

ERP2017 Gathering in Venhorst / NL

Programme:

The main venue of the ERP-2017 is community centre 'De Horst':
Sint Josephplein 14, 5428 GL Venhorst

Wednesday 18 October

"Come and meet your friends and make new ones"

	Arrivals, registration, familiarisation with the local area and host families
	Arrivals of delegations
	Shuttle service available
Afternoon / evening	Registration
	Meet your host families
	Meet your friends
	Mount displays in the Ideas Market
From 16.00	Explore the programme area
	Enjoy the 'Foodtruck-festival' on the square
19.00	Flag-parade on the square
	Transport to your accommodation

Curious what this day looked like?

Pictures are available: [Here!](#)

Thursday 19 October

"Make experiences become action"

	Welcome and exploration of Brabant
	Transport from outlying accommodation & registration
From 08.00	Coffee & tea and informal get-together
09.00-10.00	The Brabant story – from people to people, doing together
	Parliamentary Session
	Opening words and welcome
	Introducing the delegations
	The story of Brabant – inspiring you for the expeditions to come

- 10.30-17.00 [Expedition](#) time
[Choose your expedition](#): local economy, communities in action, services, water, nature...
- What ideas can I take home, are there messages for Europe, are there themes we can work on together at European level?
- Meet and discuss with local pioneers
- Lunch during expedition
- 17.00 – 18.00 Transport to and from outlying accommodation before supper
- 18.30 – 22.00 Relaxing time
 Shared supper organised by the people of Venhorst
- 18.30 – 20.00
 Snacks and sweets from across Europe
- 20.00 – 22.00 Special mass in Church
 Let's move – sports, dance, games...
- 20.00 – 21.00 Special program: ERP National and European partners meet
 from 22.00 Transport to outlying accommodation

Pictures of this day are available: [Here!](#)

Friday 20 October

“Let's work together for a sustainable ERP and invite others to join”

Sharing experiences and reflections from the ERP 2016-17 Campaign

- From 08.00 Transport from outlying accommodation & registration
- Coffee & tea and informal get-together
- 09.00 – 13.00 Thematic ERP activities and future steps**
- Parliamentary Session**
- The Rural Parliament begins
- The ERP achievements and impacts
- 09.00 – 10.45 Overview of the 3rd ERP – objectives and programme
 Introducing & motivating
- Reports from thematic work and discussion
- Tackling poverty and social exclusion in rural areas
 - Welcoming and integrating refugees and economic migrants

– Provision for youth in rural areas, and report from the 1st European Rural Youth Parliament

10.45 – 11.15 Sharing & debating
Coffee & tea break; exploring the 'Ideas Market'

Parliamentary Session

Introducing & motivating

Reports from thematic work

11.15 – 13.00

- The sustaining of rural services and infrastructure
- Strengthening local and sub regional economies
- Integrated rural development, and the role of LEADER and Community Led Local Development

Reports from National Rural Parliaments

Sharing and debating

Ideas market / Market of initiatives

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch break and exploring the '[Ideas Market](#)'

The '[Market of Initiatives](#)' – Tell your story

14.30 – 18.00 Pick your workshops, share your ideas and join the thematic work

14.30 – 16.00 Thematic [workshops](#) – choose from a variety of interesting [workshops](#)

16.00 – 16.30 Coffee & tea break; exploring the '[Ideas Market](#)'

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18.00 – ... Special program for Manifesto and Declaration teams

18.00 – 19.00 Time to fresh up for dinner

19.00 – ... Diner

From 21.00: Music and entertainment together with the local people

From 23.00 Transport to outlying accommodation

The pictures from this day of the ERP2017 are available: [Here!](#)

Saturday 21 October

“We are the voice – from people to people and Europe”

Looking ahead:

The well-being of rural Europe and the role of the European Rural Parliament

08.00 – 09.00 Transport from outlying accommodation

09.00 – 12.30 Going towards a sustainable, open network, together with EU

Parliamentary Session

European Union rural development policy and policies now and post 2021

- 09.00 – 10.30 Panel with EU-officials and NGO's: What policies, tools and action for rural Europe. What can EU and ERP do together?
- Discussion and conclusions
- 10.30 – 11.00 Coffee & tea break**
- 11.00 – 12.30 The future of our ERP: feeling of ownership, spirit of doing together, representativeness, political role. The role and tasks of ERP, future action programme and funding
- 12.30 – 13.30 Lunch Break**
- 13.30 – 15.00 Closing session and ceremony
Final Parliamentary Session
- 13.30 – 14.45 Reaffirmation and amendment of the European Rural Manifesto
- Discussion and adoption of the Venhorst Declaration
- 14.45 – 15.00 Closing ceremony with Brabant Guild and Flag Wavers
End of ERP 2017
Departure of participants
Possibility to visit the 'Dutch Design Week' in Eindhoven (shuttles available)

What all of this looked like can be seen: [Here!](#)