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Partnership for Rural Europe

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PREPARE activities

in Brussels. More

Charles Steward Mott Foundation approved the proposal of the PREPARE network for activities in the period 2012 - 2014. PREPARE network will therefore continue with similar activities in the Europe and its

neighbouring countries as in the previous years. Fruitful co-operation of Charles Steward Mott Foundation and PREPARE network exceeds 10 years! PREPARE coordinator took part at the conference Alternative and new approaches on rural

development in Istanbul / Turkey. After the conference Turkish Initiative for Rural development had the meeting, where discussion about further steps of integration into European networking was discussed. PREPARE coordinator presented options of the involvement of Turkish NGOs into the European civil society movements. Members of the meeting of Turkish nongovernmental Initiative for rural development agreed to continue with transfer of knowledge, information and active participation of activists at the forthcoming events of PREPARE. Representatives of PREPARE were present at the **LEADER Sub-committee meeting** held on 22. November

Advisory group for Rural Development had a meeting on 23. November. PREPARE representatives took part at the meeting and participated at some working group meetings before that.

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Commissioner **Dacian Cioloş** visited Slovenia in November. Among other information at his meeting with more than 300 Slovenian representatives from Agriculture and in Rural development of Slovenia, the conclusions

Parliament are important input co-designing the future CAP in Slovenia. ARC2020 launched Good Food Good Farming campaign! In 2012 ARC2020 launched Good Food Good Farming campaign to mobilise

from the 2. Slovenian Rural Parliament were presented to him. Conclusions from the 2. Slovenian Rural

Organised together with the European Milk Board, European Coordination Via Campesina, Friends of the Earth Europe, IFOAM EU Group, Meine Landwirtschaft, PAC2013 and Slow

Food, the event saw farmers, consumers and young people from across Europe travel to Brussels (many by bike) for a day of action on September 19th 2012. With a strong European network now in place, the campaign is set to go on with a number of new actions on the horizon. The photo action which was launched during the Good Food March will continue to run. The action allows ANYONE to express their hopes and demands for the future of food and farming in Europe. These messages will be communicated to decision-makers in Brussels: The first 1000 have already been

citizens to take action, and demand good food and good farming across Europe. The biggest action of the campaign to date was the **Good Food March to Brussels**.

presented to all EU Agricultural Ministers, and many MEPs, in a book of citizen testimonials. More **EU Council supports territorial development** ARC2020 warmly welcomed the news that the Council of Ministers has reached agreement on the regulations related to Territorial Development. These regulations, which also have support in the European Parliament, provide a basis for achieving,

throughout Europe from 2014 onwards, a far more integrated approach to local development than has been possible under the present regime of fragmented action



under the different EU funds. More

shape this key gathering of the European LEADER community.

ENRD is inviting: participate in building the agenda of 2013 LEADER event on opENRD! Set at the crossroads between the current and the future programming period, the ENRD's 2013 LEADER event is being discussed by rural development stakeholders across Europe - on openro, the ENRD's online discussion forum! People talk about the necessity to put in place a toolkit for the start-up of the new programming period, to get a better understanding of the **Community-Led Local Development concept** and

its role in building more comprehensive LAGs and a stronger commitment to interterritorial and <u>transnational cooperation</u>. Join the <u>online discussion on</u> openrd about what the focus of the 2013 LEADER event should be! It's your chance to



After the success of the pilot edition, ELARD decided to offer a new opportunity to LAGs in order to exchange their experiences, best practices and formation and to promote potential transnational cooperation, and published the first Exchange Diary.

The second edition kicked off in March 2012 with the collection of the applications from

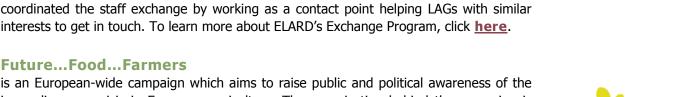
most of the exchanges were held between August and October. ELARD

ELARD's Exchange Diary of the second edition of LAG Staff

interests to get in touch. To learn more about ELARD's Exchange Program, click here. Future...Food...Farmers is an European-wide campaign which aims to raise public and political awareness of the

impending age crisis in European agriculture. The organisation behind the campaign is the non-for-profit, non-governmental organisation CEJA, the European Council of Young Farmers. CEJA's objective is to shape EU legislation and regulation to make the European agricultural sector accessible to young people, and the most relevant policy field to this aim is the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). Since the lack of generational renewal in

European agriculture is simply too serious a problem to overlook or ignore, CEJA thinks it



is essential that the issue of young farmers and the age crisis does not get lost in the sea of negotiation and bargaining. More about the campaign

Exchange

Conference "The EIP Agricultural **Productivity** on and Sustainability – Priorities and Delivery Mechanisms" The European Innovation Partnership (EIP) wants to link innovative farmers with researchers to improve agricultural productivity and sustainability. True to the spirit of the new EIP, the aim of this conference was to tap into the collective knowledge of the stakeholder and research communities. It provided a forum for a genuine brainstorming on the challenges and opportunities to be addressed by the EIP with a particular focus on the functioning and funding of Operational Groups. The outcome of the conference will



environmentally sustainable agriculture and rural development in South Eastern Europe" The APF 2012, organized on 17th – 18th October 2012 in Ohrid, Macedonia, once again

served as a platform for international dialogue on policy settings and perspectives of common interest to agricultural policy makers and stakeholders. The Forum addressed

12th Agricultural Policy Forum (APF): "Policy perspectives on

feed into the work of the Steering Board for the EIP. More

the implementation of future EU agricultural and rural development policies and the reflection towards the countries of SEE. The Forum focused on environmentally sustainable agriculture and rural development, climate-related challenges and territorial and regional cooperation. As an outcome, the Forum formulated the Ohrid Agenda 2012 providing guidelines on environmentally sustainable agriculture and rural development, climate-related challenges and territorial and regional cooperation in SEE. Sustainable Urban Rural Partnership European Conference 2012



general public, took part in 56 conferences organized by Slow Food. In packed rooms, they listened to debates on topics ranging from health and labeling to water and social issues, with panels of food producers, experts, food community representatives and youth from all over the world. More **ENRD Website Survey** The ENRD website was recently revamped. Through this survey we would like to get your impressions about its new design, services and ease of finding information. More ENRD Magazine – Autumn Edition 2012

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Both mountains and islands offer great opportunities for return on investments, provided their development can be approached in an integrated manner. So, what will be the tools

innovative rural development projects happening around Europe. More

2014-2020: Which future for our islands and mountains?

We've had enough! Good Food and Good Farming now!

Organizers deemed the event, organized in Torino at the end of October, a huge success and a sign that, despite the financial crisis, the public understood the political importance of the event, the central role of food and agriculture as well as the need for a paradigm shift within the food system. Over 16,000 people, both Terra Madre delegates and the



on which these territories can count from the new EU programming? We will ask this question to EU policy makers during this public hearing. The recent institutional proposals on the future of the cohesion policy will be presented, analysed and discussed with the

audience. More

29. November 2012, Brussels, Belgium

19. January 2013, Berlin, Germany

21-22 February 2013, Strasbourg

Events

enough) will take place in Berlin in January 2013. Coinciding with International Green Week which sees all EU agricultural ministers and Commissioner Ciolos come together in the city, and just days before COMAGRI will hold their final vote on the CAP reform, the

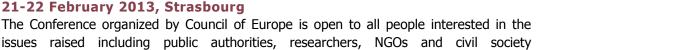
demonstration couldn't come at a more crucial time. With our new EU-wide strong network from the Good Food March, we hope that this year will be a truely international event, with well over the 23,000 people that came in 2012. Find more information here.

Towards a resource efficient agriculture in Europe: the role of

A huge demonstration against industrial agriculture (Wir haben es satt - We've had

research and technology for safe and healthy food 6. December 2012, Brussels This conference aims to start a useful discussion whether Europe is ready and willing to increase the investment in research and technologies — innovative products, applications and machinery which can allow farmers to grow more with less, or more and better. Topics to be discussed: water use and protection, the possibilities to use more effective fertilizers and the way to use them more efficiently and the concept of nutrient recycling etc. More

Conference: Poverty and Inequality in Societies of Human Rights: the paradox of democracies - Proposals for an inclusive society"



Human Rights and Democracy. It will also explore paths for a renewed strategy to fight poverty and inequalities based on Common Goods and the sharing of social responsibilities, whilst avoiding waste. More **EVENTS REMINDER** Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development

organizations. The event aims to analyse these growing phenomena through the prism of

7. December 2012 in Brussels, Belgium. More

6. December 2012 in Brussels, Belgium. More Successful Rural Development programming for 2014-2020

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Parter search offers

3.—4. December 2012 in Brussels, Belgium. More

Proposal for a partnership to measure 421 "Inland and international cooperation" program for rural development in Bulgaria. <u>More</u>

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.