



# **ELARD** and **LDnet** are pleased to invite you to the workshop:

# **Communities as change agents:** local development in the EU beyond 2020

10th October 2017, 14:30-17:00

Committee of the Regions, Van Maerlant, Room 1 Brussels, Belgium

As time draws closer to start preparing for the post-2020 period, this is a good moment to reflect on what CLLD (Community-Led Local Development) has achieved and how its application and delivery systems can be improved in the future.

## THIS WORKSHOP

- includes examples showcasing the impact of CLLD in different contexts (rural, urban, fisheries) and from different EU Member States, followed by a debate on how this approach can address key challenges through innovative multisector solutions.
- · combines practical experience of local actors with the broader views of networks and associations, researchers and experts, offering a bottom-up perspective complementing the DG AGRI workshop (ref 11C117) on "25 years of LEADER/CLLD".
- offers a further opportunity for exchanges between practitioners and researchers, e.g. on measuring impacts of CLLD.

The workshop will be followed by a networking event co-organised with the Regional Studies Association.

#### **PARTICIPANTS**

- EU, national, regional and local policy/decision makers
- Authorities managing and evaluating cohesion policy programs and projects
- Other stakeholders: private companies, financial institutions, European and national associations, including LAGs
- Academics, students and researchers

### **ORGANIZERS**

European LEADER Association for Rural Development (ELARD) Local Development Network - LDnet Association (Ldnet)

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