

# PREPARE Gathering 2010

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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 “PREPARE Gatherings”.

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**The PREPARE Gathering 2010** is a linked series of events in Macedonia, which aim to bring together representatives of civil society as well as public sector organisations, 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

## Monday, 30th August 2010

morning – evening	Arrival of participants to Ohrid and accommodation
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## Tuesday, 31th August 2010

<b>BUILDING OF RURAL NETWORKS</b> Plenary session 1 Moderator: <b>Mr. Hannes LORENZEN</b> , chairman of PREPARE Organising Group		
10:00 – 10:10	Introduction of guests, participants, organizing staff and of the programme	
10:10 – 10:25	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Economy, Republic of Macedonia	<b>Mr. Ljupco DIMOVSKI</b> , Minister for agriculture, Macedonia
10:25 – 10:40	Delegation of the European Union – Skopje	<b>Mr. Dieter Anton THIEL</b> Head of Operations
10:40 – 10:55	Implementation of IPA - RD in Macedonia	<b>Mr. Kostadin KUS - IVANOV</b> AFSARD Macedonia
10:55 – 11:10	Regional Rural Development from the perspective of Standing Working Group	<b>Mrs. Irena DZIMRESKA</b> SWG Head of operation
11:10 – 11:25	Multi level governance / Research project RUDI	<b>Dr. Luka JUVANCIC</b> , University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
11:25 – 11:40	Coffee – break	
11:40 – 11:55	PREPARE Network – Partnership for rural Europe	<b>Mr. Goran ŠOSTER</b> , PREPARE Coordinator
11:55 – 12:10	ELARD - Networking for development of rural areas	<b>Mr. Panagiotis PATRAS</b> , ELARD President
12:10 – 12:25	Contribution of LEADER+ to networking and collective action in rural communities	<b>Mrs. Kinga BOENNING</b> Leibniz-Institute for Agricultural Development in Central and Eastern Europe (IAMO)
12:25 – 13:00	Discussion	
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch	
15:00 – 15:15	Networking for Rural Development in Estonia	<b>Mrs. Liina SAAR</b> , KODUKANT
15:15 – 15:30	Rural Development Network of the R. Macedonia	<b>Mr. Petar GJORGIEVSKI</b> Rural Development Network of the R. Macedonia
15:30 – 15:45	Integrated Rural Development Initiatives in Macedonia	<b>Mss. Daniela ANDRESKA</b> ALKA – Center for Sustainable Development
15:45 – 16:00	Serbian Network for Rural Development	<b>Dejan VELIMANOVIC</b> , Serbian Network for Rural Development
16:00 – 16:15	Forestry & RD, general practices and current situation	<b>Mr. Peter KAMPEN</b>

		SNV Senior advisor on Forestry
16:15 – 16:45	Discussion	
16:45 – 17:00	Coffee – break	
<b>COMMON AGRICULTURE POLICY AFTER 2013</b>		
<b>Plenary session 2</b>		
Moderator: <b>Mr. Hannes LORENZEN</b> , chairman of PREPARE Organising Group		
Description of the process of changes and discussion about positions toward rural development policy in the period 2014 – 2020		
17:00 – 17:15	ARC Debate about CAP reform	<b>Mr. Hannes LORENZEN</b> , chairman of PREPARE OG
17:15 – 17:30	PREPARE position on CAP reform	<b>Mr. Goran ŠOSTER</b> , PREPARE Coordinator
17:30 – 17:45	ELARD's position on CAP reform	<b>Mr. Panagiotis PATRAS</b> , ELARD President
17:45 – 18:00	ERA's position on CAP reform	<b>Mrs. Inga KREKELE</b> , European Rural Alliance
18:00 – 18:30	Discussion	
18:30 – 19:00	Technical instructions - Break	
19:00 – 21:00	Dinner and Documentary "Whose is this song?"	
<b>LOCAL TOUR: cultural heritage of the town Ohrid</b>		

**Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010**

**TRAVELLING WORKSHOPS**

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

**Group 1 - Rural development initiatives in Mavrovo region**

Time	Activity	Location
7:00 – 8:00	Breakfast	Hotel "Sileks"
8:00 -8:30	Travel to Debarca Municipality	
8:30 – 11:30	<p><b>*Linkages of present forestry practices applying subsidies linked to EU Rural Development policy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Field visit: burned forest area in Debarca;</li> <li>- Meeting and discussion with members of private forest organization,</li> </ul> <p><b>*Forest fire management and voluntary fire brigade</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Meeting with fire brigade and municipality authorities;</li> <li>- Discussion on linkages of forest fire management with RD (improving the environment and the countryside: preserving the farmed landscape and forests; sustainable land management practices to reduce risks linked to abandonment, desertification and forest fires)</li> </ul> <p><b>*Forestry and Rural Development related activities in Macedonia – Presentation by Mr. Peter Kampen</b> - Forestry sustainable management practices, renewable energy, agro-forestry practices, using subsidy schemes in Macedonia</p>	Debarca area
11:30 – 13:00	Travel to Municipality of Mavrovo /Rostushe	
13:00 – 13:30	* Tourism Info Point of National park "Mavrovo" - <b>Presentation of the NP</b>	

	<b>"Mavrovo" by Mr. Hamlet Ahmedi</b> - History and general information, Natural resources: mountains, hydro potentials - (rivers, lakes, waterfalls), caves; Biodiversity - flora & fauna;	
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch	Mavrovi Anovi
14:30 – 15:30	<b>*Site visit of Mavrovo - visit of cave "Sharkova hole"</b>	Mavrovo
16:00 – 16:30	Travel to v. Jance	
16:30 – 19:00	<b>*Site visit of v. Janche</b> <b>* Presentation by Mr. Tefik Tefikoski</b> : local initiatives for renewal of village Janche, restorations of old village houses with environmental friendly materials, development of alternative tourism offer; <b>*Presentation by Mr. Filippo Unterhofer - Slow Food Network</b> in Macedonia and its effort to protect and promote biodiversity in agriculture through the development of gastronomic tourism <b>*Presentation</b> of old crafts , nature rolling "mill " on the river Radika <b>*Presentation and degustation</b> of local food products – "Mavrovski cheese", "Galichki kaskaval" Mountain Cheeses from Mavrovo-Reka Region, declared Presidium by Slow Food International .	v.Jance
19:00 – 21:00	Dinner	Hotel "Tutto" v. Janche
21:00	Travel to Ohrid	Hotel "Sileks"

### Group 2 - Rural development initiatives in Prespa region

7:00 – 8:00	Breakfast	Hotel "Sileks",
8:00 -9:00	Travel to Resen Municipality	
9:00 – 10:00	<b>*Visit of Saraj, a beautiful French-style castle</b> <b>* Presentation of project " Raising awareness of alternative tourism service providers for benefits of networking" - by Resen RDG</b>	Resen
10:00 – 10:15	Travel to v. Podmocani	
10:15 – 11:00	<b>Visit to Museum of ethno traditional costumes v. Podmochani</b> <b>- NGO "Gorica Prespa"</b>	
11:00 - 11:15	Travel to Outlook "Dolgi Rid"	Dolgi Rid locality
11:15 – 11:45	Presentation of Prespa Natural Heritage	Dolgi Rid
11:45 – 12:00	Travel to village Ljubojno	
12:00 – 12:30	<b>*Side Visit of Ljubojno and visit of traditional mill</b> - Presentation/discussions with representative of NGO for alternative tourism development – Ljubojno	v. Ljubojno
12:30 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:00 – 14:45	Travel from Prespa to Bitola	
14:45 – 16:00	<b>*Visit of the NI Institute and Museum-Bitola</b> The museum contains a permanent exhibition of archaeological artifacts old up to 5 million years BC. <b>* Presentation by Ms. Viktorija Momeva Altiparmakovska - ECOVAST</b> - activities concerning preservation of cultural heritage, traditional architecture and cultural landscape.	Bitola

16:00 – 16:30	Travel to Dihovo/Nize Pole	
16:30 – 19:30	<p>*Presentation of the Project “Day of Pelister products” realized by the <b><u>Bitola RDG – Mr. Sasho Angelovski</u></b></p> <p>* Visit to the Center for Rural Eco Tourism. Presentation of the Activities of the Centre – <b><u>by Mr. Petar Andonov</u></b></p> <p>* Visit to the Center for large carnivores in the Republic of Macedonia. Presentation of the Activities of the Centre</p> <p>* Site seeing of the village of Nize Pole (walk to the village of Dihovo)</p> <p>* Visit of villa Dihovo and villa Patricia</p>	v. Dihovo v. Nize Pole
19:30 - 21:00	Dinner /traditional meal	Nize Pole
21:00	Travel to Ohrid	

Group 3 - Rural development initiatives in Pelagonija region		
7:00 – 8:00	Breakfast	Hotel “Sileks”
8:00 – 9:30	Travel to v. Krklino, Bitola Municipality	
9:30 – 10:30	<p><b><u>*Presentation by Ms. Emilija Geroska - Center for development of Pelagonija region-</u></b> »Resources and opportunities for sustainable development of Pelagonia region«</p> <p><b><u>*Visit of auto ethno museum - collection of rarities “Filip” and hippodrome</u></b></p>	
10:30 – 11:30	Travel to v. Babino, Demir Hisar Municipality	
11:30 – 12:30	<p><b><u>*Side visit of village Babino</u></b></p> <p><b><u>*Visit of first private library “ALBI” – v.Babino</u></b></p> <p><b>Presentation by Mr. Stevo Stepanovski</b></p> <p>The <b>library ALBI</b> has all the hallmarks of a public informative service for the citizens. In this homeland of <b>15.000 books</b>, one can also find manuscripts, documents of significant importance for the <b>Peoples`Liberation Fight</b> and the <b>Ilinden uprising</b>, as well as other library material concerning the education, culture, economic and political history of Macedonia.</p>	Demir Hisar area
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch	v.Babino
14:00 – 15:00	Travel to Krusevo	
15:00 – 18:30	<p><b><u>*Site visit of Krusevo</u></b></p> <p><b><u>*Presentation of the Project “ Krusevo - Ethno town” – by Mr. Vasilcho Damcheski - Mayor</u></b></p> <p><b><u>*Visit of St. Jovan church</u></b> - known as a Vlach church, which plays home to a gallery of icons.</p> <p><b>* Visit of Martinovski gallery</b> - Remarkable artistic works by the contemporary Macedonian artist Nikola Martinovski (1903-1973) are exposed in this gallery, which the author left as a gift to his native town in 1968.</p> <p><b>* Visit of Ilinden monument</b></p> <p><b>* Visit of Ilinden Uprising and Republic of Krusevo museum</b></p> <p><b>* Visit of the Foundry</b></p> <p><b>*Presentation of traditional crafts and traditional specific food</b></p>	Krusevo
18:30 – 20:00	Dinner – traditional meals (MVR Villa)	Krusevo
20:00	Driving to Ohrid	Hotel “Sileks”

Thursday, 2nd September 2010	
<b>COHESION, COMPETITIVENESS AND SUSTAINABILITY IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	
Work in four parallel thematic groups. Short introductions to some common challenges within 4 axes of Rural Development Programme, followed by discussion on:	
9:00 – 10:30	Food security vs. renewable energies Facilitation by <b>Ms. Liljana TANEVSKA</b> – CePROSard Macedonia
	Environmental aspects of the agriculture and forestry Facilitation by <b>Mr. Peter KAMPEN</b> – SNV The Netherland Development Organization
	Diversification of the economy in rural areas Facilitation by <b>Ms. Erisa CELA</b> - IDM /Head of Local governance and Integrated Development and <b>Mr. Fatmir GURI</b> – IDM / Rural development expert
	LEADER Facilitation by <b>Kinga BOENNING</b>
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee – break
10:45 – 12:00	Plenary: Reports from the thematic groups Discussion
<b>PREPARE Regional Networking</b>	
13:30 – 14:30	Work in three regional groups. Exchange among participants for the future cooperation within: Baltic countries Central Eastern European countries South Eastern European countries
14:30 – 15:00	Plenary: Reports from the regional groups Discussion
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee – break
15:15 – 16:45	Working in three groups according to travelling workshops
16:45 – 17:30	Reports of the groups from the study visits
17:30 – 18:30	Break
18:30	LOCAL TOUR: <b>cultural heritage of Sveti Naum and Municipality of Vevcani</b>

Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2010	
<b>MULTILATERAL EXCHANGE AMONG PARTICIPANTS OF PREPARE GATHERING</b>	
9:00 – 10:15	Brainstorming for future action of the PREPARE programme, with particular attention to South Eastern Europe
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee – break
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Summary of PREPARE Gathering 2010</b>
11:00	Departure of participants