



# 1<sup>st</sup> 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	<b>Arrival of the delegates &amp; Registration of participants</b> <b>Welcoming coffee</b>
10.00	<b>Introductory note</b> Evelina Azizaj, National Coordinator of Albanian Network for Rural Development <b>Welcoming &amp; Greetings</b> 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 Veliqaj, Mayor of Tirana
10.30 12.30	<b>PLENARY SESSION: Current debate on rural development. Key challenges and emerging issues</b> 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 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

*Questions and discussions*

12.30 LUNCH

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

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

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

<b>09.30</b>	<b>Registration of Participants</b>
<b>10.00</b>	<p>Plenary session: IADC Senior Representative's address <i>IADC (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>
<b>11.00</b>	<i>Coffee break</i>
<b>11.30</b>	<p><b>Know-how transfer and sharing experiences on LEADER LAGs - a stepping stone to LEADER implementation in Albania ( Round 2)</b> 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>
<b>13.30</b>	LUNCH
<b>14.30</b>	<p><b>Four simultaneous WORKING GROUPS</b> – 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>WG1. Regional Development Area 1 (Shkoder-Kukes-Lezhe) WG2. Regional Development Area 2 (Tirana, Durres, Diber) WG3. Regional Development Area 3 (Vlore-Fier-Gjirokaster) WG4. Regional Development Area 4 (Korce-Elbasan-Berat)</p>
<b>15.15</b>	<i>Coffee break will be served separately in each of the workshop</i>
<b>15.30</b>	
<b>17.00 - 17:30</b>	<p>Wrap up <b><u>Finalizing the ARP Declaration</u></b> Working group: representatives of ANRD&amp;AUT</p>
<b>19.30</b>	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

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