



Newsletter

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NEWS

PREPARE activities

PREPARE and **ELARD** representatives met in April in Brussels and agreed about closer cooperation and exchange.

PREPARE coordinator presented PREPARE network and briefly ELARD network on 29. and 30. April to the German LAGs in Bad Kissingen / Germany. From about 400 participants of the seminar some 20 speakers of the LAGs from all parts of Germany discussed options of involvement of German LAGs in the European rural movements.

PREPARE is assisting with co-organization of the LEADER seminar, which will take place on **28. and 29. May** in **Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina**. The event is part of the activities of European project **Accord** with partners **ACED** and **ELARD** and presence of **HMRR**.

Latvian Rural Forum, PREPARE member, will organize **First Latvian Rural Parliament** from **6. till 8. June 2013**. You can read more about this event in the section EVENTS (below).

Preparations for the meeting of rural parliaments of Europe also began.

PREPARE Gathering 2013 will take place in the first week of September in **Bosnia and Herzegovina**.

Good Food Good Farming campaign goes on



Good Food Good Farming still goes on. After the [Speakers Tour on Land grabbing](#) in April, **ARC2020** will be involved in two campaign actions in May: one on [bees](#); one on [seeds](#). Also, you can still participate in the photo campaign and share your hopes for the future of Europe's agricultural policy. You can send a photo to the campaign at any time to: photo@goodfoodmarch.eu Visit the [Good Food Good Farming website](#) to learn about dates, outputs and how you can participate in the activities!

ENRD LEADER event 2013



On the 17-18 April 2013 the LEADER community gathered in Brussels for the third annual **ENRD LEADER event**. The event theme was 'Building Bridges for the Future' and the aim was to support the process of successful programming of **CLLD** (known as LEADER within EAFRD) at a national and local level. The event provided a unique platform for real-time exchange between all stakeholders involved in shaping and/or participating in the future of LEADER.

Documentation and outcomes from the event are available [here](#).

During the LEADER Event 2013 a video booth was installed for participants to share their views, expectations and perspectives. The results included in the **event's closing video**.

ELARD's 3rd Edition of LAG's Staff Exchange



After the success of the pilot and the second edition, **ELARD - European LEADER Association for Rural Development** has decided to re-launch for the third consecutive year the **LAG's Staff Exchange Program**. Staff Exchange offers the participants an excellent opportunity for learning and getting a new perspective on the work of LAGs from different countries. Moreover, most of the LAGs who participated were planning to start new cooperation projects with their exchange partners in the future. Call for applications will be closed on May 31st 2013.

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Partner search call: social inclusion project

Consultancy agency Primaidea srl (www.primaidea.com) is working on behalf of a partnership made of Sardinian LAGs for developing a LEADER **project about social inclusion of disadvantaged people, called "Terra Mater"**.

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ENRD Magazine - Spring 2013

Main story of the **ENRD Magazine spring edition** is **Social media and rural development**. As well as all the latest ENRD, LAG and NRN news, a new magazine feature celebrates excellence in communication. Two inspiring examples from the CRD Gateway are presented: the first is about rural development 'best practices' from Finland; and the second is about an award-winning LEADER radio campaign from Portugal.

EVENTS

First Latvian Rural Communities Parliament



6-8 June in Preiļi municipality, Latvia.

Latvian Rural Forum welcomes you to share with them joy of coming together and being part of decision making process where rural communities in dialogue with politicians and policy makers will decide on future of rural community development, as well as we would appreciate your participation as highly valuable contribution to development of rural communities in Latvia as well as in Europe and worldwide.

Year 2013 is very important not only for rural communities in Latvia but for communities all over the EU, as we are facing new possibilities and challenges that will bring next planning period (2014-2020) and successful implementation of Community Lead Local Development approach is one of them.

Registration and program are available at the following link:

www.lif.partneribas.lv

Contact: laukuforums@gmail.com or +37128855427

2nd transnational LAG's fair in Lithuania

23-26 of May 2013 in Lithuania

The idea of transnational LAG's fair is to promote five Lithuanian ethnocultural regions. Region's culinary heritage and traditional crafts will be represented in the fair by Lithuanian LAGs. Organizers would like to meet Local Action Groups from different countries to share the best practices and to discuss the current and maybe future ideas of the transnational projects. NRN's representatives and up to 3 members of each LAG from each country can register at the following links:

Registration for NRN representatives

Registration for LAG's representatives

Registration deadline: 2 May 2013.

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Invitation

Knowledge Transfer Conference 2013



12 - 14 June 2013 in Dublin, Ireland

Purpose of the event is to enable discussions among policy makers, advisory services managers and other stakeholders on the effectiveness of advisory services in providing innovation support to farmers through the proposed measures proposed in CAP 2013-2020.

Registration deadline: 24 May 2013

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Conference on Living Local Economies - Supportive financial tools and instruments



25-26 June in Åre, Sweden

In the light of a shaky global economy, many are calling for re-localization. They are seeking new solutions to develop the local community in a globalized world. Which cases can we find at the Nordic arena? What instruments are available to support the work of local actors in the development of the local economy? What role can the public play to support these types of initiatives?

The meeting will help to disseminate and discuss existing and new solutions. The Living Local Economies conference is designed for stakeholder's at all different levels of the innovation system.

Registration deadline: 24 May 2013

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The 10th Estonian Rural Parliament



The **10th Estonian Rural Parliament** will be held from 8 to 11 of August on Saaremaa Island. The event will focus on the needs of local communities related to the good implementation of the new Rural Development Plans.

4th transnational LINC event (Finland)



11.-13. June 2013 in Northern Savo, Finland

LINC wants to promote networking between European Leader areas in an innovative way. LINC reinforces the European Leader spirit based on a strong faith in the power of doing things together. Hosted by a different country each year, the LINC event comprises three parts: a seminar/workshop, a light-hearted sports competition and an excursion/field trips.

Deadline for registration: 30th April.

More information: www.info-linc.eu

International Festival of Regions in Austria



9 June, Machfeld region, Austria

The festival takes place in the context of the first "Austrian Castle Marathon". There will be a possibility for farmers, producers, craftsmen, gastronomes, etc. to present and sell their products to expected 3.000-5.000 people. Furthermore, all participants will have the possibility for presenting their products/ regions on the main stage. The rental fee per half-marquee (large tent) is € 100.-

More: www.regionmarchfeld.at

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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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