



PREPARE GATHERS REPRESENTATIVES FROM MORE THAN 20 COUNTRIES TO TALK ABOUT RURAL TRENDS AND SOLUTIONS

On 27 November PREPARE- Partnership for Rural Europe organised a webinar on such topics as demographic adaptation, resilient rural communities, climate emergency, ruralisation and others.



You can find materials here:

<https://prepare-network.eu/index.php/2020/10/26/webinar-rural-trends-and-solutions/>

BOARD OF PREPARE KEEPS WORKING REMOTELY

On 11th of November, PREPARE board: Kim Smetslund, Āris Ādleris, Nikša Božič, Ula Budzich Tabor, Evelina Azizaj, Goran Šoster and Leotrim Germizaj joined via Zoom platform to hold a Board meeting



In spite of Covid, PREPARE continues working with our partners on the preparations of the 5th European Rural Parliament, participating in EU and national rural policy shaping processes, as well as following its members' networking activities.

UPCOMING EVENTS WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF PREPARE



- EU Social Progress Index launch event (2020, Dec. 2)
 - 3th Meeting of the Structured Dialogue with European Structural and Investment Funds' Partners Group of Experts (2020, Dec. 8)
- Āris Ādleris will represent PREPARE in both events.

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EUROPEAN RURAL PARLIAMENT- PARTNERS MEETING

PREPARE, ELARD and ERCA together with partners held a partners meeting of the European Rural Parliament on 17th of November



During the event, there was time for sharing news from partners, discussion on the objectives, format, and timing of the event, as well as presentation and discussion on the programme, the preparatory process, partner involvement and discussion on next steps.

Next rural parliament meeting will be organised in 2021 in Poland. More about the European Rural Parliament: <https://europeanruralparliament.com/>

VIRTUAL VISIT TO LATVIA



On 5th of December, the Latvian Rural Forum is organising the Virtual Visit to Latvia for Local Action Groups from Moldova

The event is the concluding activity of the Latvian Rural Forum and the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development's project "Support to the growth of Moldova's regions by enhancing their resilience to conditions in emergency situation and mitigating the long-term consequences of COVID-19" implemented in 2020 with co-financing from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The aim of the event, which involves entrepreneurs, NGOs and representatives of public administration, is to inform them about the ongoing processes and share experience in order to agree on further actions for Latvian-Moldovan cooperation to reduce the long-term consequences of COVID-19.

At the beginning of the event, after interventions of the invited officials and the project team, is planned an introduction to the activities of the project and cooperating partners from Latvia and Moldova in the fields of regional and rural development. In the second part of the event, Latvian entrepreneurs will share business experience, adapting to the pandemic conditions, and participants will have the opportunity to virtually visit Latvian regions, learn about existing experience, recreating a sense of presence that Moldovan partners could not feel in 2020. There will be visits to businesses and public benefit initiatives, as well as master classes provided by Latvian entrepreneurs.

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RUMRA & SMART VILLAGES, THE INTEGROUPE ON RURAL, MOUNTAINOUS AND REMOTE AREAS GATHERS STAKEHOLDERS TO DISCUSS LONG TERM VISION

The RUMRA & Smart Villages Intergroup of the European Parliament promotes integrated development for European territories in all their diversity. The Intergroup enables exchanges on innovative ways to create vibrant and attractive rural communities. It encourages new ways of governance and cooperation in EU territories, through place-based initiatives and the use of technology. The Intergroup aims to strengthen integration and ensure a sustainable future for all Europeans.



Read more: <https://www.smart-rural-intergroup.eu/>

SHERPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

From 30th of November till 1st of December, the SHERPA (Sustainable Hub to Engage into Rural Policies with Actors) Horizon 2020 project organised its annual Conference.



In 2020, the European Commission initiated the preparation of a new long-term vision for rural areas. SHERPA prepared a contribution to the process by feeding in the views of science-society-policy actors: between April and October 2020, SHERPA Multi-Actor Platforms (MAPs) investigated challenges and opportunities and discussed a vision for their territory until 2040.

The results were presented and discussed during the annual conference. The first part of the conference (Monday 30 November) focused on the vision for EU rural areas by 2040. The second part of the conference (Tuesday 1 December) focused on how to engage local actors in the development of a vision for rural areas.

Participants had the opportunity to:

- Contribute to the discussion on the long-term vision for rural areas
- Get an in-depth understanding of the key drivers that will shape rural areas by 2040
- Share experiences with local actors on how to establish engagement processes to develop a vision with local actors.

Read more: https://rural-interfaces.eu/news-or-events/sherpa-annual-conference/?fbclid=IwAR3uJhT9_ThD2kF922POcREVJuU0ZEDEExXeIL7psM64WDwweJAlOe4OMfU0

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