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2 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1

Participation: The event involved 2 956 citizens, from a multiple set of national events, on local, regional and national level. The total number of participants in all national campaigns reached the amount of 6 437 persons, but complete documentation has not been possible to obtain.

Short description: The aim of all the events was to form a simultaneous set of national campaigns – one in each partner country – in order to generate an ‘upward cascade of ideas’ which express the concerns and hopes of rural people in preparation for event number two – the European Rural Parliament in November in Austria.

The participants are broken down by country as follows:

77 participants from all over **Albania**,

Location / Dates: The event took place in Tirana, Albania, from 13/06/2015 to 30/06/2015

Short description: The aim of the event was to cascade ideas and collect inputs from rural people, from international and national organisations working in rural areas in Albania and from public institutions.

26 citizens totally from **Austria**,

including 1 participant from Attersee, 4 from Mühlviertel, 1 from Eferding, 3 from Innviertel, 2 from Salzkammergut, 1 from Hausruckviertel, 2 from Traunviertel, 1 from Linz, 1 from Vorarlberg, 1 from Lower Austria, 1 from Burgenland, 1 from Styria, 2 from Upper Austria, 1 from Salzburg, 1 from Carinthia and 1 from Tyrol.

Location / Dates: The events took place in St Florian and Salzburg, **Austria**, from 29/05/2015 to 10/06/2015

Short description: The aim of these events was to cascade ideas and collect inputs from LAG groups in Austria in preparation of the Gathering in Schärding.

199 participants from **Bulgaria**:

including 60 participants from the city of Sofia, 1 participant from the city of Chepelare, 1 participant from the city of Troyan, 1 participant from city of Nova Zagora, 1 participant from city of Kardjali, 3 participants from city of Haskovo, 2 participants from city of Pleven, 1 participant from city of Lukovit, 1 participant from the city of Breznik, 1 participant from the village of Biaga (Plovdiv region), 3 participants from the city of Plovdiv, 1 participant from the village of Smochevo (Blagoevgrad region), 1 participant from the city of Novi pazar, 1 participant from the city of Devnya, 1 participant from the city of Tetevan, 2 participants from the city of Kaspichan, 1 participant from the city of Aprilzi, 1 participant from the city of Popovo, 3 participants from the city of Kneja, 3 participants from the city of Smolyan, 1 participant from the city of Berkovitz, 1 participant from the city of Chiprovtsi, 1

participant from the city of Velingrad, 1 participant from the city of Burgas, 2 participants from the city of Kustendil, 1 participant from the city of Gurkovo, 1 participant from the city of Stara Zagora, 2 participants from the city of Chirpan, 2 participants from the city of Ardino, 2 participants from the city of Kardjali, 2 participants from the city of Lovech, 2 participants from the city of Kaspichan, 2 participants from the city of Pleven, 29 participants from the city of Godech, 1 participant from the city of Ivailovgrad and in the **On-line and face to face questionnaire** 61 citizens, from all over Bulgaria.

Location / Dates: The event **Young people and rural areas** took place in Sofia, Bulgaria, from 29/04/2015 to 29/04/2015

The event **Traditional practice of seasonal grazing in nature parks** took place in Sofia, Bulgaria, from 29/04/2015 to 29/04/2015

The event **Sharing good practices of the local development strategies** took place in Sofia, Bulgaria, from 16/06/2015 to 16/06/2015

The event **Sharing best practices in ECOFEST Green ideas in Action** took place in Uzana (Gabrovo region), Bulgaria, from 24/07/2015 to 24/07/2015

The event **Training volunteers for nature-friendly management** took place in Godech, Bulgaria, from 30/04/2015 to 30/04/2015

The event **ECOFEST Green ideas in Action** took place in Uzana (Gabrovo region), Bulgaria, from 25/07/2015 to 25/07/2015.

The event **Meeting of the partnership group** took place in Godech, Bulgaria, from 17/07/2015 to 17/07/2015.

Short description: The aim of the event **Young people and rural areas** was to explore the possibilities to support the traditional grazing in the 11 natural parks in Bulgaria through Agri-environment and climate measure of the Bulgarian rural development programme

The aim of the event **Traditional practice of seasonal grazing in nature parks** was discussing the role of the young people for the development of rural areas in Bulgaria. The event was organized by the National rural network in Bulgaria

The aim of the event **Sharing good practices of the local development strategies** was share the experiences of the implemented project of the Local action groups in Bulgaria

The aim of the event **Sharing best practices in ECOFEST Green ideas in Action** was share the best practices of the local action groups and to brainstorm the ideas for the ERP campaign

The aim of the event **Training volunteers for nature-friendly management** was to train volunteers for the nature friendly grassland management practices

The aim of the event **ECOFEST Green ideas in Action** was presenting the ERP cascade of ideas and gathering ideas

The aim of the event **Meeting of the partnership group** was gathering ideas for the ERP

212 citizens totally, including 202 participants from all over Croatia, 3 participants from Slovenia, 1 participant from Italy, 3 participants from Czech Republic, 2 participants from Sweden and 1 participant from Serbia.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Zagreb, Croatia, from 16/04/2015 to 18/04/2015

Short description: The aim of the event was to perform the first Croatian Rural Parliament in order to exchange information, opinions and good practices, shared thematic reflection on the future of rural areas in the Croatia through rural café (world café) and thematic workshops.

109 citizens from all over Cyprus,

Location / Dates: The event took place in the House of Representatives, Nicosia, Cyprus, from 26/06/2015 to 26/05/2015

Short description: The aim of the event was to implement a Cypriot Rural Parliament

155 participants from all over Czech Republic, including all 13 rural regions, representatives of local NNO, municipalities, LAGs, entrepreneurs,

Location / Dates: The events took place in Zábřeh, Pardubice, České Budějovice, Náchod, Czech Republic, from 10/03/2015 to 30/08/2015

Short description: The aim of those events was first to indicate topics for ERP and way to gather people to discuss them (Zábřeh, 10/3/2015). The main topics were indicated on the base of outputs from last four National Conference of Rural areas (held annually and organized by National network

of LAGs). The conference includes several workshops on actual topics, average number of participant – three hundreds). On the second meeting preliminary topics were specified and prepared for discussions within the following meeting of partners in the frame of LEADERfest (held in Náchov 18-19/6/2015). The last event was focused on recapitulation of outputs from LEADERfest (meeting local partners) and the procedure of finalisation the outputs for the purpose of ERP in Scharding.

43 citizens from all over **Denmark**,

Location / Dates: The events took place in as an on-line questionnaire and a meeting in **Bornholm**, Denmark, from **01/04/2015** to **14/06/2015**

Short description: The aim of the events was to meet villages, organizations, public and private partners as well as political counterparts in an open debate about the challenges and potentials in the rural areas.

16 citizens from all over **England**,

Location / Dates: The events took place in **Cirencester**, Gloucestershire, and **Narberth**, Pembrokeshire, England, from **12/10/2015** to **12/10/2015**

Short description: The aim of the events was to **collect ideas and propositions for the European Rural Parliament**.

237 citizens from all over **Estonia**

Location / Dates: The events took place in **Tallin**, **Vigala**, **Tartu** and **Särevere**, Estonia, from **26/03/2015** to **09/08/2015**

Short description: The aim of the three first events was to collect ideas related with the Cascade of ideas and the last one was the Estonian Rural Parliament in itself.

158 citizens from all over **Finland**,

Location / Dates: The event took place in Helsinki, Kumenlaakso, Inkoo, Uusima, Pirkaanma, Ostrobotnia, Vihti and Karelien, **Finland**, from **21/04/2015** to **17/06/2015**

Short description: The aim of the regional discussions and seminars was to collect ideas for the second European Rural Parliament.

14 citizens from Brandenburg, **Germany**,

Location / Dates: The event took place in **Wulkow**, Brandenburg, Germany, from **15/06/2015** to **15/06/2015**

Short description: The aim of the regional event was to collect ideas and make preparations for the second European Rural Parliament.

40 citizens from all over **Hungary**

Location / Dates: The events took place in **Zalamerenye**, **Budapest** and **Hernadkercs**, Hungary, from **20/03/2015** to **14/07/2015**

Short description: The aim of these four ERP campaign forums during the summer 2015. After preparatory meeting of the established taskforce the forums were organized with contribution of members of the former Hungarian Rural Parliament Association.

158 citizens from all over **Ireland**,

Location / Dates: The events took place in **Newross**, **Wetmeath** and **Castlebar**, Ireland, from **27/02/2015** to **09/04/2015**

Short description: The aim of the events was to advance policies based on community rural sustainability. It continually seeks to prioritize the interest of rural people and their communities, who are disadvantaged because of poor access to basic services. One of those services is clearly health/isolation.

166 citizens totally, including 161 participants from all over **Latvia**, 1 participant from Sweden, 3 citizens from Estonia, 1 participant from FYROM, Macedonia,

Location / Dates: The event took place in **Ligatne**, Latvia, from **03/06/2015** to **05/06/2015**

Short description: The aim of the event was to arrange the Latvian Rural Parliament, to accomplish the creation of precondition for development of small towns and rural area.

156 citizens totally, including 152 participants from all over **Lithuania**, 2 participants from Sweden.

Location / Dates: The events took place in **Kaunas**, **Akademija** (Kaunas region), **Skemiai** (Radviliskio county) and **Vieciunai** (Druskininkai,) Lithuania, from **22/04/2015** to **22/10/2015**

Short description: The aims of these events was a traveling workshop and youth problems in rural areas; rural parliament session working on social exclusion, social enterprise and etc.; to discuss about leadership in rural communities and entrepreneurship **in rural communities**.

185 participants from all over the Former Republic of Macedonia (**FYROM**),

Location / Dates: The 4 events took place in Skopje, Macedonia, from 06/03/2015 to 04/06/2015

Short description: The aim of these events was to collect ideas for the National Campaign for ERP through meetings with focus groups, and interviews. The gathered ideas were processed and compared with the rest of the collected information.

20 citizens totally, including 18 participants from all over **Montenegro**, 2 participants from Serbia.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Nikšić, Montenegro, from 27/03/2015 to 27/03/2015

Short description: The event was a workshop. The national campaign was carried out by the MRRCG thereby aiming to collect the quality information about the state and needs of the rural stakeholders in Montenegro

126 citizens from all regions of **Northern Ireland**, including 19 participants from Ireland, 20 participants from England,

Location / Dates: The event took place in Cookstown, County Tyrone, Northern Ireland, from 18/06/2015 to 18/06/2015

Short description: The aim of the event and the questionnaire was to collect ideas on rural development from all regions in Northern Ireland. Aspirations that rural citizens continue to develop, were appreciation and understanding of the environment and develop their communities in a sustainable way, to safeguard their areas for future generations.

138 participants from different regions in **Poland**.

Location / Dates: The events took place in Maróz and Wdzydze Kiszdewskie, Poland, from 23/05/2015 to 17/06/2015

Short description: The aim of the events was to collect ideas in national campaigning for the ERP in Austria.

182 citizens from all over **Portugal**,

Location / Dates: The events took place in different places in Portugal, from 11/05/2015 to 15/05/2015

Short description: The aim of the events was to identify problems and aspirations from rural people. was preparing rural development work, facilities and roads, increased capacities.

34 citizens from different regions in **Serbia**

Location / Dates: The event took place in Vrnjachka Banja, Serbia, from 10/07/2015 to 10/07/2015

Short description: The aim of the event was to define final conclusions and recommendation about rural development of Serbia in coming Programme period.

137 citizens totally, including 135 participants from different regions in **Slovakia**, 1 participant from England and 1 participant from Italy.

Location / Dates: The events took place in Krupine and Bratislava, Slovakia from 26/02/2015 to 26/06/2015

Short description: The aim of these events was to collect ideas from rural people on issues that they are concerned of and also a special target meeting was to focus on young peoples expectations and needs.

257 citizens totally, including 253 participants from different regions in **Slovenia**, 1 participant from Estonia, 1 participant from Sweden, 1 participant from the Netherlands and 1 participant from Belgium.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Podčetrtek, Slovenia from 07/10/2015 to 08/10/2015

Short description: The aim of the event was the 3rd Slovenian rural parliament, different interests of rural areas, deriving from organisations that are a part of the non-governmental sector, the governmental sector and the private economic sector. In the intent of engaging a balanced dialogue to discuss the issues and opportunities pertaining to rural areas and to help improving the conditions for living and working in the mentioned areas by exchanging opinions and standpoints.

24 citizens from different regions in **Spain**,

Location / Dates: The event took place in Madrid, Spain, from 25/06/2015 to 25/06/2015

Short description: The aim of the event was to summarize a national report for the ERP campaign based on following topics; increase accessibility to basic services, promote entrepreneurship and provide tax incentives, positive discrimination to rural dwellers.

109 citizens from **Sweden**, including 7 participants from Hudiksvall, 7 participants from Eslöv, 10 participants from Sollerön, 7 participants from the region of Norrbotten, 7 participants from the region of Västernorrland, 6 participants from the region of Östergötland, 20 participants from the region of

Stockholm, 11 participants from the region of Uppsala, 7 participants from the region of Örebro, 12 participants from the county of Hälsingland and the rest from unspecified places in Sweden

Location / Dates: The events took place in Fjugesta, Rimforsa, Boden, Timrå, Hudiksvall, Sollerön, Östhammar, Bollnäs, Gävle, Sweden, from 06/03/2015 to 01/06/2015

Short description: The aim of these events was to collect ideas from rural people within the national organisation Hela Sverige ska leve but also from other rural citizens. It took the form both of a questionnaire on-line and face-to-face meetings.

Event 2

Participation: The event involved totally 246 participants, but **232 citizens** belonging to the partner countries are counted below :

3 citizens from Tirana, **Albania**,

48 citizens from all over **Austria**, including 13 citizens from Weibern, 1 citizen from Sauwald-Pramtal, 1 citizen from Eferding, 1 citizen from Kitzbuhler Alps, 3 citizens from Upper Austria, 1 citizen from Lewel Wels Land, 1 citizen from Vienna, 1 citizens from Kitzbühl, 1 citizens rom Salzkammergut, 2 citizens from Mühlviertler Kernland, 23 participants from Schärding,

3 citizens from Bruxelles, **Belgium**,

4 citizens from Sofia, **Bulgaria**,

6 citizens, including 5 citizens from Zagreb, 1 from Gorski Kotar, **Croatia**,

7 citizens from Nicosia, **Cyprus**,

11 citizens, including 10 citizens from Hanušovice, 1 citizen from Královská stezka o.p.s., **Czech Republic**,

3 citizens from Egtved, **Denmark**,

7 citizens, including 1 citizen from Cumbria, 1 citizen from Leicestershire and Rutland, 5 citizens from Gloucestershire, **England, United Kingdom**,

6 citizens, including 5 citizens from Tallinn, 1 citizen from Harjumaa, **Estonia**,

8 citizens, including 1 citizen from Vasa, 5 citizens from Helsinki, 1 citizen from Nurmijärvi, 1 citizen from Pärnio, **Finland**,

12 citizens, including 8 citizens from Berlin, 1 citizen from Saschen, 3 citizens from Brandenburg, **Germany**,

5 citizens, including 1 citizen from Athens, 4 citizens from Kalavryta, Achaia, **Greece**,

9 citizens, including 8 citizens from Miskolc, 1 citizen from Carpathian, **Hungary**,

7 citizens, including 1 citizen from Moate, County Meath, 5 citizens from Dublin, 1 citizen from Wexford, **Ireland**,

6 citizens from Riga, **Latvia**,

5 citizens, including 4 citizens from Kaunas, 1 citizen from Suduvan, **Lithuania**,

7 citizens, including 1 citizen from Pehchevo, 6 citizens from Skopje, **FYROM, Macedonia**,

3 citizens from Wijster, **Netherlands**,

4 citizens from Cookstown, Co Tyrone, **Northern Ireland, United Kingdom**,

6 citizens from Warczawa, **Poland**,

4 citizens from Lisboa, **Portugal**,

6 citizens from Bucharest, **Romania**,

9 citizens from Kraljevo, **Serbia**,

9 citizens from Banská Bystrica, **Slovakia**,

6 citizens from Ljutomer, **Slovenia**,

3 citizens from Madrid, **Spain**,

11 citizens, including 2 citizens from Jönköping, 2 citizens from Hudiksvall, 1 citizen from Kinda, 1 citizen from Uppsala, 1 citizen from Sollerön, 1 citizen from Gävle, 1 citizen from Kalix, 1 citizen from Tierp, 1 citizen from Wilhelmina, **Sweden**.

Location / Dates: The event took place in Schärding, Austria, from 4/11/2015 to 6/11/2015

Short description: The aim of the event was the big Gathering, the second European Rural Parliament, aiming at strengthening of networks at national and European level. The European Rural Parliament itself, as the climax of the project, was a 'public space' at which a multiplicity of local issues and perspectives were discussed and debated in a European context and from a European standpoint. To enable the voice of the rural people of Europe to be heard at European level, and ensure that the interests of rural communities are reflected in national and European policies