



Partnership for Rural Europe

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PREPARE Gathering 2013

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Bosnia and Herzegovina / Jahorina



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ABOUT PREPARE

PREPARE – Partnership for Rural Europe – aims to strengthen civil society and promote transnational cooperation in rural development, especially in the new member states, accession countries and the “new neighbour countries” of the enlarged European Union. An essential component of the PREPARE programme are multinational events – the “PREPARE Gatherings”.

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The PREPARE Gathering 2013 is a linked series of events in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which aim is to bring together representatives of civil society as well as public sector organisations, primarily from Central and South-Eastern Europe but also from EU member states. The main objectives are to:

- provide rural civil societies with an opportunity to discuss and express views on the current challenges of rural development in Europe and beyond it;
- create a space for exchanging experience and ideas, in particular to stimulate an exchange between rural actors from those Central and Eastern European countries which are already EU members, and those which are preparing for accession, especially from the South Eastern European region;
- promote dialogue between the public, private and NGO sectors and contribute to networking for sustainable rural development.

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 4 th September 2013	
14:00 – 17:00	Arrival of participants to Sarajevo / Jahorina Registration of participants
17:00 – 19:00	Greetings by organizing team Introduction into networking for sustainable rural development through best practices Members of PREPARE network and partner organisations presenting the cases of successful networking in rural areas
19:00 – 22:00	Dinner and knowing each other

Thursday, 5 th September 2013		
<p>Conference:</p> <p>Networking for Sustainable Rural Development</p>		
9:00 – 9:30	Introduction of guests with special attention to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minister of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina - Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management of Republika Srpska - Minister of Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry of Federation of BiH - Representative from European Commission - Representatives from European institutions and Networks - Others respected guests 	
9:30 – 11:00	Rural Networks in Europe	Speakers from: EU institutions, PREPARE, ELARD, ERCA – ERA, SWG and other transnational networks
11:00 – 11:30	Break	
11:30 – 13:00	Initiatives and projects for rural development in Bosnia and Herzegovina	Speakers from: ACED, REDAH, LAG UNA-SANA, CA NEŠTO VIŠE, LAG SEMBERIJA, other relevant initiatives from BiH
13:00	Press conference	For journalists only

13:00 – 15.00	Lunch	
Thematic Working Groups		
ENCOURAGING THE NETWORKING IN RURAL AREAS		
Participants attending in two of the following thematic working groups		
15:00 – 16:30	<p>TWG 1: Networking in the village</p> <p>TWG 2: Networking on the European level</p> <p>TWG 3: Networking across ethnicities</p> <p>TWG 4: Short food chains</p> <p>TWG 4: Public – private partnerships</p> <p>TWG 5: Financing the networking</p> <p>TWG 6: Youth in rural areas</p>	Each thematic working group has one moderator and one reporter, which stay in the same group, other participants change the TWG after the break
16:30 – 17:00	Break	
17:00 – 18:30	<p>TWG 1: Networking in the village</p> <p>TWG 2: Networking on the transnational level</p> <p>TWG 3: Networking across ethnicities</p> <p>TWG 4: Short food chains</p> <p>TWG 4: Public – private partnerships</p> <p>TWG 5: Financing the networking</p> <p>TWG 6: Youth in rural areas</p>	Parallel brainstorming and discussion in the thematic working groups
19:00 – 20:00	Dinner	
20:00 – 23:00	Networking through Olympic spirit: bowling, billiard, swimming, music & dancing, etc.	Relaxed networking activities upon the interest of participants

Friday, 6th September 2013

PREPARE TRAVELLING WORKSHOPS

Building social bridges

Study visits of small groups focusing on good practices in networking for sustainable rural development in Bosnia and Herzegovina – international exchange of experience with local initiatives

Travelling workshop – HERZEGOVINA

Jahorina – Konjic (Food chain association of farmers, Tito's bunker) – Mostar (old town, bridge with UNESCO protection) – Redah's center for rural development and agriculture (lunch, networking projects) – Čapljina (Nature park Hutovo blato, Ljubiški, waterfall Kravice, local networking) – Čitluk (dinner, meeting the members of emerging touristic cluster) – Jahorina

Travelling workshop – CENTRAL BOSNIA

Jahorina – Kiseljak – Fojnica (monastery and cheese production) – Visoko (Bosnian pyramids) – Vitez (lunch) – Etno village "Čardaci" (hydro-power station, water park) – Bugojno (Repro center of berries) – Travnik (home of Ivo Andrić - Nobel prize holder, Castle, dinner) – Jahorina

Travelling workshop – BIJEJLINA

Jahorina – Bijambar's rock (guided tour) – Bijeljina (Ethno village Stanišići, lunch) – Olovo – Crni vir – Sokolac (meeting with rural women's association and local action group, dinner) – Jahorina

Saturday, 7 th September 2013		
REPORTING AND CONCLUSIONS		
7:00 – 8:30	Breakfast	
8:30 – 10:30	Preparing the reports from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thematic working groups (5 groups) - Travelling workshops (3 groups) 	Moderators, reporters and all participants, split in the working groups
10:30 – 11:00	Break	
11:00 – 12:30	Plenary session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reports from Thematic working groups - Reports from Travelling workshops 	Presentations and discussion by all participants
12:30 – 13:00	Summary of PREPARE Gathering 2013	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
Afternoon	Departure of participants	