



**News from PREPARE**

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**PREPARE workshop on rural development in Turkey (15., 16. June)**

PREPARE and Heinrich Böll Foundation Turkey are organizing workshop "Rural development", which will be held in **Ankara, Turkey** on **15. and 16. June 2012**. The main purpose of the workshop is to support the movements, NGOs and other initiatives which are active in rural development in Turkey. Beside the large experience of PREPARE Network some specific cases of good practice will be presented from the side of PREPARE members. On the other side seminar aims to enable exchange among initiatives in Turkey to build its own rural network with the purpose to represent civil society in the rural development process. [More](#)

**PREPARE members at seminar on rural parliament for Scotland**

Prepare members **All Sweden shall live, Kodukant/Estonia** and **Slovenian Rural Development Network** presented their **Rural Parliaments** to the Scottish government and attended at the well prepared **seminar about rural parliaments** in **Edinburgh** at the end of May. Prepare's booklet Rural Parliaments was desired literature among Scottish representatives of civil society. [More](#) about the event

**Cooperation between Finnish Village movement SYTY, the Network for Rural Development of Serbia and rural initiatives in the region Pliva (BiH)**

The representatives of the **Finnish Village movement SYTY** and **Network for Rural Development of Serbia (NRDS)** visited the area of Jajce, Sipovo and Jezera in **Bosnia and Herzegovina** in the **PREPARE network member bilateral cooperation**. Visit was implemented from 23<sup>rd</sup> April to 26<sup>th</sup> April 2012. During these visits was presented the initiative **Eco-Pliva**, as one form of local network of organizations and institutions active in rural development. Representatives of the Finnish Village movement SYTY presented their experiences in rural development and the implementation of the LEADER approach. In addition to the meetings aimed at the exchange of experiences among participants, representatives of SYTY and NRDS had the opportunity to become familiar with several examples of rural development in Eco-Pliva region.

**SRDN's activities**

SRDN will organize an international seminar "**Distance learning**" from **19.—22. June in Slovenia**. The main purpose of the seminar is to offer the opportunity to experience and learn more about how distance learning of adults from rural areas is organized in Slovenia. [More](#)

**News**

**Questionnaire about Agro-ecology Project ARC, IFOAM, TP Organics**

ARC2020, TP Organics and IFOAM EU Group are working together to build a clearer picture of agro-ecological innovation in Europe. They have designed a questionnaire which can be completed [online](#). It will take no longer than 30 minutes. The deadline for completing it is **1. June 2012**.

For any questions please contact: [contact@arc2020.eu](mailto:contact@arc2020.eu)

A workshop to actively discuss the findings is scheduled to take place on the 11th and 12th July 2012.



**"Safeguarding the Future of the LEADER Approach" - Brussels Declaration endorsed at ENRD LEADER event**

On the 27th and 28th of April 2012, more than 400 local development experts from 300 Local Action Groups and all 27 EU Member State representatives met in Brussels for the **ENRD Leader conference "Local Development Strategies and Cooperation: Key Approaches to Local Development"** with aim to enhance quality and implementation of the local development strategies, integrate cooperation as a key component of local development strategy and to encourage a new wave of transnational cooperation projects ([video](#)).

In order to secure the central role of LEADER in the next programming period **ELARD (European LEADER Association for Rural Development)** drafted [declaration](#) which was distributed and subsequently endorsed by the participants of the event.



**Outcomes of the workshop 'RD Strategic Programming and Monitoring and Evaluation 2014-2020...**

...held on 14-15 March 2012 in Brussels are now available on the Europa webpage devoted to the CAP post 2013 Monitoring and Evaluation. Moreover, the background technical paper and the presentations are also available on this [webpage](#).



**ENRD's Rural Review magazine**

Main focus of the latest issue of the ENRD's Rural Review magazine is on **Local Development strategies and Cooperation**. [Link](#)



**EU Parliament Conference on Young Farmers**

Generational renewal in agriculture was debated by MEPs and young farmers at the European Parliament in Brussels on 12 April 2012 at an event organized by **MEP Milan Zver** of the EPP group and **CEJA, the European Council of Young Farmers**. The event gathered young farmers from all over Europe. [More](#)



**ENRD published new video clips of successful projects financed by EAFRD**

You can watch video clips about herb farm and disabled access bus (examples from Germany) as well as purchase of agricultural machinery and modernization of bakery (examples from Romania). [Link](#)



**Seven Principles of Leader**

European Network for Rural Development published new video about seven key principles of Leader approach. To see it click [here](#).



**Events**

**Leader Subcommittee Meeting**

**31. May—1. June. Brussels, Belgium**

The main topic of the event organized by ENRD will be »community led local development«. The meeting will build upon plenary session and group discussions on different aspects of the general theme. [Link](#)



**Quo vadis LEADER? - CLLD with multi-funding approach**

**5. June 2012. Budapest. Hungary**

Hungarian National Rural Network is organizing conference about the future of LEADER in the up-coming programming period with main focus on Community-Led Local Development. Indicative program of the event is available [here](#). You can register [here](#).



**LINC 2012 conference in Estonia**

**12.-14. June 2012, Estonia**

Aim of the event is to promote networking between European Leader areas in an innovative way and also to promote transnational co-operation and to strengthen the European Leader's thought. About 300 guests are expected at the event. For registration organizers expect teams of 3 participants and will welcome teams of LAG's, NRN's or MA's. There can be more than one team from one region and LAG, or mixed teams. Also single participants are welcomed. More information at [www.info-linc.eu](http://www.info-linc.eu).



**Coordination Committee Meeting of the European Network for the Rural Development**

**14. June 2012. Brussels, Belgium**

The meeting aims at including a first exchange on how networking can be further developed as a policy tool. The morning session will build on this. Specifically, as the fourth year of ENRD operations draws to a close, it is an appropriate time to take stock of the network's progress in terms of bringing different stakeholders together, to review other networking experiences and to develop ideas for future enhancements. [Link](#)



**Locally Produced Food; What are we exactly talking about?**

**4. – 6 July 2012. Finland, Loimaa area (SW Finland)**

The event is organized by LAG Riverside Partner's Association, LAG LounaPlusa and the Finnish National Rural Network. The three day event aims to describe, discuss and get acquainted with locally produced food issues. [More](#)



**The European Food Security Conference**

**25. September 2012. Thon Hotel EU, Brussels**

Timed to follow the first reading of the EU Commission's CAP reform proposals in the European Parliament, the European Food Security Conference will provide a neutral platform for all stakeholders to engage in interactive debate on the proposed reforms, and wider issues of food security and sustainable agriculture. The event will particularly ask what political and practical measures are required in order to create a sustainable and competitive agricultural sector, and to maintain a secure supply of food for Europe's food and drink industry and its citizens. [More](#)



**About PREPARE:**

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.

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

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