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NEWS

PREPARE Organizing Group Meeting

PREPARE Organizing Group gathered in Brussels on 11 June 2016 to confirm two important events in the autumn 2016. The youngest PREPARE member organisation Albanian Rural Network will host the PREPARE Gathering in September. Selected participants from several PREPARE member organisations and guests will take part in the Black Sea travelling workshop, visiting Georgia and Armenia in October. [More ...](#)

S3P Agri-Food and S3P Industrial Modernisation Initiatives

On 2 June 2016, during the [Smart Regions conference](#), the European Commission launched the [Smart Specialisation Platform for Agri-Food](#) (S3P Agri-Food) and [Smart Specialisation Platform for Industrial Modernisation](#) (S3P Industrial Modernisation). These two new initiatives are to offer hands-on support to regions to foster interregional cooperation based on matching [smart specialisation priorities](#) related to Agri-Food, and to industrial modernisation - such as Key Enabling Technologies, service innovation or resource efficiency.

The Urban Agenda for the EU

On 30 May 2016 the informal Ministerial meeting on urban matters agreed on the "Pact of Amsterdam", which sets out the principles of the Urban Agenda for the EU. At the heart of the Urban Agenda for the EU will be the development of 12 partnerships on 12 identified urban challenges. The partnerships will allow cities, Member States, EU Institutions and stakeholders, such as NGOs and business partners, to work together on an equal basis to find common ways to improve urban areas in the European Union. [More ...](#)

Experts wanted for EIP-AGRI Focus Groups

The European Commission is launching a call for experts such as farmers, foresters, advisers, scientists and other relevant actors for three new EIP-AGRI Focus Groups (Robust and resilient dairy production systems; Agroforestry: introducing woody vegetation into specialised crop and livestock systems; Diseases and pests in viticulture). The Focus Groups will start working in October 2016 and are expected to present their results and recommendations within 12 months. Application deadline: 11 July 2016. [More ...](#)

Farm Sustainability Assessment tool launched

Leveraging the ITC Standards Map, the Trade for Sustainable Development team has developed for SAI Platform an online tool for the Farm Sustainability Assessment. This tool provides one single industry-aligned solution to help companies meet their sourcing targets across supply chains and monitor progress made at the farm level. [More ...](#)

Free online certificate courses on voluntary sustainability standards

Offered through the [ITC \(International Trade Centre\) SME Trade Academy](#), these online courses take you through the basics of voluntary sustainability standards, helping you gain a deeper understanding of the issue areas. Looking at the issue of sustainability from a business perspective, the courses present the role of voluntary sustainability standards in facilitating more sustainable value chains. 8 August 2016: [Introduction to Standards and Sustainability](#); 5 September 2016: The [Role of Standards in Sustainable Supply Chains](#). [More ...](#)

EU Funding Documents and Seminars

InfoWeek on 2017 calls for Societal Challenge 2, 27-29 June 2016. [More ...](#)
European Investment Project Portal (EIPP): The meeting place for project promoters and investors. [More ...](#)
ADRION Programme and Citizens: Overview of the activities performed by ADRION in 2015. [Read ...](#)
Cross Border Cooperation programme in the Mediterranean Basin (CBCMed) online tool: E-Platform for Neighbourhood. [More ...](#)

EU Funding Opportunities

CEI Know-How Exchange Programme (KEP) - ITALY Call for Proposals. Deadline: 27 June 2016. [More ...](#)
EaSI - EURES – Cross-border partnerships and support to cooperation on intra-EU mobility for EEA countries and social partners. Deadline: 8 July 2016. [More ...](#)
EIT's 2016 Call for Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KIC) Proposals. Deadline: 14 July 2016. [More ...](#)
Call for tenders: Framework contract for the evaluation studies of CAP measures contributing to the general objectives of balanced territorial development. Deadline: 1 August 2016. [More ...](#)
Europe for Citizens: Town twinning 2016 - 2nd deadline: 1 September 2016. [More ...](#)
Europe for Citizens: Network of Towns 2016 - 2nd deadline: 1 September 2016. [More ...](#)
2016 Call for proposals for LIFE Grants. Deadlines: September 2016. [More ...](#)

Competitions and Consultations

European Bee Award. Deadline: 8 July 2016. [More ...](#)
UNESCO Learning City Award. Deadline: 31 August 2016. [More ...](#)
UNWTO (The World Tourism Organization) Ethics Award. Deadline: 30 September 2016. [More ...](#)
European Green Capital Award. Deadline: 3 November 2016. [More ...](#)

Newsletters and Publications

Newsletters

ENRD Newsletter, June 2016. [Read ...](#)
Newsletter on Agriculture & Innovation, issue 33, June 2016. [Read ...](#)
RegioFlash, 6 June 2016. [Read ...](#)
The European Water Platform (WssTP) Newsletter, May 2016. [Read ...](#)
MED SPRING Newsletter, April 2016. [Read ...](#)

Publications

ENRD Guidance on SCOs in LEADER/CLLD. Published by: ENRD, 2016. [Read ...](#)
ESIF Factsheets 2016. Published by: European Commission, 2016. [Read ...](#)
Local and Regional Governments in Europe. Published by: Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), 2016. [Read ...](#)
UNWTO Recommendations on Accessible Information in Tourism. Published by: UNWTO (World Tourism Organization), 2016. [Read ...](#)

EVENTS

Forum Synergies Civic Dialogue workshop, 23-26 June 2016, Poland

The focus of Forum Synergies Civic Dialogue workshop will be "How have you implemented in your country, participation and stakeholders dialogue in EU procedure such as Natura 2000, CLLD-Leader, Water framework (or other ones specific to the country/region.)? The workshop will include training sessions (offered by participants aiming to share methods), fields visits and exchange with local stakeholders on this topic. And working group sessions to share experience and discuss topics of participation and stakeholders dialogue in local/rural development and environmental issues. Deadline for registration: 1 June 2016. [More ...](#)

Scottish Rural Action: Royal Highland Show, 24 June 2016, Edinburgh, UK

Scottish Rural Parliament is organizing information and networking event at the Royal Highland Show. The event gives you an opportunity to: Find out more about Scottish Rural Action and the Rural Parliament; Get a sneak preview of the draft Manifesto for Rural Scotland and a chance to input into the final version; Network with people from organisations and interest groups in rural Scotland. [More ...](#)

ENRD Seminar on Promoting the Transition to a Green Economy, 1

July 2016, Brussels, Belgium

The Seminar is part of ENRD work on 'Promoting the Transition to a Green Economy' where the main aim is to share experiences and examples, and to generate concrete proposals for ensuring that the Rural Development Programmes (RDPs) support rural stakeholders to benefit fully from all the opportunities that a Green Economy can bring. Registration deadline: 27 June 2016. [More ...](#)

Methods for assessing impacts of Rural Development Programmes 2007-2013, 4-5 July 2016, Palermo

The Good Practice Workshop will provide a forum for evaluators and academics to exchange on evaluation methods used in the ex post. Managing Authorities will be familiarised with the European Commission's expectations on the ex post evaluation and will learn about the criteria for the quality assessment of ex post reports. Registration deadline: 27 June 2016. [More ...](#)

Western Balkans Youth Conference, 4 July 2016, Paris, France

The Connecting Youth conference will take place in Paris, 4 July 2016, in the margins of the Western Balkans Summit. Connecting Youth will bring together 150 young people from the EU and Western Balkans countries, to discuss common challenges and work towards finding joint solutions. [More ...](#)

15th Summer Academy On "Social Economy and Sustainable Rural Development", Mouzaki, Karditsa, Greece, 16-23 July 2016

The 15th Summer Academy of the Euracademy Association aims to explore the contribution of social enterprises and cooperatives to rural areas, but also focus on ways to enhance their formation and trading success as well as demonstrate courses of action through best practice examples collected from across Europe. [More ...](#)

Landscape and cultural heritage: The power of case studies, 5-9 September 2016, Innsbruck and Seefeld, Austria

This open session wants to collect and exchange experiences, case studies and good practices of landscape and heritage from all over Europe. The papers presented by the participants will give input to the overall discussion to come up with a list of take-home and key messages to be used in future landscape and heritage projects on different scales. [More ...](#)

The LEADER Fair for Transnational Cooperation, 24-26 August 2016, Järeda, Estonia

The event, organised by the Estonian Rural Network Support Unit, aims to promote LEADER Cooperation. It will gather European and national-level LEADER/CLLD stakeholders, including Local Action Groups (LAGs), Fisheries Local Action Groups (FLAGs), National Rural Networks and Managing Authorities. Registration is open until 20 July 2016. [More ...](#)

Conferences and Forums of Terra Madre, 22-26 September 2016, Turin, Italy

The conference program will expand on our central theme of loving the earth from multiple points of view, encouraging us to widen our perspective and discover how, for better or for worse, food can change the planet. Speakers of international fame will confront the global economy, human and animal welfare, happiness, the environment, the kitchen, food in the arts, and more. The Terra Madre Forums, on the other hand, will be spaces for debate and confrontation on a wide range of topics relating to the world of food, where delegates from across the Terra Madre network will be able to discuss their problems, both amongst themselves and with experts, and work together to find potential solutions. [More ...](#)

LINC 2016, 27-29 September 2016, Dabas, Hungary

The aim of the annual LINC seminar is to gather those people together, who are interested in rural development of different areas of Europe in order to have the opportunity to exchange ideas with each other. [More ...](#)

The Trade for Sustainable Development Forum, 28-30 September 2016, Geneva, Switzerland

The Trade for Sustainable Development Forum is one of the leading events focused on how voluntary sustainability standards can support sustainable value chains. Organized by the International Trade Centre (ITC), the third T4SD Forum will focus on data-driven decision making in sustainable value chains – from farmers and producers, to big businesses, policymakers and consumers. [More ...](#)

X European Mountain Convention, 3-5 October, 2016, Bragança, Portugal

The X European Mountain Convention will present a state-of-the-art of the situation in mountain areas and of how experience and technical knowledge have been used to provide solutions to adapt to and mitigate climate change. The focus will be on solutions not only at the policy level, but also at the practitioners' level, on different issues such as agriculture, energy, water, transport and tourism. [More ...](#)

32nd International Film Festival AGROFILM 2016, 3-8 October 2016, Nitra, Slovakia

The objective and mission of this special festival is to inform, incite and disseminate knowledge of science, research, development and practice in the sphere of agriculture, food industry, nutrition of population, forestry, water management, ecology, problems in rural areas and of their inhabitants, conservation and revitalization of natural resources, which provide food sufficiency and safety as well as healthy environment, cultural landscape and improvement of human life. Deadline for applications: 30 June 2016. [More ...](#)

AlpWeek: Alps & People Living culture!, 11-15 October 2016, Grassau, Germany

The manifold aspects of the relationship between the Alps and the people who live, work and recreate there will be the main focus of the fourth edition of the AlpWeek in October 2016 in Grassau/Achental (Germany). [More ...](#)

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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.

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