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Network of Organizations for Rural Development of Kosovo - NORDK



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BULLETIN

Aiming to keep informed partners and rural development stakeholders, NORDK is publishing its Bulletin which contains summary information on the current period of work, activities and developments within the Network, membership and international partners. The bulletin as a product will be realized in electronic form and its realization is supported by our partner, We Effect within the ADEN project. The bulletin can be read on the official website of NORDK as well as on the official profile in Facebook, then by being distributed directly to the board, membership and all partners.

This is the second edition of NORDK's Bulletin.

ABOUT ACTIVITIES OF NORDK PROJECTS:



ADEN Project

NORDK with support of We Effect is implementing the project: "Active Development and Empowerment of NORDK". The project contains four main components:

1. Organizational development of NORDK;
2. Gender mainstream;
3. Lobbying and advocacy for the interest of the membership / civil society and for the interests of the rural community with special approach on women, youth and minorities from rural areas; and
4. Women's entrepreneurship in rural areas.

Aiming to achieve the objectives of the project, in recent months the network has organized trainings with representatives of organizations, open discussions and focus groups with women and meetings with representatives of Kosovo institutions regarding gender equality issues.

Open discussions and focus groups – Our network has held open discussions with women farmers and civil society representatives from some of the municipalities of Kosovo to see closely their needs and requirements, so we can put them to our network advocacy strategy. During these meetings it was discussed mostly about the challenges, concerns and problems they face, especially women farmers and small entrepreneurs who live and work in rural areas of these municipalities.



Images: Open discussions and focus group with women representatives from municipalities of Kosovo.

Cooperation Memorandum

On June 5th, the NORDK delegation was received at the meeting by the Chief of the Agency for Gender Equality within the Office of the Prime Minister to discuss about the strategic activities of the network that target integration of gender equality. In this productive discussion both sides agreed to finalize a cooperation agreement focusing on coordination for various activities of the network and we are happy to announce that now we have a cooperation memorandum, which mostly aims empowerment of rural women.



Images: The NORDK & Agency for Gender Equality meeting

NAGE Project

The Network of Organizations for Rural Development of Kosovo, as NAGE project partner, has successfully conducted the training on topic: “Financial Management & Procurement” for representatives of grass-root CSOs in Kosovo. Also, during June, 2020, the Network, despite circumstances arising with the coronavirus outbreak, managed to organize two trainings on “Green Economy and Entrepreneurship”, attracting many participants from CSOs that are working in the area of rural development. This project aims to promote the green economy with special emphasis on the rural development sector.

During these trainings were presented different aspects related to the green economy and entrepreneurship to CSOs' representatives, including:

- clarification of the term "green economy",
- description of the state of environment,
- principals of green economy and entrepreneurship,
- green economy and CSOs,
- assessment of green economy policies, modeling and green industry,
- development of an action plan for green economy.

The trainings were organized in accordance with the measures imposed by the health authorities in the country in protection against COVID-19 pandemic.



Images: “Green Economy and Entrepreneurship” trainings

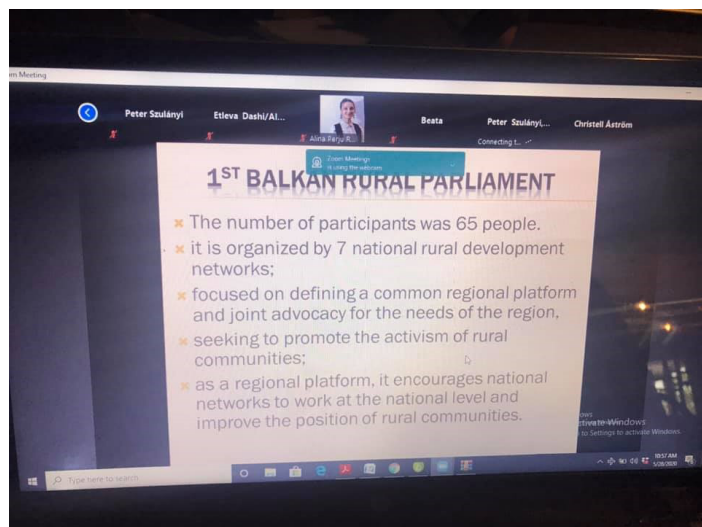
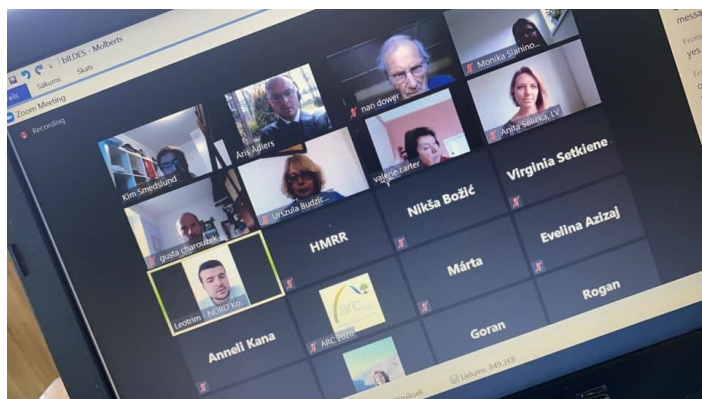
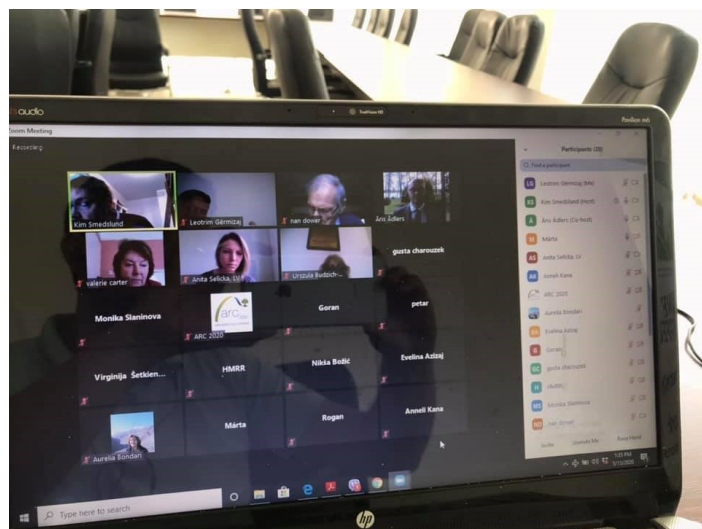
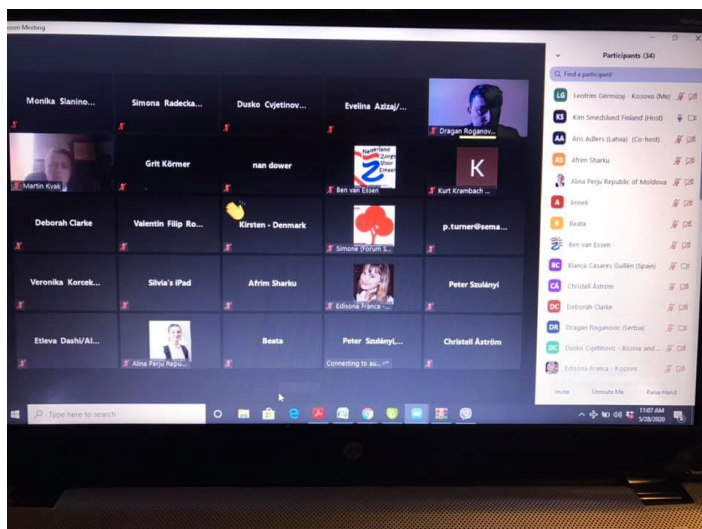
Regular meeting of the Board of NORDK - NORDK hold the second regular meeting of the Board, a meeting which took place with attendance of majority of board members. The focus of this meeting was the organization of the Kosovo Rural Parliament, an event with comprehensive rural dimensions which characterizes our network, but without neglecting the discussions regarding the other activities in the framework of network projects.



Images: Regular meeting of the Board - NORDK

NORDK activities in regional level

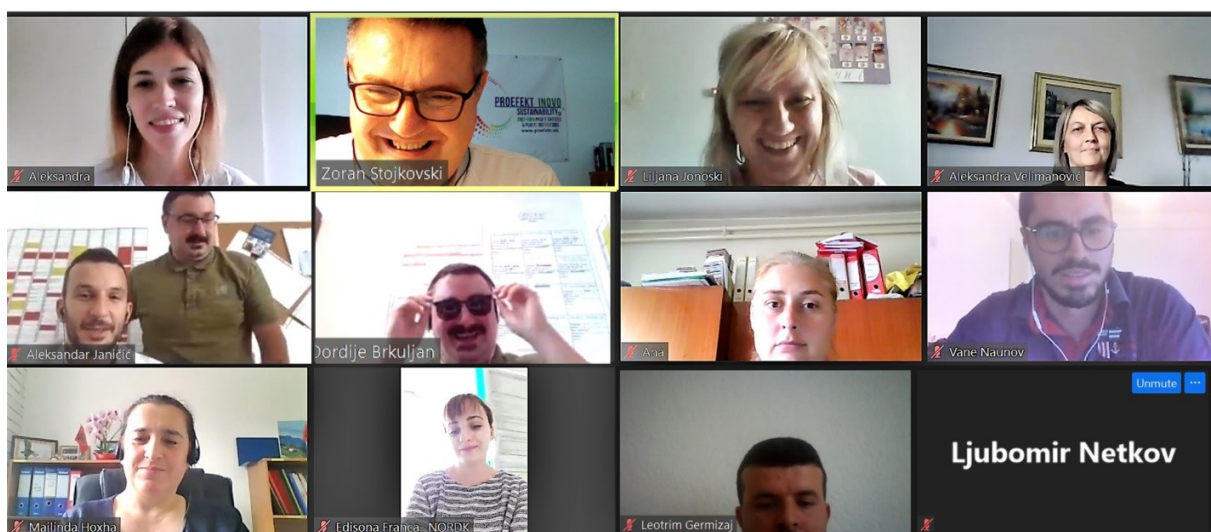
NORDK, together with networks from other European countries, participated in the work of the General Assembly of PREPARE aisbl. This year's meeting of the Assembly to limit the pandemic in the body through the platform 'Magnification' and the selection of elections made in accordance with the agenda and the statute of the European Network PREPARE. Also, NORDK through its representatives participated in the joint webinar organized on the topic of rural national parliaments. The webinar presents the current organizations as well as the most suitable models for organizing these events, forums by partners in all European countries.



Images: The NORDK participation in meetings at regional level

Preparation of BRDN's Advocacy and Lobbying Strategy

As a founding member of the Balkan Rural Development Network (BRDN), together with other partners as working groups, NORDK worked on development of BRDN's Advocacy and Lobbying Strategy and Action Plan. At the 2 hours Zoom meeting, held on June 18th, 2020, the members of the Working Groups of BRDN discussed about their experiences and different issues they've advocated on, at national level and managed to draft priorities and actions related to advocacy and lobbying for BRDN. Having in mind that the national rural development networks, members of BRDN, are all experienced in this area of work, BRDN just gives them opportunity to raise these issues on regional and EU level, and to be more influential in the process of representing the needs of rural communities in the Western Balkans.



Images: The BRDN Working Groups meeting

About Network of Organizations for Rural Development of Kosovo

The Network of Organizations for Rural Development of Kosovo - NORDK aims to advance approach and cooperation between different organizations and non-formal groups of same profile (rural), to exchange ideas, information, and experience and to promote assistance and organization of activities in the field of rural development aiming to promote this community in Kosovo.

The vision of NORDK is to promote and develop relations and partnerships between different sectors of the rural community in Kosovo through advocacy activities aimed at its sustainable development.

NORDK strategically and structurally gives special importance to the involvement of women, youth and all non-majority communities living/working in rural areas and in the rural development sector. Network of Rural Development Organizations of Kosovo is a founding member of the Balkan Rural Development Network (BRDN), a member of the Partnership for Rural Europe – (PREPARE) and a member of the European Rural Parliament.

Otherwise, NORDK is active in promoting its work, through its official website:

www.nord-ks.org as well also on the official Facebook page: Network of Organizations for Rural Development of Kosovo.



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