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CURRENT NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARE organised a seminar on Rural Parliaments in Bratislava

PREPARE Network organized an **international seminar on Rural Parliaments**, which was held on 27th and 28th September in Bratislava, Slovakia. Main goals of the seminar were to exchange experiences and to prepare a book on rural parliament in some European countries. The invited participants from Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Scotland, Netherlands, Slovakia and Slovenia will at the end of October round up the first part of this cooperation with publication of a miscellany about one of most penetrating tools that helps to put into force the interests of rural inhabitants. www.preparenetwork.org

Final report of PREPARE Gathering 2010

Report includes information about participation, funding and all activities (Conference, Travelling Workshops, Thematic Groups) taken during PREPARE Gathering 2010 in Macedonia. It is available [here](#).

PREPARE's response letter to Commissioner Ciolos

Mr. Dacian Ciolos Member of the European Commission Responsible for Agriculture and Rural Development addressed PREPARE Gathering 2010 participants with a kind [letter](#) of encouragement that was read out loud at the Conference. PREPARE's letter of response to Commissioner can be found [here](#).

5th International seminar "Rural Community schools 2010 - SUSTAINABILITY"

The main idea of this seminar is that rural learning and education cannot be separated from rural development and that sustainability of countryside can be supported and stimulated just through community rural education. During the seminar, which will be held from **21st till 23rd October 2010 in Bory (Region Vysočina), Czech Republic**, there will be presentations, projects, cases, methods, good practice and "How to do it" experience.

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ARC 2020 Conference on the Future of the EU's Common Agricultural Policy post 2013, Committee of the Regions

Upcoming ARC Conference (4. – 5. November 2010, Brussels) will gather many views from European and national initiatives about the future Common Agriculture Policy.

Extended LEADER Sub-committee - 5th meeting

5th LEADER sub-committee will take place on **12th November 2010 in Brussels** and it will be attended by a PREPARE representative.

Conference: how can we green the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)?

Conference is organized by the Avalon Foundation and being held on **12.- 14. November 2010 in Bled, Slovenia**. The conference will focus on the question: how to improve the existing efforts to green the CAP, and adjust it to the real needs of the New Member States and non-EU countries aspiring to EU membership. For more information and registration, please visit www.avalon.nl.

European Meeting Day in Paris

The French LEADER Network and the APFP with the support of the French Ministry of Agriculture, the French MA and the ASP, are organizing European Meeting Day with the theme of transnational cooperation and the future of the European policy on post 2013 rural development. The event will take place **in Paris on the 24th of November 2010**.

All LAGs interested for cooperation with French LAGs, please send completed questionnaire to info@preparenetwork.org.

More info: www.preparenetwork.org

The Seminar on Public Goods and Public Intervention in Agriculture

The objective of the seminar to be held in Brussels on 10th December 2010 is to present the outcomes of the work of Thematic working group 3 “Public goods and public intervention” to a larger group of stakeholders, and to clarify the notion of Public Goods to a wider audience. It will also demonstrate that the conceptual framework of public goods provides for common grounds in discussions about the CAP and Rural Development.

More info: enrd.ec.europa.eu

ELARD'S General Assembly

The next General Assembly of ELARD is due to take place on 26th of November 2010 in Brussels. This meeting will be of utmost importance as among others the issue of the next Presidency of our Association shall be discussed.

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ARTICLES, PUBLICATIONS

A LEADER Dissemination Guide Book based on LEADER programme experience in Finland, Ireland and the Czech Republic

The Guidebook written by Philip Wade and Petri Rinne pursues two goals:

- Comparing LEADER implementation in the three case countries so as to better identify not only the success factors but also the obstacles to balanced rural development and thus gather elements applicable in one or more of the three Nations, on the basis of the other's experience.
- Identifying the points in common and the differences between rural areas in Europe and in the developing world in view of transferring LEADER methodology, experience and know-how.

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Capacity building and transboundary nature conservation along the South Eastern European Green Belt

IUCN, together with partner organisations – DEM Macedonia, REC Kosovo and REC Albania organised a training workshop which brought together wide range of relevant stakeholders from the project region. The audience included representatives of public administration, border police, customs, NGOs and international organisations. The training focused on issues related to management and financing of protected areas, illegal wildlife trade, wildlife monitoring and on providing for better surveillance of the border areas in civil-military cooperation. Moreover the event served as a platform for exchange of experiences and plans related to transboundary nature conservation initiatives in the region. In the second phase of the project (July 2010), a group of selected participants will take part in a study tour to transboundary protected area between Germany and Czech Republic.

(to read whole article please see [European Greenbelt Newsletter](#))

To learn more on European Green Belt initiative please visit www.europeangreenbelt.org

Strong response to public CAP debate underlines relevance of agriculture to the EU

The public response to the open debate on the future of the CAP greatly exceeded expectations, with almost 6,000 internet contributions received. Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development Dacian Cioloş said “It shows that people feel strongly about the CAP and the responses have illustrated that our policy is not only about food production, but also about the provision of broader public goods. This reiterates my fundamental belief that the CAP is not just for farmers but for all EU citizens, as taxpayers and consumers”. ([to read whole article please see 10th issue of Rural News, EN RD Newsletter](#))

EVENTS

October

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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](#)

Conference: how can we green the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP)?

12. – 14. November 2010 in Bled, Slovenia. [More info](#)

"Sustainable Development Evaluations in Europe" Conference

17. -19. November 2010 in Brussels, Belgium. [More info](#)

European Rural Days

18. – 19. November 2010 in Namur, Belgium. [More info](#)

European Meeting Day

24. November 2010 in Paris, France. [More info](#)

December

Seminar on Public Goods and Public Intervention in Agriculture

10. December 2010 in Brussels, 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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