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CURRENT NEWS

News from PREPARE members

Slovenian Rural Development Network is hosting **Lithuanian LAGs** in Slovenia on 25. and 26. April 2010 to present implementation of **program LEADER** in Slovenia through project presentations of few Slovenian LAGs, supplemented with visit of local tourist attractions.

PREPARE GATHERING 2010

Prepare Gathering 2010 in **FYR Macedonia and Albania**, 1st week in September 2010.

News from European Network of Rural Development (EN RD)

EN RD Coordination committee meeting on CAP 2020 Reform: 14. April 2010 in Brussels, Belgium.

EN RD Advisory Group meeting: 3. June 2010 in Brussels, Belgium.

3rd Leader Subcommittee meeting, 25 November 2009, Brussels, Belgium

Materials from the last Leader subcommittee meeting are available [here](#).

3rd meeting of the Coordination Committee

Materials from the meeting are available [here](#).

7th National Rural Networks Meeting

Materials from the meeting are available [here](#)

Transnational Cooperation Guidance on the EN RD website

New tools on the EN RD website include a Local Action Group (LAG) guide for Transnational Cooperation (TNC). [Read more](#)

Common Agricultural policy (CAP) 2020

Preparing the future of European agriculture

The common agricultural policy (CAP) is heading for another reform. Discussions on what the CAP should look like after 2013 have been underway for some time now. On 22 February, the Agriculture Council discussed "market and crisis management" in the future CAP. [More info](#)

CAP and climate change: agriculture can help slow global warming

Agriculture can help to slow climate change, but should be ready to adapt to the impact of global warming, said

Agriculture Committee MEPs and scientists. [Read more](#)

European Parliament workshop: *The Future of the Common Agriculture Policy after 2013*", Brussels, 10 November 2009

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Report to COMAGRI Meeting Emphasises the Need for Sustainable Production and a Fair Income for Farmers

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European Food Declaration: Towards a Healthy, Sustainable, Fair and Mutually Supportive CAP

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Other news, articles, reports

Report by MEP Stéphane Le Foll about how agriculture can provide solutions for the future

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How will farming in the EU be affected by climate change?

[Read](#)

Agriculture and Rural Development Day, Copenhagen, 12. December 2009

[Read more](#), [watch videos](#)

Amflora – a potato for industrial applications

In Europe, in the 2010 crop growing season a genetically modified potato can be cultivated. In this potato the composition of the starch has been altered so that it is better suited for certain industrial purposes. The Amflora potato was approved on 02.02.2010 by the EU Commission, 13 years after the first application for approval and after numerous scientific appraisals. [read more](#)

EVENTS

April

Exploring Innovations and Transgressions in Tourism Mobilities/Immobilities

14 - 18 April 2010. Washington DC, USA. [More info](#)

9th Meeting of the Council of Europe Workshops on the European Landscape Convention (CoE - ELC) on "Landscape, Infrastructure and Society"

15 -16 April 2010. Cordoba, Spain. [More info](#)

Conference: *Potentials for territorial cooperation with Western Balkans*

19 -20 April 2010, Maribor, Slovenia. [More info](#)

The second seminar of EN RD: *"Semi-Subsistence Farming - current situation and future prospects"*

21 to 23 April 2010. Sibiu, Romania. [More info](#)

2nd International Conference on Innovation for Sustainable Production

21-23 April 2010. Bruges, Belgium. [More info](#)

Sustainable Development in Lake Areas, 3rd workshop

21-25 April 2010. Bled and Bohinj at Triglav National Parc, Slovenia. [More info](#)

TTRA 2010. Health, wellness and tourism: healthy tourists, healthy business?

21 -23 April 2010. Budapest, Hungary. [More info](#)

Second Croatian Congress of Rural Tourism

21 – 25 April 2010, Mali Lošinj, Croatia. [More info](#)

11 th International Scientific Conference: Economic Science for rural development 2010

22 – 23 April 2010. Jelgava, Latvia. [More info](#)

International Conference on Sustainable Tourism: Issues, Debates & Challenges

22 - 25 April 2010, Crete & Santorini, Greece. [More info](#)

IAALD XIII World Congress

26 April 2010. Montpellier, France. [More info](#)

May

Swedish Rural Parliament

5 – 9 May 2010. Sunne, Sweden.

The international program includes presentations of local rural development projects, both in the form of travelling workshops and participating activities given at the conference site. [More info](#)

Inter-institutional Open Doors Day 2010: Regions of Europe - Europe of Regions

8 May 2010. Brussels, Belgium. [More info](#)

FAO-CSOs/NGOs: *Consultation for Europe and Central Asia concerning the challenges of agriculture and rural areas in the Europe and Central Asia Region*

10 - 11 May 2010. Yerevan , Armenia. [More info](#)

SURE (Sustainable Urban and Rural Europe) Conference

20 – 21 May. Krakow, Poland

4th meeting of the Leader subcommittee

20 May 2010. Brussels, Belgium. [More info](#)

Regions for Economic change: Building Sustainable Growth

20 – 21 May 2010. Brussels, Belgium. [More info](#)

Regional Responses to Global Shifts: Actors, Institutions and Organisations

24 – 26 May 2010. Pecs, Hungary.

June

Green Week Conference 2010

1 – 4 June 2010. Brussels, Belgium. [More info](#)

European Consortium for the Barcode of Life (ECBOL2)

2 – 4 June 2010. Braga, Portugal. [More info](#)

SAVE Energy, SAVE Water, SAVE the Planet

3 – 5 June 2010. Sofia, Bulgaria. [More info](#)

Conference: ***Beyond Indicators: Evaluating the Processes of EU Rural Development Policies***

15. June 2010. Brussels, Belgium.

The final conference of the RuDI project – Assessing the Impacts of Rural Development Policies (including LEADER) aims at providing insights into the process effects of the whole RD policy cycle, from design to evaluation, to the 60-80 participants expected. European policy makers, member states representatives, researchers and other key actors will be given an opportunity of networking and exchange of views on the project result's implications for future policy improvements. [More info](#)

The 9th Summer Academy on the theme of "Social Innovation and Sustainable Rural Development"

27th June to 4th July 2010. Karhulanvaara, Suomussalmi, Finland. [More info](#)

GRANTS AND TENDERS

European Commission, EuropeAid

Call for Proposals - IPA - Socio-Economic Partnership Programme

Deadline: 06 May 2010

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