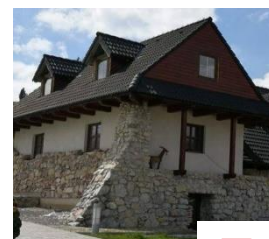


PREPARE IS INVITING ITS MEMBERS TO REGISTER FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2021 IN SLOVAKIA AND BY ZOOM



Members of PREPARE Aisbl are invited to **REGISTER** for the **2021 General Assembly** of our association. The event will be held in a hybrid format (partly physical, partly on-line).

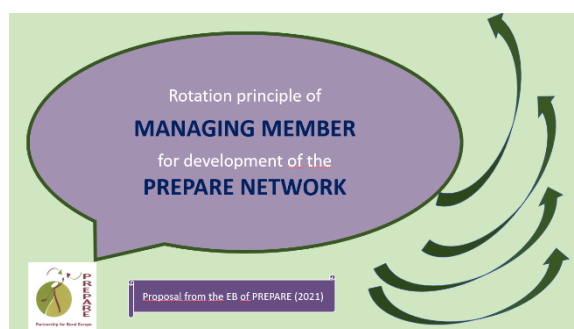
For those attending physically it will take place in the building of a self-governing region of Banská Bystrica (Slovakia) on 18 June 2021, starting at 14:00 hrs. After the GA, a visit to LAG Geopark will be organised <https://www.geoparkbb.sk/>.

A common dinner will take place in a dairy farm of Braunvieh Cattle <https://www.facebook.com/BraunviehMliecnaFarma>

Read agenda and find registration link here:

<https://prepare-network.eu/index.php/2021/05/06/general-assembly-2021/>

PREPARE BOARD INTRODUCING A NEW PRINCIPLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ORGANISATION: ROTATING MANAGING ORGANISATION



PREPARE board have developed a new principle for PREPARE management. The key element is the proposal that Secretary General and Treasurer will be elected from one member organisation. Board members will contact each member organisation with detailed explanation to be ready to discuss and approve the new Rotating Principle of Managing Member.

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

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PREPARE NETWORK WILL ELECT NEW BOARD MEMBERS, PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT



According to the Statutes of PREPARE, the network will elect new members of the board, President and Vice-President during the Seventh General Assembly in Slovakia in June 18th of June, 2021

Candidates for the Board have been nominated by members via a specially designed form distributed by the board of the PREPARE. The President and Vice President will be elected from among the elected Board members.

The 2nd BALKAN RURAL PARLIAMENT

Inspired by national rural parliaments which have been implemented in Europe for more than a decade, the Balkan Rural Parliament is already taking its place as one of the basic tools for representing rural communities, through national networks and the Balkan Rural Development Network (BRDN) in the policy-making process for rural development of the Western Balkans.

This year Ohrid, a town situated by the beautiful Ohrid Lake in North Macedonia, with its 365 churches, picturesque houses and monuments, will be hosting the 2nd Balkan Rural Parliament on June 15th and 16th. BRDN is organizing this event with the financial support of the SWG – Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in South Eastern Europe..



Save the dates for the

2nd Balkan Rural Parliament

“Reviving of rural Western Balkans - moving towards EU integration”

15th June - 16th June 2021
Ohrid, North Macedonia

Read more here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2521153078179572?ref=newsfeed>

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TOWARDS A HOLISTIC STRATEGY OF SUSTAINABLE AND EQUITABLE RURAL/URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Online hearing organized by the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and the European Rural Parliament (ERP) will take place in 18th of June, 2021

Europe's rural and urban territories are not developing evenly. It is critical to foster policies that curb this trend, ensure a fair and sustainable transition to a wellbeing economy in all areas and promote population rebalancing. In particular, rural areas, which play a critical role in economic and social cohesion, in regions' resilience, and in the contribution of countless services from various local ecosystems, including food production, should be made more attractive for young people and businesses. This would improve the quality of life and well-being of all EU citizens, allowing them to choose where they want to live and work.

For years, the EESC has stressed the need to reduce the development gap between different territories. The future of Europe will depend on how we deal with rural areas and more cooperation with urban areas is needed to ensure that no areas or citizens are 'left behind' in the just transition to a climate-neutral, sustainable and prosperous European Union, in line with the objectives of the European Green and Social Deal, the Next Generation EU recovery package, the Territorial Agenda 2030 and the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. The EESC therefore decided to build on previous work to elaborate a holistic, forward-looking approach for sustainable rural/urban development in the EU by bringing together a wide range of relevant stakeholders and EU institutions and bodies. To develop this holistic strategy, and building upon the recent exchanges held on 8 March in the EESC NAT Section, the EESC co-organizes an online public hearing together with the European Rural Parliament ("the voice of rural people in Europe") to explore ways to achieve sustainability and prosperity through new ways of cooperation between rural and urban areas. This hearing will connect relevant experts and stakeholders on rural/urban/peri-urban areas and social/territorial issues and invite key stakeholders to share their ideas and join their forces to co-develop this holistic approach.

The 5th ERP process goes on with the planning of an online event autumn 2021 where all ERP-partners will be invited to give inputs. Inputs from the joint event with EESC will be taken into account.

Find more information here: <https://www.eesc.europa.eu/>



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