



1st Albanian Rural Parliament

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

28-30 September 2017
Tirana, Albania

Draft PROGRAMME

Day 1 | Thursday, 28 September 2017

Venue: Agricultural University of Tirana

09.00 Arrival of the delegates & Registration of participants
Welcoming coffee

Introductory note

10.00 Evelina Azizaj, National Coordinator of Albanian Network for Rural Development

Welcoming & Greetings

Prof. Dr. Bahri Musabelliu, Rector of Agricultural University of Tirana

Niko Peleshi, Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Water Administration (tbc)

Yngve Engström, Head of Cooperation, European Union Delegation to Albania (tbc)

Kirsten Birke Lund, Representative of the Steering Committee of European Rural Parliament

Erion Veliaj, Mayor of Tirana

10.30 **PLENARY SESSION: Current debate on rural development. Key challenges and**
12.30 **emerging issues**

Sotirag Hroni, Board Chairman of 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 Agricultural University of Tirana

Senior representative of Department of Strategy and Donor Coordination at the Albanian Council of Ministers

Alina Cunk Periklić, 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

Questions and discussions

12.30 LUNCH

4.00 **Simultaneous thematic workshops** - A multi-stakeholder approach of rural development

Thematic Workshop 1 Value chains for rural development in Albanian local territories	Thematic Workshop 2 The role of academia and research institutions in evidence based rural policy making	Thematic Workshop 3 The role of civil society in rural development & social inclusion of rural communities
Thematic Workshop 4 Family Farming : solutions for sustainable rural livelihoods and more equitable development	Thematic Workshop 5 Diversification of local economy (Rural en Diversification of local economy (Rural entrepreneurship, agro-tourism, slow food etc.– challenges and opportunities)	Thematic Workshop 6 Endogenous, bottom up and participatory local development

15:30 *Coffee break will be served separately in each of the workshop*

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 mangers

(Participants will be exposed to best practices from Croatia, Italia, Serbia and Slovenia)

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	<p>Plenary session: AICS Senior Representative's address <i>AICS (Italian Agency for Development Cooperation) support to local economic and social development through bottom-up approach and LEADER-like initiatives</i></p> <p>Presentations of the six thematic workshops' results</p>
11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30	<p>Know-how transfer and sharing experiences on LEADER LAGs - a stepping stone to LEADER implementation in Albania (Round 2) 6 simultaneous workshops with international LEADER experts and LAGs managers</p> <p><i>(The second round of workshops will aim to create opportunities for active interaction between participants and LAG/LEADER experts in order engage the audience in a positive feedback loop system, where best shared experiences will motivate participants to embark on concrete local LEADER initiatives).</i></p>
13.30	LUNCH
14.30	<p>Four simultaneous WORKING GROUPS – regional and local actors initiate discussions with regard to Leader/CLLD implementation according the four regional management areas <i>Local nucleus, territorial potentials and cohesiveness of the area – Participants will be divided in four working groups according to the four regional management areas:</i></p> <p><i>WG1. Regional Development Area 1 (Shkoder-Kukes-Lezhe)</i> <i>WG2. Regional Development Area 2 (Tirana, Durres, Diber)</i> <i>WG3. Regional Development Area 3 (Korce-Elbasan-Berat)</i> <i>WG4. Regional Development Area 4 (Vlore-Fier-Gjirokaster)</i></p>
15.15 15.30	<i>Coffee break will be served separately in each of the workshop</i>
17.00 - 17:30	<p>Wrap up <u>Finalizing the ARP Declaration</u> Working group: representatives of ANRD&AUT</p>
19.30	Dinner and non formal networking

DAY 3 | Saturday, 30 September 2017

Venue: Albanian Parliament

Concluding Remarks

10.00

Key messages from government senior representatives to farmers and grassroots organizations

Speaker of the Parliament/or Head of Productive Activity, Trade and Environment Committee at Albanian Parliament
Representatives from ANRD and other grass root CSOs
Other possible speakers

To be launched: The establishment of lobby group "Friends of CLLD" composed of former and current members of Albanian Parliament.

10.30

Reading & Adopting the **JOINT Declaration of the first Albanian Rural Parliament**

Concluding messages from:

ANDR representative & Agricultural University of Tirana
Romana Vlahutin, Head of European Union Delegation to Albania (tbc)
Niko Peleshi, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development (tbc)

11.00

Media Conference

12.00

BUFFET

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