners based in the EU and the Western Balkans. This will focus on the well-being of small farming communities, and on the strengthening of civil society organisations in rural areas and of partnership between civil society organisations and governments. [More](#)

[Cork 2.0 Conference and Declaration](#)

Exactly 20 years after the ground-breaking European Conference on Rural Development in Cork, which concluded with the signing of the Cork Declaration on Rural Development, the European Commission, under the responsibility of Commissioner Phil Hogan has organised a second European Conference on Rural Development in Cork on 5-6 September 2016. Declaration, speeches and summaries of workshops are available [here](#). Under joint umbrella - European Rural Parliament - PREPARE, ELARD and ERCA disseminated [common statement at Cork 2.0 Conference](#). [More](#)

[Launching the next phase of the ERP campaign](#)

The next phase for the European Rural Parliament campaign has been launched after securing the funding from the European Commission grant through the Europe for Citizens programme. This provides the base funding for a series of projects to be launched this autumn, building upon the European Rural Manifesto of 2015 and for the third European Rural Parliament, to be held in October 2017. Details on the ERP 2016-17 Action Programme will soon appear on the [ERP website](#).

ELARD's Workshop at the "European Week of Regions and cities"

ELARD will take an active part in the "[European Week of Regions and cities](#)", with the workshop - "CLLD - how does it really work?" on 12 October 2016 in Brussels. With presentations from Member States where multi-funded CLLD is implemented, ELARD wants to highlight the challenges in implementing CLLD and to develop recommendations for the time beyond 2020. ELARD sees it as a great opportunity to demonstrate the positive aspects as well as the pitfalls of CLLD. [More](#)

Also, ELARD has released the final version of analysis of ELARD members questionnaire 2016. The document is available [here](#).

Newsletters and Publications

Newsletters

European Rural Parliament - number 3. August 2016. [Read ...](#)

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

ENRD Special Edition Newsletter, September 2016. [Read ...](#)

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

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

Publications

Agrinnovation magazine - Issue n° 3, September 2016. [Read ...](#)

EAFRD Projects Brochure on 'Migrant and Refugee Integration'. [Read ...](#)

EVENTS

Forum Synergies Second Workshop on Sustainable Forest Management, 10-13 November 2016, Tara National Park, Serbia

This event, co-organised by Ibar Development Association (IDA), will have a regional focus on forests in the Western Balkans. [More](#)

Programme for Scottish Rural Parliament 2016 released

Over [40 workshops](#) and speakers on a wide-variety of subjects including funding, broadband, healthcare, democracy and food will run on Thursday 6th & Friday 7th October at the Rural Parliament event. Around 400 participants are expected from across rural Scotland. The full programme is available [here](#).

European Rural Development Seminar Effective Management and Control of EAFRD 2014-2020, 14-15 November 2016, Berlin, Germany

Key topics of the seminar will be: Simplified Cost Option in EAFRD 2014-2020; Defining selection criteria for operations in EAFRD – Practical Workshop; Flat rate financing, standard scale of unit costs and lump-sums; Identifying and mitigating conflict of interest. [More](#)

The final conference of HERCULES project: Sustainable Futures for Europe's Heritage in Cultural Landscapes, 4. October 2016, Brussels, Belgium

European Landowners' Organization (ELO) in the context of the HERCULES project is organizing the final Conference of Hercules project: Sustainable futures for Europe's heritage in cultural landscapes: Applying a landscape approach to land-use science and policy. Join us to debate the future of European landscapes and social challenges. [More](#)

Other Events

27-29 September 2016

LINC 2016, Dabas, Hungary

28-30 September 2016

The Trade for Sustainable Development Forum, Geneva, Switzerland

30 September 2016

Leader Cooperation Seminar, Dijon, France

3-5 October, 2016

X European Mountain Convention, Bragança, Portugal

3-8 October 2016

32nd International Film Festival AGROFILM 2016, Nitra, Slovakia

5-6 October 2016

Opportunities for European Agriculture: Green Growth and Dynamic Markets, Athens, Greece

6-8 October 2016

Scottish Rural Parliament 2016, Brechin, Scotland

10-13 October 2016

European Week of Regions and Cities 2016, Brussels, Belgium

11-15 October 2016

AlpWeek: Alps & PeopleLiving culture!, Grassau, Germany

12 October 2016

"CLLD - How does it really work?", Brussels, Belgium

18-19 October

CEEweb Academy on EU agriculture and green infrastructure, Budapest, Hungary

23-28 October 2016

PREPARE Black Sea Traveling Workshop in Georgia and Armenia

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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