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CURRENT NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

New PREPARE website

We proudly invite you to visit redesigned PREPARE website at www.preparenetwork.org where you can find current news and other relevant information about PREPARE Network's activities.

More than 100 people from 20 European countries participated at PREPARE GATHERING 2010

109 participants from 20 European countries gathered at PREPARE GATHERING 2010, which was held from 30th August to 3rd September in Ohrid (Republic of Macedonia). Throughout the Gathering, which discussed two main topics – **Networking in Rural Areas** and **Common Agriculture Policy Reform after 2013** – new interesting ideas were generated, new friends and partnerships were formed and everyone in attendance gained new knowledge on sustainable development of rural areas.

On the new PREPARE website at www.preparenetwork.org you can find the following documents related to PREPARE Gathering 2010:

- List of participants;
- PREPARE Gathering 2010 programme;
- Letter of Mr. Dacian Ciolos, Member of the European Commission Responsible for Agriculture and Rural Development addressed to PREPARE Gathering 2010;
- Opening speech of Mr. Ljubco Dimovski - Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy of the Republic of Macedonia;
- Speakers' presentations and
- Photo Gallery.

RURAL PARLIAMENTS in the PREPARE Network

At the PREPARE Organizing Group meeting, held at the PREPARE Gathering in Ohrid, it was decided that the seminar on Rural Parliaments will be held in Bratislava, Slovakia in the end of September.

PREPARE at "CAP post-2013" Conference

DG AGRI hosted the "CAP post 2013" conference on the public debate in Brussels on 19-20 July. PREPARE was represented in this event by its coordinator, Mr. Goran Šoster ([PP presentation](#); [speech summary](#)). Also Michael Dower, Hannes Lorenzen and Urszula Budich Szukala from PREPARE network attended the important event.

The aim of the conference "CAP post-2013" was to bring together the varied elements of contributions presented during the debate period and to provide the opportunity for further discussion around the following broad themes: Why do we need a common agricultural policy? What do citizens expect from agriculture? Why reform the CAP? What tools do we need for the CAP of tomorrow?

The conference was also an important step in the Commission's preparations for a Communication to be issued later in the year that will prepare the ground for proposals for the CAP post-2013.

[Summary Report](#), [the Executive Summary of Contributions](#), [Public opinion on the CAP](#) and other important documents of the CAP post-2013 Conference can be found at: ec.europa.eu.

LEADER movement in Czechia in 2010

Contributions of Mr. Oldřich Čepelka, National Rural Observatory, Czech Republic:

- The Leader movement in Czechia in 2010,
- Three X-tremely clear and concise tools for local action groups,
- Analysis of Possible Roles of the Leader Method (LM) and Local Action Groups (LAGs) in Implementation of

Environmental Programs in the Czech Republic are available [here](#).

Joint statement on "Europe's Living Landscapes: Cultural heritage as a force for rural development"

The statement stresses that the CAP is a fundamentally important instrument in terms of the diversity and attractiveness of Europe's landscapes and the conservation, public enjoyment and sustainable re-use of its cultural (as well as its natural) heritage. Reform of the CAP has led to important initiatives to protect some aspects of landscape and cultural heritage and to deliver enhancements, particularly through Axis 2, 3 and 4 of the second pillar. Nevertheless, Europe's distinctive landscapes, archaeology, traditional buildings and other historic features are still in decline and require continuing policy intervention and support.

More info: www.europanostr.org.

ARC 2nd call for action

ARC is planning to expand on its Statement of Principles that circulated during the CAP post 2013 conference, where it was well received – the two key ARC ideas, a paradigm shift in agriculture and an economic renaissance of rural areas, was figured in the concluding statement. To see the mentioned and other relevant documents and possibly provide feedback please visit www.arc2020.eu.

The Krakow declaration on a Sustainable Future for Europe and the World

Over seventy participants from 14 EU member states plus Croatia, representing many different European, National and regional networks and organisations met at the SURE conference in Krakow, Poland on 20-21 May 2010, where they focused on the issue – how to connect citizens, organisations and policies to sustainability.

To read the Krakow declaration visit www.sure-events.eu.

ARTICLES, PUBLICATIONS

Commissioner Ciolos: "I want a strong, efficient and balanced Common Agriculture Policy for the future"

Closing the [Conference on the Public Debate on the CAP post-2013](#), EU Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development, Dacian Ciolos stated on 20 July:

"Strengthened by your points of view, your ideas and the analytical ability of my services, I will come forward in November with a Communication from the European Commission on the future of the CAP. During this 2-day conference, a common vision has emerged of the major challenges that face us in the years ahead. We must now design our responses for these 7 major challenges: food production; globalisation; the environment; economic issues; a territorial approach; diversity, and simplification.

To read whole article visit ec.europa.eu.

Commission launches public consultation on whether to include land use and forestry in EU 2020 greenhouse gas emissions target

The European Commission launched a public consultation on whether emissions and removals of greenhouse gases (GHG) related to land use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF) should be covered by the EU's target of cutting GHG emissions to 20%, or, if the conditions are right, to 30% below 1990 levels by 2020. The public consultation aims to gather views from stakeholders and the public on the potential opportunities and challenges of including LULUCF in the emissions target and on ways this could be done. The consultation, which runs until 5 November, takes the form of an online questionnaire. The questionnaire is accompanied by a background note on LULUCF. Both are posted online at www.ec.europa.eu/environment/consultations/climate.htm

9th issue of the EN RD newsletter Rur@I News

[The 9th issue](#) of the EN RD newsletter Rur@I News is available for download. The newsletter contains updated information on rural development policy and EN RD activities.

5th issue of ESCALE Project Newsletter

The long-term aims of the [ESCALE project](#) are to establish a pan-European mentoring service for rural

entrepreneurs. It will encourage the enrichment of local projects with a wider European perspective whereby entrepreneurs will benefit from knowledge gained on similar projects elsewhere and equally from the support of European partners. New issue of ESCALE Project newsletter is available [here](#).

EVENTS

September

7th European Mountain Convention

15. – 17. September 2010 in Lillehammer, Norway. [More info](#)

2nd European LEADER Cooperation Forum

16. – 18. September 2010 in Kozard, Hungary [More info](#)

Cultural Heritage/Cultural Identity – The Role of Conservation

19. – 23. September in Lisbon, Portugal [More info](#)

Sustainable Development in Lake Areas, 4th Workshop

22. – 26. September 2010 in Keramoti, Nestos Delta, Greece [More info](#)

II. Fruit Festival of Odorhei Region

23. – 26 September, 2010 in Odorheiu Secuiesc, City Park, Romania [More info](#)

First European Ecotourism Conference (EETC)

26. – 30. September 2010 in Pärnu, Estonia. [More info](#)

“Rural development and social farming” Conference

30. September – 1. October in Mechelen, Flanders, Belgium. [More info](#)

October

Seminar "Semi-subsistence farming in the EU: current situation and future prospects"

13. – 15. October 2010 in Sibiu, Romania. [More info](#)

2nd European Rural Sustainability Gathering

14. – 17. October 2010 in Vouneuil sur Vienne, Poitou-Charentes, France. [More info](#)

ECOVAST General Assembly and Conference

15. – 17. October 2010 in the Isle of Wight, England. [More info](#)

Scientific Conference “Living Landscape – The European Landscape Convention in Research

18. – 19. October 2010 in Florence, Italy. [More info](#)

Euregia 2010

25. – 27. October in Leipzig, Germany [More info](#)

November

ARC2020 Conference on the communication from civil society to the European Institutions

4. and 5. November in Brussels, Belgium. [More info](#)

"Sustainable Development Evaluations in Europe" Conference

17. -19. November in Brussels, Belgium [More info](#)

European Rural Days

18. – 19. November in Namur, Belgium [More info](#)

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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