

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Integrated Program on Rural Development and Synergetic Approach among stakeholders

Hotel Tirana International, Abret Room

28 February 2018, Time 14:00 – 16.00

The Integrated Program on Rural Development (IPRD), known as the "100 villages" program, marks a turnaround in the government policies and instruments that have been undertaken so far in the rural development sector, which had been mostly oriented toward agriculture through typical agricultural measures. Taking into consideration that this policy measure creates an enabling environment for public and non-public actors at local level to implement the LEADER approach, the Albanian Network for Rural Development (ANRD) organizes this roundtable to promote synergies at the policy level, while the same time to increase the impact of IPRD toward sustainable development.

Invited participants include representatives of central and local government institutions, major public agencies, and members of the Productive Activity, Trade and Environment Committee of the Parliament, donors and international agencies, representatives of civil society organizations, academia and other interested actors.

The organizers will share with the participants a short Commentary on the rationale and objectives of this roundtable. The meeting builds also on the recommendations of the Joint Declaration of the First Albanian Rural Parliament, held on 28-30 September 2017.

PROGRAM	
14:00	Opening remarks Sotiraq Hroni, Chairman of the ANRD Board Ilir Halilaj, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Romina Kuko, Deputy Minister of Interior
14:15	<i>A general overview on the program "100 villages"</i> - Enea Hoti, Advisor to Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development <i>Brief presentation of the commentary "The Leader approach and the 100-villages program"</i> - Evelina Azizaj, ANRD National Coordinator
14:45	Panel Discussion Member of Parliament of Albania Representative of donors' community Representative of "Friends of Rural Parliament"
	Open discussion with participants
15:45	Wrap-up and closure remarks