



SECOND CROATIAN RURAL PARLIAMENT

Integral development through cooperation

20 - 22 April 2017

Sveti Martin na Muri | MEĐIMURJE region

At the **Rural Parliament**, the inhabitants of rural areas have an opportunity to influence rural development policies and their implementation, as well as to strengthen ties and partnerships.

The goal of the national rural parliament is to hear and consider the **voice of rural communities**.

The Rural Parliament model initiated in Croatia involves **active participation of the rural stakeholders** over the course of several days, through different participatory models: thematic workshops, world café/rural café method, round tables with decision-makers, presenting good practices and active experience exchange.

The topic of the **Second Croatian Rural Parliament** is the question of **cooperation as a prerequisite for integral development**. Cooperation here implies cooperation among rural community stakeholders, cooperation with the public administration and the business sector, interdisciplinary cooperation, primarily with research and academic communities and cooperated sharing of experiences as well as learning from good practices.

Organizers:



Croatian Rural Development Network



LAG The Valleys and Hills of Medjimurje



Sveti Martin na Muri Municipality



Lifeclass terme Sveti Martin



Medjimurje County

Host:

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Day 1 | THURSDAY, 20 April 2017

- 10.00 - 11.00 *Participant registration*
- 11.00 – 13.00 **Rural chat** | Plenary session
- Introductory speeches
- Working methods introduction
- Retrospection on the past 2 years between 2 rural parliaments
- 13.30 – 15.00 *Lunch*
- 15.00 – 17.00 **Rural café**
Work in small groups based on the principle of World Café
Themes:
RC1. Community development with the bottom-up approach (LEADER/CLLD)
RC2. Innovative approach to the community
RC3. Innovative approaches in agriculture
RC4. Innovative forms of rural tourism
RC5. “Zero kilometres” concept: local food on the local table
RC6. Social entrepreneurship – community before profit
RC7. Heritage and identity of rural areas as a starting point for development
- Simultaneously:* poster session Interdisciplinary cooperation towards better quality of life in rural areas
- 17.00 – 19.00 **Croatian rural area**
Presenting Croatian rural area
- 19.30 **Rural banquet**
Presentation of the Croatian rural gastronomy

All events, excluding thematic workshops, are held at the LifeClass terme Sveti Martin, Izvorska 3, Sveti Martin na Muri. Locations of thematic workshops: Sv. Urban (Štrigova), Sv. Martin na Muri, Donji Kraljevec, Zasadbreg (Sv. Juraj na Bregu), Jurovčak (Sv. Martin na Muri), Lopatinec (Sv. Juraj na Bregu), Mursko Središće, Dragoslavec (Gornji Mihaljevec).

Day 2 | FRIDAY, 21 April 2017

- 09.00 – 10.00 **Introduction to thematic workshops**
- 10.00 – 12.00 **Panel discussion**
Discussion with the representatives of the Government, the Parliament, ministries, members of the European Parliament and members and representatives of international networks
- 12.00 – 18.30 **Thematic workshops**
(work in small groups in different locations in Međimurje)
- TW1.** Community development through the bottom-up approach (LEADER/CLLD)
TW2. Innovative approach to the community
TW3. Innovative approaches in agriculture
TW4. Innovative forms of rural tourism
TW5. “Zero kilometres” concept: local food on the local table
TW6. Social entrepreneurship – community before profit
TW7. Heritage and identity of rural areas as a starting point for development
TW8. Successful models of financing and implementation of rural projects
TW9. Sustainable spatial planning as a prerequisite for rural development
- 20.00 **Međimurska dinner**
Međimurje culinary offer

Day 3 | SATURDAY, 22 April 2017

- 09.00 – 10.00 **Presentation of thematic workshops' results**
- 10.00 – 11.00 **Conclusions and adopting the Declaration of the 2nd Croatian Rural Parliament**
- 11.00 – 12.00 **Media Conference**
- 12.00 **Međimurje at your fingertips** | Optional activity
Sightseeing tour of Međimurje region