

Respected colleagues and local initiatives!

We invite all, who strive to improve the quality of life in local areas, to fill in the questionnaire on local initiatives (local economies) and contribute to the lowering of the negative effects of globalisation. **Strengthening local communities and encouraging co-operation among local initiatives can contribute to the improvement of the quality of life in all European countries.**

The aim of the research is to find out which are the **crucial drivers** facilitating the **creation of local initiatives (local economies)**. We also want to find out, which are the most important **effects of local initiatives (local economies)** in your area and how these effects **influence well-being** in different European countries.

The questionnaire has four parts. The first three parts address **economic, social, and individual drivers and effects** of local initiatives (local economies). In the fourth part of the questionnaire, we would like to find out more about the type and size of your local initiative (local economy). Based on the outcomes, we will design the **suggestions for the measures to improve the quality of life of local populations** in significant groups of countries. Through civil initiatives such as the European Rural Parliament, we will do our best to influence the opinion of decision-makers at all levels, involving regional, national and European institutions.

Your answers are precious because of the insufficient interlinkage between local initiatives. We do not have sufficient knowledge about the common effects of local efforts at the state level or at the European level. Official statistics does not care about local initiatives (local economies) and does not gather data at that level, therefore we need your cooperation.

Confidentiality and data protection is ensured. We ask for **10–15 minutes of your precious time** and guarantee the careful incorporation of your answers into the research. You and the targeted public will receive the results of the survey through the website: www.europeanruralparliament.org.

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Thank you for your cooperation!

Economic drivers		Evaluation / categories					Questions
		a	b	c	d	e	
SUPPLY	Local products	Totally unimportant	Unimportant	Neutral	Important	Very important	1.1.1. How important was the need to improve the supply with local products (accessibility, price, quality), when you entered the local initiative (local economy)?
	Employment	Totally unimportant	Unimportant	Neutral	Important	Very important	1.1.2. How important were prospects for employment or prospects for other gainful activities (work) when you entered the local initiative (local economy)?
	Income	Totally unimportant	Unimportant	Neutral	Important	Very important	1.1.3. How important were prospects to increase your income when you entered the local initiative (local economy)?
SERVICES	Accessibility of public services	Totally unimportant	Unimportant	Neutral	Important	Very important	1.2.1. How important was the worsening of the accessibility of public services (social services, administration services) in your decision to enter the local initiative (local economy)?
	Accessibility of private services	Totally unimportant	Unimportant	Neutral	Important	Very important	1.2.2. How important was the worsening of the accessibility of private services (crafts) in your decision to enter the local initiative (local economy)?
	Accessibility of stores	Totally unimportant	Unimportant	Neutral	Important	Very important	1.2.3. How important was the accessibility of stores for daily provision in your decision to enter the local initiative (local economy)?
		Totally unimportant	Unimportant	Neutral	Important	Very important	1.2.4. How important was accessibility of stores for weekly/monthly provision in your decision to enter the local initiative (local economy)?

Economic effects		Evaluation/categories					Questions
		a	b	c	d	e	
SUPPLY	Local products	Not important	Small	Neutral	Important	Very important	2.1.1. Describe the effects of the local initiative (local economy) on the quality of provision with local products.
	Employment	Negative	Neutral	Marginal	Evident	Very positive	2.1.2. Describe the influence of the local initiative (local economy) on the employment and other gainful activities (work).
	Income	Negative	Neutral	Marginal	Evident	Very positive	2.1.3. Describe the effects of the local initiative (local economy) on your income.
SERVICES	Accessibility of public services	Negative	Neutral	Marginal	Evident	Very positive	2.2.1. How has the local initiative (local economy), in which you take part influenced the accessibility of public services (social services, administration services)?
	Accessibility of private services	Negative	Neutral	Marginal	Evident	Very positive	2.2.2. How has the local initiative (local economy), in which you take part influenced the accessibility of private services (crafts)?
	Accessibility of stores	Negative	Neutral	Marginal	Evident	Very positive	2.2.3. Describe the influence of the local initiative (local economy) on the accessibility of goods for daily use.
		Negative	Neutral	Marginal	Evident	Very positive	2.2.4. Describe the influence of the local initiative (local economy) on the accessibility of goods for weekly/monthly use.

Social drivers		Evaluation / categories																				Questions					
		a					b					c					d										e
COOPERATION	Cooperation	None					Weak					Medium					Strong					Very strong					3.1.1. How strong was the need for co-operation for you to join/start the local initiative (local economy)?
	Trust	Village					Municipality					Region					State					Local economy					3.1.2. Describe the level of your trust in the following institutions when you entered the local initiative (local economy) (1 = very bad, 5 = very good):
		1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	
	Networking	None					Weak					Medium					Strong					Very strong					3.1.3. How strong was the need for co-operation with partners in the local area when you joined/started the local initiative (local economy)?
	Managing	Individual person					Group of supporters					Local community					State					Grants, subsidies					3.1.4. Who had the leading role in the creation of your local initiative (local economy)?
PARTICIPATION	(Co)decision making	Not important at all					Little important					Fairly important					Very important					Crucial					3.2.1. How important was the need to influence decisions about local issues in your joining/starting the local initiative (local economy)?
	Governance	Not important at all					Little important					Fairly important					Very important					Crucial					3.2.2. How important was the need for governance with local resources in your joining/starting the local initiative (local economy)?
	Implementation	Not important at all					Little important					Fairly important					Very important					Crucial					3.2.3. How strong was your need to implement your own ideas when you joined/started the local initiative (local economy)?

Social effects		Evaluation / categories					Questions
		a	b	c	d	e	
COOPERATION	Cooperation	Not important	Small	Neutral	Important	Very important	4.1.1. What are the effects of the local initiative (local economy) on cooperation in the local community?
	Trust	None	Weak	Medium	Strong	Very strong	4.1.2. Describe the level of trust in your local initiative (local economy).
	Networking	None	Weak	Medium	Strong	Very strong	4.1.3. What are the effects of the local initiative (local economy) on the integration of local partners?
	Managing	Not important	Small	Neutral	Important	Very important	4.1.4. How has the management of your local initiative (local economy) influenced the effectiveness of your local initiative (local economy)?
PARTICIPATION	(Co)decision making	Not important	Small	Neutral	Important	Very important	4.2.1. Describe the influence of the local initiative (local economy) on your involvement in the decision-making regarding local issues?
	Governance	Not important	Small	Neutral	Important	Very important	4.2.2. Describe the influence of the local initiative (local economy) on your involvement in local resource management?
	Implementation	Not important	Small	Neutral	Important	Very important	4.2.3. Describe how the local initiative (local economy) has influenced the implementation of your ideas?

Individual drivers		Evaluation/ categories																									Questions
		a					b					c					d					e					
IDENTITY	Pride	Village					Municipality					Region					State					Local economy					5.1.1. Describe how proud you are of the following entities (1 = not proud; 5 = very proud)
		1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	
	Belonging	Village					Municipality					Region					State					Local economy					5.1.2. Describe the level of your belonging to the following public domains (1 = very weak; 5 = very strong)
		1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	
	Autonomy	None					Weak					Medium					Strong					Very strong					5.1.3. How strong was the need for autonomy (self-sufficiency) in your decision to join/start the local initiative (local economy)?
KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION	Supportive environment	Negative					Neutral					Occasionally useful					Mainly useful					Substantially useful					5.2.1. Describe the role of supporting institutions (advisory services, development agencies etc.) in the creation of your local initiative (local economy).
	Qualifications	None					Renewal of general knowledge					Renewal of applicable knowledge					Gaining new knowledge					Certificate, qualification					5.2.2. What kind of knowledge did you expect from the local initiative (local economy)?
	Information	No influence					Very weak influence					Weak influence					Strong influence					Very strong influence					5.2.3. How strongly did the need for better information influence your decision to join/start the local initiative (local economy)?

Individual effects		Evaluation / categories					Questions
		a	b	c	d	e	
IDENTITY	Pride	Neutral	Occasionally proud	Often proud	Always proud	Extraordinary proud	6.1.1. How proud are you of your local initiative (local economy)?
	Belonging	No support	Occasional support	Frequent support	Constant support	Extraordinary support	6.1.2. Describe the level of your support of the local initiative (local economy).
	Autonomy	Does not contribute	Occasionally contributes	Often contributes	Usually contributes	Strongly contributes	6.1.3. How does the local initiative (local economy) is contribute to the autonomy (self-sufficiency) of the local community?
KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION	Supportive environment	No influence	Occasional influencing	Frequent influencing	Strong influence	Very strong influence	6.2.1. What is the influence of the local initiative (local economy) on the introduction of new knowledge(s) into the local area?
	Qualifications	Negative	Neutral	Weak	Positive	Very positive	6.2.2. What is the influence of supportive institutions (advisory services, development agencies etc.) on the quality of life in the local community?
	Information	No influence	Occasional influence	Frequent influencing	Strong influence	Very strong influence	6.2.3. Describe the influence of the local initiative (local economy) on the accessibility of information.

7. Information about the local initiative (local economy) and the responder

7.1. In which of the following local initiatives (local economies) are you involved?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Local action group	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transition town
<input type="checkbox"/>	Co-operative	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eco-village
<input type="checkbox"/>	Short supply chain	<input type="checkbox"/>	Local currency
<input type="checkbox"/>	Common gardening/farming	<input type="checkbox"/>	Living/energy community
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tourist destination	<input type="checkbox"/>	Others _____

7.2. The size of operation of your local initiative (local economy)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Local action group
<input type="checkbox"/>	Village	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sub-region
<input type="checkbox"/>	Municipality	<input type="checkbox"/>	Region
<input type="checkbox"/>	District	<input type="checkbox"/>	State

7.3. How many people are involved in your local initiative (local economy)?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Up to 20	<input type="checkbox"/>	From 20 to 100	<input type="checkbox"/>	More than 100
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7.4. How many organisations are involved in your local initiative (local economy)?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Up to 10	<input type="checkbox"/>	From 10 to 50	<input type="checkbox"/>	More than 50
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7.5. At which level is your local initiative (local economy) interlinked with other similar initiatives?

	None		Local		Regional		State		European
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7.6. What is your predominant role in the local initiative (local economy)?

	Initiator		User
	Coordinator/manager		Supporter
	Implementing activities		Sympathizer

7.7. Your age

	Less than 30		From 30 to 65		More than 65
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7.8. Your education

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7.9. Sex male female

7.10. State/country: _____

7.11. Name and surname (non-compulsory): _____

7.12. E-mail address (non-compulsory): _____