

PREPARE MEETS NEW PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN RURAL COMMUNITY ALLIANCE



The official introduction meeting between PREPARE Board and the newly elected ERCA president Tom Jones was organised on 30 April 2021 via Zoom platform

The European Rural Community Alliance - the network for the national and regional rural and village movements of Europe - is one of the three partners who organise the European Rural Parliament.

During the meeting, the ERP process, common advocacy and mutual capacity building were discussed.

Both organisations expressed hopes about potential of future cooperation and the necessity to increase the communication.

ADVOCACY METHODS AND TOOLS - THE OUTPUTS OF THE FIRST CAP-CAFÉ: BEHIND THE SCENES OF NATIONAL RURAL PARLIAMENTS



The Latvian Rural forum prepared a document that summarises issues discussed during the PREPARE CAP-Café on the 7th of April 2021. The document includes such topics as: What can be the result of a Rural Parliament (RP)? What does it involve? What lobbying methods and tools exist? Lessons learned, Unbeneficial and useless time consumption, Successes and the best know-how.

You can find the summary document here:

<https://prepare-network.eu/index.php/2021/03/17/cap-cafe-behind-the-scenes-of-national-rural-parliaments-advocacy-methods-and-tools/>

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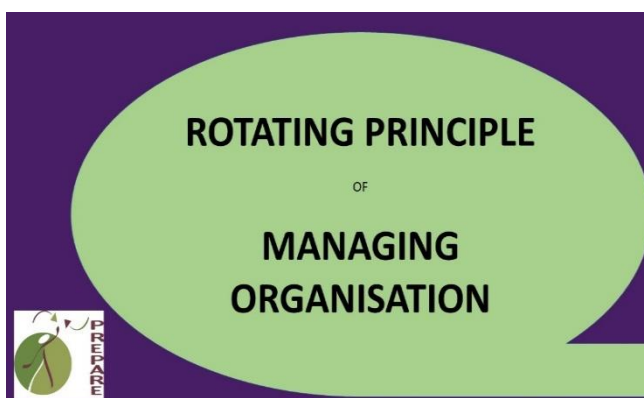
PREPARE IS PLANNING ITS GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2021 IN SLOVAKIA



Members of PREPARE Aisbl are invited to save the date for the 2021 General Assembly of our association. The event will be held in a hybrid format (partly physical, partly on-line). For those attending physically it will take place in the building of a self-governing region of Banská Bystrica (Slovakia) on 18 June 2021, starting at 13:00 hrs.

After the GA, a visit to LAG Geopark will be organised <https://www.geoparkbb.sk/>. A common dinner will take place in a dairy farm of Braunvieh Cattle <https://www.facebook.com/BraunviehMliecnaFarma>

PREPARE IS OPENING THE DEBATE ABOUT A NEW MODEL OF MANAGING THE ORGANISATION



PREPARE board is considering a new model for management of the PREPARE Network. The main idea is based on the principle of Rotating Management by member organisations. The public debate will be organised during the GA21. Meantime, members are asked to send comments and questions regarding new approach.

Members of PREPARE are also asked to nominate new members of PREPARE board. The nomination link is distributed directly to members.

In case of any comments and questions, please contact us via e-mail:
info@prepare-network.eu

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The ERP partnership is going to organise a joint event with the EESC

The event will be organised online on 18 June from 9:00-13:00 (before the GA 2021). It will be open for participants.



The event is organised in the context of rural-urban holistic approach and also related to the territorial agenda 2030. Issues addressed will also include challenging the EU institutions on progress made on ERP requests and proposals in the policy papers and the vision for future Europe. Young people and cities' representatives will also be present.

LDnet webinars on “Recovery through community-based approaches”



The European network of local development experts LDnet organised in April a series of four webinars exploring the potential of local development to address a number of key challenges, using

examples from rural, urban and coastal areas. Themes covered included new opportunities and challenges in a post-COVID world, exploring circular economy, and addressing various forms of exclusion. Rural examples included a Spanish LAG [helping its stakeholders deal with the consequences of the pandemics](#) and a French [village becoming a digital player](#).

All presentations and recording of webinars are available here:

<https://ldnet.eu/registration-opens-for-ldnet-webinars-recovery-through-community-led-approaches-april-2021/>

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Initiative to ensure that world art can be seen in rural village as the winner – competition “Dižprojekts 2020”




The association

“Latvian Rural Forum” was organizing an initiative “Dižprojekts” (meaning: The Grand project) this year for the 10th time - a competition for projects that are implemented by LEADER approach. As every year, each Local Action Group (LAG) had a chance to nominate project from their territory that stands out among others. Nominees are the best examples to be proud of locally and nationally.

The main title “Dižprojekts 2020” was given to the project “Digitals tools for innovative services in Jaunauce Manor” implemented by association “Mēs-Jaunaucei” in Saldus Municipality. Jaunauce Manor once was a home to a stellar art collection, but during World War II most of the artworks vanished. Jaunauce Manor team implemented project that brought back pieces from Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael, and Bertel Thorvaldsen in augmented reality. There has been made application that features 12 paintings, 8 sculptures from the original exhibition and 2 historic dances. The project also got the widest support on social media, collecting most of all the votes. People are surprised that such a collection once was located in Latvian countryside and the solution for the knowledge transfer to the visitors is surprisingly effective, innovative and some-how fresh to the society (there are only few places in Latvia where augmented reality products are seen). The fact that gives extra value to the project is that the initiators of the project are people who had grown up in the village many years back and felt the need to give back to their hometown.

Projects nominated for the “Dižprojekts 2020” are available online in Latvian Rural Forum homepage: <https://laukuforums.lv/lv/archives/11560>

UPCOMING NATIONAL RURAL PARLIAMENTS

	DATE	COUNTRY	NAME
	June 16-18, 2021	Latvia	5 th Latvian Rural Community parliament

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<https://laukuforums.lv/en/>



EU LEVEL EVENTS – RESULTS

During this month important events have taken place. Here you can find their outcomes

Event	DATE	ORGANISER	LINK
NRD LEADER Thematic Lab: LEADER funding made simpler – using SCOs in the transition period and under the CAP Strategic Plans	26 April	ENRD	https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/news-events/events/enrd-leader-thematic-lab-leader-funding-made-simpler-using-scos-transition-period_en



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