



1st Albanian Rural Parliament

*Under the Auspices of the Speaker of Albanian Parliament,
Mr. Gramoz Ruçi*

28-30 September 2017

Tirana, Albania

PROGRAMME

Day 1 | Thursday, 28 September 2017

Venue: Agricultural University of Tirana

09.00	Arrival of the delegates & Registration of participants Welcoming coffee
10.00	Introductory note Evelina Azizaj, National Coordinator of the Albanian Network for Rural Development
	Welcoming & Greetings Prof. Dr. Bahri Musabelliu, Rector of the Agricultural University of Tirana Niko Peleshi, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Marius Lazdinis, Deputy Head of Unit, Pre-accession assistance, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission Maren Kneller, Head of Development Cooperation, German Embassy Kirsten Birke Lund, Representative of the Steering Committee of European Rural Parliament Andi Seferi, Deputy Mayor of Tirana
10.30-12.30	PLENARY SESSION: Current debate on rural development. Key challenges and emerging issues <i>Moderator: Drini Imami</i> Sotirag Hroni, Board Chairman of the Albanian Network for Rural Development Marius Lazdinis, Deputy Head of Unit, Pre-accession assistance, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission Prof. Dr. Fatbardh Sallaku, Dean of the Agricultural University of Tirana Senior representative of Department of Strategy and Donor Coordination at the Albanian Council of Ministers Alina Cunk Perklič, Senior Representative of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, Head of Coordinating committee for CLLD/LEADER, Slovenia

Dott. Carlo Ricci, Independent Expert

Goran Soster, Representative of PREPARE aisbl - Partnership for Rural Europe

Building A, 1st Floor, "Behar Male" Room

Questions and discussions

12.30 LUNCH

14.00 Simultaneous Thematic Workshops – a multi-stakeholder approach of rural development

Building B, 3rd Floor

<p>Thematic Workshop 1 Value chains for rural development in Albanian local territories</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <p>Drini Imami, Agricultural University of Tirana Senior representative of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development Alban Zusi, Expert, Albanian Export Center Josif Gorea, Agriculture trader Vaip Salkurti, Agro-processor</p> <p>Moderator: Remzi Keco Rapporteur: Shpresim Domi <i>(Room: 304B)</i></p>	<p>Thematic Workshop 2 The role of academia and research institutions in evidence based rural policy making</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <p>Engjell Skreli, Agricultural University of Tirana Senior representative of Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development Enver Isufi, Biological Agriculture Institute Geron Kamberi, Agency for Research, Technology and Innovation Flamur Thaçi, Deputy Mayor, Has Municipality</p> <p>Moderator: Rezart Postoli Rapporteur: Amalia Tola <i>(Room: 305B)</i></p>	<p>Thematic Workshop 3 The role of civil society in rural development & social inclusion of rural communities</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <p>Etleva Dashi, Agricultural University of Tirana Erisa Cela, UN Women representative Andi Kananaj, Agency for the Support of Civil Society Matej Stepec, RDN, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, Slovenia Majlinda Hoxha, Agritra Vision, Diber Elma Tershana, Youth Voice Initiative</p> <p>Moderator: Tatjana Dishnica Rapporteur: Gentian Mehmeti <i>(Room: 306B)</i></p>
<p>Thematic Workshop 4 Family Farming : solutions for sustainable rural livelihoods and more equitable development</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <p>Fatmir Guri, Agricultural University of Tirana Berthold Wohlleber, Senior Advisor, GIZ-SARED project (tbc) Arben Kipi, FAO representative Tomi Pikuli, AgriNET Viktor Malutaj, AgroPuka</p> <p>Moderator: Prof.Dr. Bahri Musabelliu Rapporteur: Orion Xhoxhi <i>(Room: 307B)</i></p>	<p>Thematic Workshop 5 Diversification of local economy (Rural entrepreneurship, agro-tourism, slow food etc.– challenges and opportunities)</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <p>Edvin Zhllima, Agricultural University of Tirana Enea Hoti, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development Ardit Collaku, National Tourism Agency Pier Paolo Ambrosi, Slow food movement Jonel Kristo, Tourism Investment and Finance Fund Petrit Dobi, Rural Association Support Programme</p> <p>Moderator: Natasha Hodaj Rapporteur: Ledia Thoma <i>(Room: 308B)</i></p>	<p>Thematic Workshop 6 Endogenous, bottom up and participatory local development</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <p>Sotiraq Hroni, Chairman, ANRD Roland Bardhi, Project manager, MADA (Mountainous areas development Agency) Shefqet Bruka, Senior Expert, Institute for Democracy and Mediation Mirjeta Gjongecaj, LAG Bjeshket e Nemuna Anila Boshnjaku, Representative of WWF Adria in Albania</p> <p>Moderator: Jetona Myteveli, Rapporteur: Viola Bogdani <i>(Room: 309B)</i></p>

15:30 *Coffee break*

16:00-17:30 **Know-how transfer and sharing experiences on LEADER LAGs - a stepping stone to LEADER implementation in Albania**

(Round 1)

6 simultaneous workshops with international LEADER experts and LAGs managers /
(Participants will be exposed to best practices from Italy, Croatia, Serbia, Slovenia and Germany)

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LEADER LAG Workshop 4: LAG Prlekija, SLOVENIA Moderator: Goran Soster <i>(Room: 307B)</i>	LEADER LAG Workshop 5: LAG Izvor, CROATIA Moderator: Matija Zamljačanec <i>(Room: 308B)</i>	LEADER LAG Workshop 6: LAG Deliblatska Peščara LAG 321 Čoka, SERBIA Moderator: Ivana Stefanović & Boris Ilic <i>(Room: 309B)</i>

19.30 **Dinner and non-formal NETWORKING**

DAY 2 | Friday, 29 September 2017

Venue: Agricultural University of Tirana

09.30 **Registration of Participants**

10.00 **Plenary session:**

AICS Senior Representative's address

AICS (Italian Agency for Development Cooperation) support to local economic and social development through bottom-up approach and LEADER-like initiatives

Presentations of the six thematic workshops' results

Building A, 1st Floor, "Behar Male" Room

11.15 *Coffee break*

11.45 **Know-how transfer and sharing experiences on LEADER LAGs - a stepping stone to LEADER implementation in Albania**

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(The second round of workshops will aim to create opportunities for active interaction between participants and LEADER LAG experts in order to engage the audience in a positive feedback loop system, where best shared experiences will motivate participants to embark on concrete local LEADER initiatives).

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13.30 LUNCH

14.30-17:00 **Four simultaneous WORKING GROUPS** – regional and local actors initiate discussions with regard to Leader/CLLD implementation according to the four regional management areas

Local nucleus, territorial potentials and cohesiveness of the area – Participants will be divided in four working groups according to the four regional management areas:

Building B, 3rd Floor

WG1. Regional Development Area 1 (Shkoder-Kukes-Lezhe) Moderator: Roland Bardhi (Room: 305B)	WG2. Regional Development Area 2 (Tirana-Durres- Diber) Moderator: Shefqet Bruka (Room: 306B)
WG3. Regional Development Area 3 (Korce-Elbasan-Berat) Moderator: Petrit Dobi (Room: 307B)	WG4. Regional Development Area 4 (Vlore-Fier-Gjirokaster) Moderator: Evelina Azizaj (Room: 308B)

15.30 Coffee break

16.00

17.00-17.30 **Finalizing the first Albanian Rural Parliament DECLARATION**

Working group: representatives of ANRD and AUT

19.30 Dinner and non-formal NETWORKING

DAY 3 | Saturday, 30 September 2017

Venue: Albanian Parliament

Concluding remarks

10.00

Opening remarks

Gramoz Ruci, Speaker of the Albanian Parliament

Evelina Azizaj, National Coordinator of the Albanian Network for Rural Development
DECLARATION of the first Albanian Rural Parliament 2017, read by Martina Dedaj, representative of “The Spirit of Kelmend” consortium
Student of the Agricultural University of Tirana
Vasillaq Nikolla, representative of “Pro Permet” consortium
Almira Xhembulla, Member of the Albanian Parliament; on behalf of the “Friends of Rural Parliament” Group

10:45

Key MESSAGES

Niko Peleshi, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development
Romana Vlahutin, Head of European Union Delegation to Albania
Edi Rama – Prime Minister (tbc)

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