



European Rural Parliament 2015 Gathering to be held at Schärding, Upper Austria, 4 to 6 November 2015

Programme (as at 29 October 2015)

Tuesday 3 November

- afternoon/evening arrivals of participants who opt for field visits
- Reception/registration + dispersal to accommodation
- No communal catering offered

Wednesday 4 November

08.30 Formal greeting to field-visit participants

09.00-18.00 Field visits

Afternoon/evening arrival of other participants

Opportunity to mount displays in the 'Ideas market'

19.00 opening and shared supper in Marquee, Schärding town square

Thursday 5 November

from 08.00 Registration

09.00 Plenary session – Live streaming at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9jU2OuGxN4>

- Formal welcome by co-initiators and Austrian hosts
- Self introduction by national delegations
- Explanation of programme

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-12.30 First session of thematic workshops

(focused on the draft Manifesto and Report)

12.30-14.00 Lunch break and 'Ideas market'

14.00-15.30 Second session of thematic workshops

15.45-17.30 'Market of initiatives' + spontaneous group discussions

17.30 Short break in hotels

18.30 Buses leave to take participants to the Danube harbour in Passau

19.00-23.00 Danube cruise, with reception, dinner, music and entertainment

23.30 Back to the hotels



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Friday 6 November

09.00 Plenary session – Life streaming at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tnbeujTfAdU>

- Presentation of case studies
 1. Anahit Ghazanchyan, Country Director for Armenia of Heifer International, a dynamic leader of rural development in Armenia
 2. Boban Ilic, Secretary General of the Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group for South East Europe, which represents the governments of the Western Balkans and is a leading organisation in rural development in that region
 3. 3. Luis Chavez, Coordinator, MINHA TERRA, the Portuguese Federation of Local Development Association, whose national campaign for ERP 2015 included 170 local and regional meetings with a total of 3,800 rural people participating.
- Explanation of Manifesto and of post-Gathering action proposed by co-initiators

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-12.30 General discussion

12.30-14.00 Lunch break and 'Ideas market'

14.00-17.00 Plenary session Life streaming at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XkQsMXP7pgc>

- Line-by-line discussion and finalisation of the Manifesto
- Reactions by representatives of :
 - Government of Upper Austria
 - European Economic and Social Committee
 - European Network for Rural Development
 - Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, USA
- Commitments and closure

1800- 2000 Evening Informal gathering in the Marquee

Departures

Saturday 7 November

9.00-17.00 Optional guided field visits in the county of Schärding and historic town Passau



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