



ELARD Estonian presidency main aims and achievements 2016-2017

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Main aims of the Estonian presidency 2016/17,

(Portuguese and Czech vice-presidencies)

To defend the principles of the LEADER/CLLD approach in view of the development for the post 2020 period in European and national policies.

To contribute to the analysis of the multi-funded approach bringing forward the experiences of CLLD implementation.

To develop a strong platform with other EU level organizations defending Rural Development.

To strengthen ELARD members network and involve new members.



To defend the principles of the LEADER/CLLD approach in view of the development for the post 2020 period in European and national policies

Creation of Tartu declaration on LEADER/CLLD for 2021-2027 (translated by members);

Contribution to Cork 2.0 declaration and its' action plan, ECM Rural Agenda, European Rural Parliament manifesto and Venhorst declaration;

Exploratory opinion on CLLD for 2021-2027 and new implementation model of CLLD (will be translated into all EU languages).



To defend the principles of the LEADER/CLLD approach in view of the development for the post 2020 period in European and national policies

Main events organized by ELARD in cooperation with Estonian and EU partners:

Tartu conference – "Renewing LEADER/CLLD for 2020+; Celebrating 25 years of LEADER in Europe!";

LEADER/CLLD gathering in Brussels "Role of bottom-up approach renewing ESI Funds for 2021-2027";

Open Days LEADER/CLLD workshops in 2016, 2017;

European Rural Parliament in the Netherlands;

Participation in European Commission events and working groups.



To contribute to the analysis of the multi-funded approach bringing forward the experiences of CLLD implementation

- 1. **ELARD** members survey: analysis of ELARD members networks and LEADER/CLLD implementation in member states;
- 2. LAGs and Leader networks representation in LEADER/CLLD policy making on national level;
- 3. Most important topics Leader networks negotiate at national level with MAs;
- 4. Integrated rural development and LEADER/CLLD best practices;
- 5. CLLD added value and complications in member states;
- 6. Reports of the different meetings and policy negotiations with European Commission (DG Agri, Regio) and EU-level working groups (LEADER subgroup, rural networks steering group, assembly, civil dialogue group, structured dialogue group, etc in 2016-2017).



To develop a strong platform with other EU level organizations defending Rural Development

Continuous relations building and strengthening:

- European Parliament members;
- European Commission (DG Agri and DG Regio);
- European Economic and Social Committee;
- European Network for Rural Development;
- European Rural Parliament partners;
- •European Countryside Movement partners.



To strengthen ELARD members network and involve new members

1. Expansion of ELARD full members and associated members network with 8 members:

Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania.

- 2. Country visits to almost half of the member countries: FYROM-Macedonia, Slovenia, Greece, Germany, Spain, Ireland, Italy, Poland, France, Hungary.
- 3. Building ELARD organizational capacity and sustainability: reorganization of ELARD membership fee model and confirmation of new ELARD Statutes; strengthening the capacity of team work by building core team; activating ELARD participation in different project calls and building relations with different applying organizations in EU and outside (China); Implementation of ENPARD project in Georgia and Europe for Citizens project in the frame of European Rural Parliament; ELARD new webpage and platform.

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