



Mid-Term Event

Wednesday October 27, 2021

Programme

Time CET	Session	Content	Speakers
10.00	Plenary 1	Welcome and introduction to the day	
		Progress since the 4th ERP 2019 Based on the outputs from the 4 th ERP in November 2019. Findings and subsequent actions at EU and national levels. Reports from the European Institutions and ERP Partners.	Moderator: Tom Jones OBE - President, European Rural Community Alliance, ERP Steering Group
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report from the European Institutions 	Mihail Dumitru - Deputy Director-General DG AGRI Wallis GOELEN - DG REGIO, Senior Adviser to the DDG
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report from the European Rural Parliament 	Goran Šoster - PREPARE Partnership for Rural Europe, ERP Marion Eckardt - ELARD European Leader Network for Rural Development, ERP
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report from the European Rural Youth Parliament 	Ardit Frroku - European Rural Youth Parliament
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report from ERP National Partners 	María José Murciano Sánchez - Spanish Network for Rural Development REDR Monika Slaninova - Slovak Rural Parliament VIPA SK Petri Rinne - Finnish Village Movement Association SYTY
		Q&A	
11.30	Coffee		
11.45	Plenary 2	The Changing Context Changes since 2019 which set a new context for rural areas	Moderator: Prof. Mark Shucksmith - Director of ERCA, Trustee of Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE), Newcastle University
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insights from research and innovation on future trends 	Alexia Rouby - DG AGRI Research and Innovation Unit
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covid-19 - implications for rural communities and policy 	Jose Enrique Garcilazo - Head of Regional and Rural Policy Unit, OECD
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate change - rural impacts, local action and policy 	Prof. David Miller - SHERPA Horizon Project, James Hutton Institute Scotland
		Q&A	
12.45	Lunch		

13.30	Breakouts	The Key Issues Thematic groups to identify key issues for the coming period	
		1. Climate change - communities as instruments of transition	Leader: Michael Dower - Dorset Climate Action Network, England Speaker: Davie Philip - ECOLISE Reporter: Ema Križanová - Slovak Rural Youth Parliament
		2. Localism - local empowerment and governance	Leader: Ben van Essen - Dutch Association of Small Towns and Villages Speakers: Lambert van Nistelrooij; Wiet van Meel, Netherlands Reporter: Artemis Pana - Scottish Rural Action
		3. Youth - role in local development and policy decisions	Leader: Tomáš Harant - European Rural Youth Parliament, LAG Naděje Speaker: Siobhan Gallagher - Rural Youth Europe Reporter: Leotrim Gërmizaj - Network of Organizations for Rural Development of Kosovo, PREPARE, ERP
		4. EU Neighbouring Countries - relationships with the EU	Leader: Petar Gjorgievski - Balkan Rural Development Network Speaker: Keith Harrison - Action with Communities in Rural Kent, ACRE Reporter: Evelina Azizaj - Albanian Network for Rural Development
		5. Digitisation - digital divide, just transition	Leader: Hartmut Berndt - BAG LAG, Germany Speaker: Philip Donner - Livantiira Village Society, Finland Reporter: Aleksandra Todorovska - Rural Development Network of RM
		6. Wellbeing economy - Circular economy	Leader: Virginja Setkiene - Lithuanian Rural Communities Union Reporter Anita Selicka - Latvian Rural Forum
		7. Tourism – benefits, impacts and community led solutions	Leader: Iro Tsimpri - Achaia Development Agency, Greece Reporter: Brendan Mulry - Irish Rural Link
14.45	Coffee		
	Plenary 3	Looking to the future Where are the new directions and how do we engage with these, including at the 2022 ERP?	Moderator: Goran Šoster - PREPARE Partnership for Rural Europe, ERP Steering Group
		Feedback from the Breakout Groups Feedback from National Rural Parliaments	Reporters from the Breakout Groups
		Q&A	
16.00	Plenary 4	Conclusions Main findings and next steps for ERP and its Partners	Moderator: Vanessa Halhead - European Rural Community Alliance, ERP Steering Group Tom Jones - President of ERCA Aris Adlers - President of PREPARE Marion Eckardt - President of ELARD
		Q&A	
16.45		Welcome to the 5 th ERP in Poland	Piotr Sadłocha - President of the Polish LAG Network
17.00	Depart		