

European Countryside Movement

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European Association for Rural Development Institutions - AEIAR
International Association for Family Movements for Rural Training - AIMFR
Association of European Regions for Products of Origin - AREPO
Assembly of European Regions - AER
European Committee of Property Owners - CEDIP
European Council for Rural Law - CEDR
European Confederation of Independent Winegrowers - CEVI
European Greenways Association - EGA
European Leader Association for Rural Development - ELARD
European Network of Outdoor Sports - ENOS
European association of mountain areas - EUROMONTANA
European Federation of Rural Tourism - EUROGITES
International Federation of Equestrian Tourism - FITE
International Federation for Housing and Planning - IFHP
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Communication

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The European Countryside Movement welcomes the adoption, by the European Parliament, of a resolution in favour of rural territories, which focused on their challenges and concluded as to the necessity to adopt a strategic and an operational framework: the Rural European Agenda.

This decision comes at a convenient time, while the Parliamentary commissions are discussing the future of the European common strategic framework, the CAP and cohesion. The resolution calls for an European strategy incorporating all policies to ensure the development of rural territories, in order to contribute to social, economic and territorial cohesion. Rural territories are part of the solution.

Proposed by the European Countryside Movement, and at the initiative of the international association Rurality-Environment-Development, the resolution has been promoted by the Intergroup RUMRA (Rural, Mountainous and Remote Areas), and in particular by its chair Mrs. Mercedes Bresso, who is working with conviction to promote rural territories.

The collaborative E.C.M. platform brings together 19 European organisations and regularly delivers concrete propositions for a better involvement of rural territories within European challenges. The future of Europe relies more than ever on rural hubs. They are equal actors for territorial cohesion in balance with urban hubs.