

### EUROPEAN RURAL PARLIAMENT IN 6 DAYS

On 6<sup>th</sup> of november, the 4<sup>th</sup> European Rural parliament will start welcoming delegates from all over Europe to take part in the main gathering of rural civil society organisations in Europe.



The organisers of ERP2019 are finalising all preparatory work to make it possible to gather European rural representatives from more than 30 countries to express their voice on more sustainable rural areas of all Europe.

The final event programme and manifesto are published on the official web page of ERP <https://www.europeanruralparliament.com/>.

Before the main event, young people from the whole rural Europe will gather in Candás to work on rural challenges under the framework of 2nd European Rural Youth Parliament. This is the platform for rural youth to engage, connect, to be empowered and heard in European level. The three days of the Youth Parliament will also consist of country experience exchange, networking, field trips, good practice sharing, dialogue with experts and decision-makers.

Read more: <https://erp2019.eu/news/european-youth-will-gather-in-candas-to-work-on-rural-challenges/>

### PREPARE AISBL MEMBERS HELD THEIR GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019

On 9<sup>th</sup> of October, the PREPARE AISBL General Assembly took place in the municipality of Majšperk (Slovenia).



During the GA, there was a discussion and approval of the annual report and budget. News from members were shared (a traditional round table of updates from each member organisation). Āris Ādlers was elected as a member of the Executive Board for a term of three years. With this vote, Āris has a mandate to continue the presidency of PREPARE.

One of the main decisions regarding PREPARE next GA: it will be organised at the beginning of the year 2020. This will be the moment when members will be able to discuss PREPARE strategy and annual activities for the 2020.

Members can read the detailed minutes of GA.

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#### STRUCTURED DIALOGUE WITH EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS' PARTNERS GROUP OF EXPERTS WILL TAKE PLACE IN BRUSSELS, 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

The next meeting of the Structured Dialogue group of experts for ESI funds will take place in Brussels and PREPARE AISBL will be represented by Nikša Božić



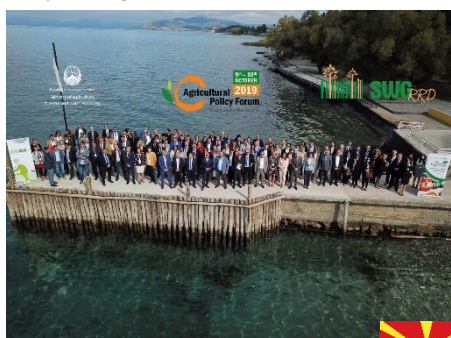
On the agenda there are such topics as: preparations for the post-2021 period (update on co-legislative negotiations on the post-2021 package, update on programming of the funds – implementation of the partnership principle), measures proposed for simplification in the post-2021 legislative package and complementarity between Funds.

The Structured Dialogue with ESIF Partners 2014-2020 was established in 2014 to ensure open and informal dialogue with partners working in the field of the ESI Funds. The aim was to bring the ESI Funds closer to civil society, assist the European Commission in the development of its policies in the different areas of expertise and to discuss the implementation of the ESI Funds.

PREPARE will be represented on the next meeting by EB member Nikša Božić. If you have any comments on the topics of the Agenda please send them to [niksa@ecovast.hr](mailto:niksa@ecovast.hr) by November 15.

#### Agricultural Policy Forum 2019 gathered in Ohrid more than 140 relevant stakeholders from 16 countries from SEE and beyond

The Forum took place from 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> of October. The participants shared views on agricultural and rural development policies in the Western Balkans and provided policy recommendations for improving the current situation!



All materials, presentations and conclusions from the Forum are available here: <http://apf.seerural.org/outputs/>

Ohrid Agenda 2019 is available here:  
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#### Conference of Polish Local Action Groups, 30 September – 2 October 2019

The Polish LAGs met near Kielce in Central Poland together with representatives of the Managing Authorities implementing CLLD, to look back on the achievements of LEADER/CLLD and get ready for the future period.



The gathered LAGs, as well as the Ministry of Agriculture and regional Intermediate Bodies agree that the implementation of LEADER in Poland is a success, with around 10.000 new jobs created; after some initial difficulties, the multi-funded CLLD with other ESI Funds (EMFF, ESF and ERDF) is also functioning quite well.

Intensive discussions of all stakeholders took place to work out recommendations for the next programming period. A detailed report (in Polish) is available here: <http://lgd-srws.pl/images/biblioteka/zalaczniki/201910280822393484.pdf>

#### PREPARE NETWORK IS PROMOTING NEW ACTIVISTS FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT



We continue a PREPARE Aisbl initiative - Presenting young rural development enthusiasts. In this edition, meet Rimvydas Palubinskas from Lithuania

Rimvydas Palubinskas is the leader of Alvitass rural community. Within the Vilkaviškis region local action group, his community takes an active part in the development of the local development strategy. He was elected to the VAG (Vilkaviškis activity group) council for ten years. At this time Rimvydas became a member of the council in Vilkaviškis region department and a vice-chairman of the rural business committee. He is very keen on rural development, interested in innovations and takes part in designing and implementing projects for his rural community. Furthermore, he is able to consult residents on various rural development issues.

Rimvydas works with non-governmental organisations on a voluntary basis. He got Master's degree and qualification in food safety. He has also taken courses in rural development and social work. Rimvydas constantly tries to attend various trainings and seminars. He lives in the village in which he was born and he loves his region very much. Therefore he tries to participate in many social activities. Since 2007 Rimvydas have been participating in the development and implementation of Vilkaviškis rural development strategy, working to include villagers, farmers and small businesses.

He gets support from his family. His two children and wife also participate in these activities and they help Rimvydas to organise events, collective activities and trainings. He wants to spend as much time with his family as possible, so they try to participate in social activities together.

His life in the village is and will be the priority and the most important thing. Rimvydas believes that his children will follow him and will be glad of his work for the community.

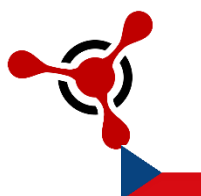
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### INTRODUCING OUR MEMBERS

National Network of Local Action Groups in the Czech Republic

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The National Network of Local Action Groups in the Czech Republic civic association (NN LAG CR) was founded at the beginning of April 2007, while the network itself had been established as early as in November 2005 as a informal grouping of Local Action Groups called “The National Rural Development Network”.

The objective of the NN LAG CR is first and foremost to support the activities of Local Action Groups, to promote their cooperation and transfer of experience.

The activities of the network are managed by the Committee made up of 13 members representing the Local Action Groups coming from individual regions. The NN LAG CR cooperates as a partner with other institutions involved in rural development activities.

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