

WHO is European Rural Parliament?



ERP co-initiating partners



RURAL PARLIAMENTS - at the national level

ERP PARTNER ORGANISATIONS - umbrella civil society organisations active in the rural areas

Equal partnership of pan-European civil society organisations, reaching to the all parts of the rural Europe, whereby the term Europe is considered to be far beyond the EU-27 (including the Western Balkan and Black Sea area).

Bottom – up principles

Grassroot reach

WHO is the civil society behind the ERP/RP?



RURAL PEOPLE – a broad social and intergenerational mix with DIFFERENT INTERESTS – rural conflict resolution

Sectors	Main focus
Public	Public interest, public goods, commons and welfare
Economic	Private interest, maximizing the individual benefits in the first three out of four economic sectors (primary, secondary, tertiary + conditionally quaternary sector)
Civil society	Rural communities, broad social involvement, wide diversity of interests, collective effort

WHAT are the recognized topics of the civil society through the lenses of the ERP/RP



ERP/RP lenses at the 6.ERP gathering in 2025:

1. **Repopulation** through community ownership and community enterprise
2. **Culture, heritage, arts and language** as vehicles for wellbeing and economic development
3. **Land management**: landscape- scale planning and making the most of limited rural land
4. **Mental health**: promoting wellbeing and tackling loneliness in rural places
5. **Community led tourism** as a force for good
6. **Enterprise ecosystems** and rural community wealth building
7. **Food security = community resilience**: links between agriculture, community and climate
8. **Climate change**: whole-community approaches
9. **Mobility**: rural transport and connectivity
10. **Blue economy**: the changing coast
11. **Energy futures**: communities leading the transition

Civil society's strategic demand for governments and institutions – a holistic perspective and participatory principle

- Recognizing the **challenges**
- Finding the **solutions**
- Defining the **enabling factors** that make these solutions possible
- Convincing **decision makers** to amplify these solutions
- Civil society demands accountability to ensure wider outreach and positive impact **TO KEEP**

RURAL AREAS VIBRANT

HOW civil society works through the ERP/RP?



Documents of ERP:

- ERP Manifesto
- Declarations: Venhorst, Candaz, Kielce, Inverurie
- Call to action. Opinions. Reports. Surveys. Letters. Presentations...

ERP Events:

- ERP Gatherings :

Brussels 2013, Schärding 2015, Venhorst 2017, Candaz 2019, Kielce 2022, Inverurie 2025

- ERP Mid-term (advocacy) **events** (with EESC)
- **RURAL PARLIAMENTS** at the national/regional level