



## **LEADER ARRIVED INTO THE HIGH MOUNTAINS OF THE SOUTH CAUCASUS IN ARMENIA**

The EU funded “LEAD for Lori and Tavush Regions” project started in Armenia in October 2020 based on the LEADER/CLLD approach. It is funded by the European Union. The implementing agency is the United Nations Development Programme, working in partnership with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. In the following article you will find main information about the project and its implementation. More details can be found here: <https://youtu.be/CxgMRjvgW4k>



The “EU-LEAD for Lori and Tavush Regions” project marked its presence in Armenia by official launching events. There were three of them: a national one together with other agencies implementing projects based on LEADER methodology in Armenia, and two separate ones in Lori and Tavush regions, respectively. Videos from the events can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rur7IW-z4b0>, <https://youtu.be/vOkroDBNKMM>

The first step of the projects involved a series of meetings to raise the public awareness about the project in 180 rural settlements in target regions of the project, where the LEADER approach was introduced to local authorities, business people and the civil society and the first seeds of cooperation were established.

The project created a team of community coaches - committed and trained community workers who inform, mobilize, empower and facilitate members of local communities, along with LEAD experts. All this created the solid knowledge base and framework for cooperation that allowed the creation of five Local Action Groups - from the business, civil and public sectors, involving a high rate of young people and women. They are the ones who continue to work on preparing the LAG development strategies and community-led projects.

The LEAD project will provide further information in the PREPARE newsletter as the project progresses in building the capacity of the new LAGs and their next steps.

If you want to follow the process how the LEADER is arriving into the high mountains of the South Caucasus in Armenia, follow the FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/EULEAD4LoriTavush>



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### THE RURAL PACT CONFERENCE- 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of June

The Rural Pact conference will bring together EU, national, and regional politicians along with local authorities, social and economic stakeholders in a participatory event that reflects the rural vision's ambition and bottom-up character.



It will engage participants in designing the governance of the Rural Pact and gather commitments for the achievement of the long-term vision for the EU's rural areas. To do so, the conference will engage all levels of governance and rural stakeholders, involve participants in implementing the vision, Increase the visibility of rural areas.

Plenary and breakout sessions will alternate to ensure maximum interaction at this event.

Registration for the conference will be open soon!

Follow here: [https://ec.europa.eu/info/events/the-rural-pact-conference-2022-jun-15\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/events/the-rural-pact-conference-2022-jun-15_en)



### FORUM SYNERGIES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME 2022 IS OPEN

Through the trainee exchange programme Forum Synergies (a PREPARE partner) offers young people the possibility to spend some relevant time in a place of their choice in order to discover and learn from.

Read more here: <https://www.forum-synergies.eu/article154.html>



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## **SHERPA CONFERENCE 2022: MAKE IT HAPPEN! IMPLEMENTING THE RURAL VISION**



The second SHERPA Annual Conference: Make it happen! Implementing the rural vision, took place online during the afternoon of 31 January 2022 and the morning of 1 February 2022.

Presentations are available here: <https://rural-interfaces.eu/news-or-events/sherpa-conference-2022/>



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