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## NEWS

### Turkey



PREPARE is steadily extending its contacts in Turkey, and its contributions to events in that country. In mid-June, Michael Dower represented PREPARE at a meeting of the KKG initiative (rural NGO partnership) in Tatvan in southeast Turkey and held meetings in Ankara with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Livestock; the Ministry of Development; the European Union Delegation to Turkey; and the Development Foundation for Turkey. These contacts will help PREPARE in considering how it can assist the strengthening of civil society, and the building of closer relations between civil society and government, in Turkey. [More...](#)

### The ENRD Contact Point 2007-2013



message to [info@enrd.eu](mailto:info@enrd.eu).

[The ENRD Contact Point 2007-2013](#) ceased its activities on 9th July 2014. The website is no longer being updated and from early July will become an 'archive' version. Existing information on the website will continue to be accessible. To contact the ENRD after 9th July 2014, please send a

### Organisers of the conference on Local Energy Development are looking for speakers from LAGs

For the Conference on Local Energy Development for LAGs in September 2014 in Croatia, the organisers are looking for speakers - LAGs implementing successfully projects in the field of energy. The event is organised by DOOR (Society for Sustainable Development Design) in cooperation with Croatian LAG networks. [More...](#)

### "InnovFin – EU Finance for Innovators"

The European Commission and the European Investment Bank Group (EIB) launched a new generation of EU financial instruments and advisory services to help innovative firms access finance more easily. Over the next seven years, it is expected that the "InnovFin – EU Finance for Innovators" products will make available more than €24 billion of financing for research and innovation (R&I) by small, medium and large companies and the promoters of research infrastructures. This finance is expected to support up to €48 billion of final R&I investments. [More...](#)

### Programme for Prevention, preparedness and response to floods in the Western Balkans and Turkey

The Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) is the means by which the EU supports reforms in the 'enlargement countries', with financial and technical help. The IPA funds build up the capacities of the countries throughout the accession process resulting in progressive and positive developments. This call for proposals aims to increase beneficiaries' capacity to ensure proper flood risk management at national, regional and EU levels. Deadline: 1st September 2014. [More...](#)

### 2014 Call for LIFE Action Grants

The first call for action grants for the LIFE programme for the Environment and Climate Action (2014-2020) is now open. For further information, application forms and guidance documents go directly to the [call page](#). You can also find Annual Compilations of LIFE+ projects [here](#).

### Europe in My Region Photo Competition 2014

Launched by the European Commission's Directorate General for Regional Policy, the "Europe in My Region Facebook Photo Competition" aims to highlight the work that projects across Europe are doing with the help of EU funding, and explore the meaning of these projects to local communities. Deadline: 25 August 2014, 12:00 pm CET. [More...](#)

### **Consultation on 'Science 2.0': Science in Transition**

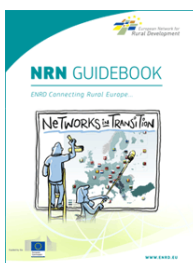
'Science 2.0' describes the on-going evolution in the modus operandi of doing research and organising science. These changes in the dynamics of science and research are enabled by digital technologies and driven by the globalisation of the scientific community, as well as the need to address the Grand Challenges of our times. They have an impact on the entire research cycle, from the inception of research to its publication, as well as on the way in which this cycle is organised. The goal of the consultation is to better understand the full societal potential of 'Science 2.0' as well as the desirability of any possible policy action. This consultation is run jointly by DG Research & Innovation and DG for Communications Networks, Content and Technology from 3 July to 30 September 2014. [More...](#)

### **AEIDL's Annual Report 2013 available online**



2013 saw AEIDL (European Association for Information on Local Development) launching several of its own projects and continuing to work on contracts linking it - either alone or in partnership - to its main clients, including several European Commission Directorates-General. The nature of the services rendered involved both their core business (network management, evaluation, communications, publications, event management, website creation and maintenance) and topics directly involving local stakeholders: employment, the environment, urban and rural development, etc. Please download AEIDL Annual Report 2013 [here](#).

### **NRN Guidebook – Networks in Transition**



This Guidebook has been developed at the end of the 2007-2013 programming period with the aim to bring together and capitalise on all the relevant networking resources that ENRD (European Network for Rural Development), together with national and regional rural networks and their stakeholders, developed over the years. The Guidebook particularly aims at assisting networks in the preparation and transition for the 2014-2020 programming period. This publication is available for download from the [NRN Toolkit section](#) of the ENRD website.

### **Newsletters and Bulletins**

[ERCA Newsletter, July 2014](#). Published by: European Rural Community Alliance.  
[CAP Communication Network Newsletter, July 2014](#). Published by: European Commission.  
[ARC2020 Newsflash, July 2014](#). Published by: Agricultural and Rural Convention 2020.  
[Rural Evaluation News, June 2014](#). Published by: European Evaluation Network for Rural Development.  
[FARNET Magazine, June 2014](#). Published by: European Association for Information on Local Development.

## **EVENTS**

### **PREPARE Gathering 2014, 5-9 September 2014, Finland and Estonia**



PREPARE Gathering 2014 will take place in Finland and in Estonia from 5th to 9th September. The leading objective of the gathering will be »Raising the voice of rural Europe«. You can find out more about PREPARE Gatherings from the previous years [here](#).

### **14th EAAE Congress, 26-29 August 2014, Ljubljana, Slovenia**

The theme of 14th EAAE ([European Association of Agricultural Economists](#)) Congress is »Agri-Food and Rural Innovations for Healthier Societies«. Agricultural and food policies have returned to the center of societal discussions in Europe. Rising food prices and greater volatility of farm incomes, growing unemployment resulting from Europe's economic crisis, public uncertainty about the benefits and risks of new technologies, the heavy weight of diet-related diseases and growing concern about the resilience of Europe's food system in the face of threats from climate change and resource scarcities all contribute to this discussion. [More...](#)

## **The 8th European Organic Congress, 10-12 September 2014, Bari, Italy**

Member states and regions will launch the Rural Development Programmes of the new EU Common Agricultural Policy in 2015. What will the impact on farmers and rural communities throughout Europe be? How can the new programmes stimulate greater delivery of public goods and green job creation? Share your view and learn about experiences from all over Europe and beyond at the 8th European Organic Congress. [More...](#)

## **European Rural Sustainability Gathering, 18-21 September 2014, Beaufortain, France**



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This three-day meeting will be an excellent opportunity to meet people with a spirit of action for sustainable rural development from across Europe, to visit and discover good examples of local sustainable development in a region rich in a strong civil society activity, to commonly discuss challenges related to sustainable rural development and plan further activities on ARC2020 current topics such as: youth in rural areas, local food and hygiene rules, civic dialogue or herbs and

## **9th European Mountain Convention, 22-24 October, Bilbao, Spain**



"Mountain Product". [More...](#)

The conference "Quality from the mountains – Prosperity for people and territories" is coordinated by Euromontana and co-financed by the European Commission, in the framework of the CAP information campaign "[A new CAP-Mountains of opportunities](#)". The debate for the conference will be prepared from the the 5 preparatory seminars, which will take place in [Slovenia](#), Portugal, [France](#), Italy and Romania, informing mountain stakeholders about the opportunities offered by the new CAP and providing room to discuss experiences and initiatives on a number of themes, with special regard to the new quality term

## **The Role of Foundations in Supporting Family/Smallholder Farming, 27-28 October, Brussels, Belgium**

The programme of this event will be developed along the following three thematic areas: Feeding the cities : improving the rural-urban nexus; Supporting farmers and farmer organisations; Agro-ecology and sustainable farming practices. [More...](#)

## **1st Scottish Rural Parliament, 6-8 November 2014, Oban, Scotland, UK**



The Rural Parliament will bring together the people of rural Scotland and policy makers to enable better understanding, improve policy making and address rural issues. A series of smaller events are planned across Scotland in the run up to the Rural Parliament which will feed into the discussion and debate at the event itself. [More...](#)

### **About PREPARE:**

[www.preparenetwork.org](http://www.preparenetwork.org)

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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