



## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

**9:30 – 9:40** Welcome and Introduction

**9:40 – 11:00** **LEADER/ CLLD IN THE CAP POST-2020: INSIGHTS FROM THE EU POLICY MAKERS**  
*Main provisions, trends of the CAP reform and proposals for the LEADER programme in the sketches of the future legal framework: positions of the European Parliament (AGRI, REGI committees), Council of the EU (MS), European Commission.*

**Speakers:**

**Mr. Bronis Ropé**, MEP

**Mr. Martin Häusling**, MEP

**Mr. Davor Škrlec**, MEP

**Ms. Karolina Jasinska-Muehleck**, European Commission, DG AGRI F.1

**Mr. Achim Irimescu**, Minister Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representation of Romania to the EU, Presidency of the Council of the EU, the Special Committee on Agriculture (SCA)

**PROSPECTS FOR LEADER/CLLD FROM THE EUROPEAN STAKEHOLDERS' PERSPECTIVE**

*Evaluation of the LEADER programme's performance in the past and how it could be improved in the future. Reactions on the state of play of the CAP legislative progress. Suggestions for future LEADER projects.*

**Speaker:**

**Ms. Maria João Botelho**, President of the European LEADER Association for Rural Development (ELARD)

**11:00 – 11:20** Debate session moderated by **Mr. Hannes Lorenzen**, Greens/EFA Advisor on Agriculture and Rural Development

**11:20 – 11:40** Coffee break

**11:40 – 12:40** **LEADER EXPERIENCES: CHALLENGES AND FUTURE PROSPECTS. LAG PERSPECTIVE**  
*LEADER project cases presented by LAGs – success stories and debate on factors hindering participation and performance. Highlighting different themes, delivery approaches, obstacles and recommendations for empowering LEADER instrument. Opportunities offered by the Cooperation dimension of the LEADER approach and other EU instruments (e.g. transnational cooperation in rural development with Third Countries in the framework of ENPARD)*

**Speakers:**

**Mr. Bernd Wecker**, "Land Schnuppern", LEADER programme from Hesse, Germany

**Ms. Bojana Markotić Krstinić**, Secretary General of the Croatian LEADER Network

**Mr. Povilas Saulevičius**, Chairman of the Lithuanian LAG network

**Ms. Auksė Degutytė**, Administrator of Kaišiadorys LAG project

**Ms. Ligita Smagurauskienė**, Head of the Local Development Strategy Administration, Ignalina LAG

**Mr. Vano Grigolashvili**, Chairman of Association, Rural (Regional) Development for Future Georgia (RDFG)

**12:40 – 13:00** Debate session moderated by **Ms. Karolina Štelmokaitė**, Greens/EFA Energy Advisor

**13:00 – 13:30** Networking Reception - Buffet Lunch