

## PREPARE PARTNERS:

- Forum Synergies
- ECOVAST - European Council for the Village and Small Town
- All Sweden Shall Live
- Estonian Village Movement KODUKANT
- Village Action Association of Finland
- Polish Rural Forum
- Hungarian Rural Parliament
- Slovakian Rural Parliament
- Slovenian Rural Development Network
- Lithuanian Rural Communities Union
- Latvian Rural Forum
- Czech National Rural Observatory
- Croatian Rural Development Network

## PREPARE INVOLVEMENT IN:

- Coordination Committee of the European Network for Rural Development
- European Leader Sub-committee
- Advisory Group for Rural Development at the European Commission
- Thematic working groups of the ENRD
- European Rural Association – ERA
- European Rural Communities Association – ERCA
- Convention for Sustainable Urban and Rural Europe - CURE

## PREPARE NETWORK

The PREPARE Network has been set up to enable exchange and mutual support between all who are interested in rural development throughout Europe.

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Partnership for Rural Europe



STRENGTHENING CIVIL SOCIETY

PROMOTING MULTI – NATIONAL EXCHANGE

CONTRIBUTING TO RURAL DEVELOPMENT



## WHO WE ARE

- National rural movements in 10 EU countries and 1 accession country
- 2 pan – European NGOs
- A growing network of organisations and individuals within and beyond EU

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

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- People throughout rural Europe have the desire and the ability to take the lead in building better lives for themselves
- It is strongly in the interest of governments, at all levels, to bring rural people into full partnership. In that way, they can ensure that policies are relevant and sustainable and that public money gains a “multiplier” of private and communal effort

## WHAT WE DO

- **Support** national campaigns in new EU member states and accession countries, to strengthen civil society at local, regional and national level
- **Organise** or support multi – national exchanges between people and organisations in different countries in the rural development field
- **Contribute** actively to the debate on European policy and funding for rural development
- **Promote** networking in rural development throughout Europe
- **Establish** trustful dialogue and cooperation between governments, business and civil society organisations



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- Estonia and Sweden 1999
- Hungary 2000
- Finland 2002

### PREPARE Network Gathering in:

- Slovakia 2003
- Bulgaria 2004
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