

# 2023 European LEADER Congress

## 18-19 December 2023

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### Draft programme

#### Monday 18th December

Place : European Parliament

12:00 pm **Registration**

1.30 pm **Introduction to the Congress**

- Dubravka Šuica, Vice-President of the European Parliament for Democracy and Demography (Request)
- Janusz Wojciechowski, Commissioner for Agriculture (Request)
- Elisa Ferreira, Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms (Request)
- Isilda Maria Prazeres GOMES, President of Cor NAT commission (Request)
- Oliver Röpke, President of European Economic and Social Committee (Request)
- Thibaut Guignard, President of ELARD

2.30 pm **Congress plenary – congress and debate**

The added value of LEADER/CLLD in European policies 2023-2027 and into the Rural Pact – roundtables and debate

- Irène Tolleret, MEP, vice-president of Leader France
- Radim Sršeň, Member of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) and Deputy Minister for Regional Development of Czech Republic (Request)
- Isabel Carvalhais, MEP, Rapporteur on the Long-term vision for the EU's rural areas for the AGRI Committee, European Parliament (Request)
- Lidija Pavić-Rogošić, Rapporteur of the Opinion on the Long-term vision for the EU's rural areas of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) (Request)

4.00 pm

An MEP's vision of rural development and LEADER in the European Union

- Frank Bogovič, MEP, Co-chair RUMRA (Request)
- Younous Omarjee, MEP, President of the Committee on Regional Development (Request)
- Clara Aguilera, MEP, member of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (Request)
- Niklas Nienaaß, MEP, member of the Committee on Regional Development (Request)
- Dacian Cioloş, MEP member of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural (Request)

5.30 pm **LEADER awards for best added value**

LEADER's added value - short pitches from best practice studies

Award ceremony for the best LEADER projects across Europe in 2014-2022





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## Tuesday 19th December

Hosted by the Committee of the Regions and the European Economic and Social Committee

Place : European Committee of the Regions, EESC, European Parliament, European Parliament

### Parallel Workshops

- 09.30 am
- a) Workshops on LEADER's fundamentals and strategy
  - b) Finding a common indicator system for integrated territorial development and added value
  - c) Implementation of the Rural Pact in Member States
  - d) Panorama of the implementation of LEADER and LAGs in Europe
  - e) Making the seven LEADER principles work in practice for all LAGs under CAP Strategic Plans
  - f) Gender equality in rural areas
  - g) Sharing positive experiences on promoting entrepreneurship and employment of young people
  - h) How to implement LEADER in countries beyond Europe
- 11.30 am
- a) European Elections: how to involve rural areas?
  - b) Rural proofing: national examples
  - c) LEADER as a tool involved in migration policies and international relations
  - d) Paving the way to the digital era
  - e) Enabling community-led innovation and Smart Villages
  - f) Panorama of the implementation of LEADER and LAGs in European Union
  - g) How to implement LEADER in countries beyond Europe
  - h) Workshops on LEADER's fundamentals and strategy
- 2.30 pm
- a) Workshops on LEADER's implementation for the 21-27 period
  - b) How to apply multi-fund with LEADER - hearing from success stories
  - c) The role of LAG Managers in LEADER/CLLD
  - d) Embarking on transnational cooperation with LEADER/CLLD
  - e) Developing public services with LEADER/CLLD
  - f) Strengthening rural areas' contribution to food systems and the bioeconomy
- 2.30 pm
- Cooperation Fair
- 4.00 pm
- Our pledge for LEADER/CLLD post 27

