

PREPARE Gathering 2011



Partnership for Rural Europe



Network for Rural
Development of Serbia

PREPARE international gatherings are the main annual event of the Pan-European PREPARE network, organized each year in different country and region. In 2011 more than 150 participants from about 20 European countries will gather in Zlatibor, Republic of Serbia, from 28th June to 2nd July. The gathering will be an important opportunity to discover Serbia's rural life, to exchange experiences from across Europe and to contribute to integrated and sustainable development of rural areas.

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ABOUT PREPARE

PREPARE – Partnership for Rural Europe – aims to strengthen civil society and promote transnational cooperation in rural development, especially in the new member states, accession countries and the “new neighbour countries” of the enlarged European Union. An essential component of the PREPARE programme are multinational events – the annual “PREPARE Gatherings”.

PREPARE Gatherings are the main opportunity of the PREPARE network and partners to discover a country and region and to involve more people and organisations in rural development networking, organized each year in different country. PREPARE offers travelling workshops where participants can meet local people and their action groups and conferences where they can discuss their experiences and demands with political decision makers. The objective is to strengthen rural communities and their networks in getting involved in capacity building and policy-making for sustainable rural development

The PREPARE Gathering 2011 is a linked series of events in Serbia, which aim is to bring together representatives of civil society as well as public sector organizations, primarily from Central and South-Eastern Europe but also from EU member states. The main objectives are:

- to provide rural civil societies with an opportunity to discuss and express views on the current challenges of rural development in Europe and beyond it;
- to create a space for exchanging experience and ideas, in particular to stimulate an exchange between rural actors from those Central and Eastern European countries which are already EU members, and those which are preparing for accession, especially from the South Eastern European region;
- to promote dialogue between the public, private and NGO sectors.

PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 28th June 2011		
afternoon – evening	Arrival of participants to Zlatibor / Serbia and accommodation	
Wednesday, 29th June 2011		
Conference: Access EU with Integrated Rural Development Moderator: Mr. Hannes LORENZEN , chairman of the PREPARE Organising Group		
10:00 – 10:15	Introduction of guests, participants, organizing staff and of the programme Key note addresses from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Dušan PETROVIĆ, Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of the Republic Serbia - Mr. Vincent Degert, Representative from European Commission in Serbia - Mr. Božidar ĐELIĆ, Government of Serbia - Mr. Dejan VELIMANOVIĆ, Representative of Serbian Network for Rural Development - Further representatives from European institutions and Networks 	
10:15 – 11:15	PREPARE Conference EU- accession and Integrated Rural Development	Speakers from Serbia, EU institutions and PREPARE
11:15 – 11:45	Break	
11:45 – 12:45	The Future of the European Rural Area	Speakers from EU institutions, PREPARE and invited experts
12:45 – 13:00	Discussion	
13:00	Press conference	For journalists only
13:00 – 15.30	Lunch	
Local tour		
Visit to ethno complex		
15:30 – 16:00	Travel to “Šarganska osmica” railway	
16:00 – 18:00	Visit to “Šarganska osmica” Popular cultural heritage destination	Town of Užice
18:00 – 18:30	Travel to “Drvengrad” on Mećavnik	

18:30 – 20:30	Visit to “Drvengrad” on Mećavnik Nature park managed by the famous film director Emir Kusturica	Mećavnik
20:30-23:00	Diner	Mećavnik
23:00 –24:00	Travel to Zlatibor	

Thursday, 30th June 2011

PREPARE TRAVELLING WORKSHOPS

Study visits of small groups focusing on good practices in sustainable rural development initiatives in Serbia

Group 1 - Rural development initiatives in Vojvodina region

Special Nature Reserve “Zasavica” (Sremska Mitrovica),
Krčedinska Ada – area of traditional species (area of natural reservation), River Drina and ethno complex
“Sunčana reka”

Group 2 - Rural development initiatives in South-western Serbia region

Zlakuse (famous village for pottery handcraft production in the Balkan)
Nature park “Uvac” (the area with biggest community of Griffon Vulture - protected eagle)

Group 3 - Rural development initiatives in Central Serbia region

Sumadija, (heritage and local rural initiatives) - successful absorption initiative for EU funds

Group 4 - Rural development initiatives in Raska region

Biosphere reserve “Golija-Studentica”
Guča (culture heritage as local resource and excellent development example)...

Friday, 1 st July 2011		
Thematic Working Groups – world coffee		
INVESTIGATING THE WAYS OF SUSTAINABLE AND BALANCED RURAL DEVELOPMENT		
7:00 – 9:00	Breakfast	
9:00 – 10:45	TWG 1: LEADER as a Driver for Rural Development TWG 2: Local Economies TWG 3: Sustainable food production and marketing TWG 4: Involving Youth in Rural Development TWG 5: Sustainable rural tourism TWG 6: Confronting the poverty in rural areas TWG 7: CAP post 2013	Moderators and reporters (to be selected)
10:45 – 11.15	Break	
11:15 – 13:00	TWG 1: LEADER as a Driver for Rural Development TWG 2: Local Economies TWG 3: Sustainable food production and marketing TWG 4: Involving Youth in Rural Development TWG 5: Sustainable rural tourism TWG 6: Confronting the poverty in rural areas TWG 7: CAP post 2013	Participants changing the groups
Parallel brainstorming and discussion in the thematic working groups		
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch	
Preparing reports and final plenary session		
15:00-16:30	Preparing the reports from:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travelling workshops (4 groups) - Thematic working groups (7 groups) 	Moderators, rapporteurs and all participants
16:30-17:00	Break	
17:00 – 18:30	Plenary session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reports from Travelling workshops and Thematic working groups 	Presentations and discussion by all participants
18:30 – 19:00	Summary of PREPARE Gathering 2011	
20:00	Diner	
21:00	Documentary “Whose is this song”	
Cultural event Music by famous Dejan Petrović Big Band		

Saturday, 2nd July 2011	
MULTILATERAL EXCHANGE AMONG PARTICIPANTS OF PREPARE GATHERING	
7.00 – 9.00	Breakfast
	Individual meetings of participants and departure