



## PREPARE Gathering

**Macedonia / Ohrid**  
**30. August – 3. September 2010**

PREPARE Gathering is the main annual event of the PREPARE network, organised each year in different country. 80 - 100 participants from about 20 European countries gather to meet, to exchange and to learn from each other with common objective: contribute to integrated development of rural areas.

### PROGRAMME

- August 30** Participants arrive in Skopje or direct to Ohrid / Macedonia
- August 31**
- Opening session: “Building of Rural Networks”**
- Introduction of participants, organising staff and of the programme;
  - European and national rural networks
  - Presentations and discussions on the situation of rural civil society, and preparing for EU membership of the accession countries and the new neighbour countries;
  - The future role of the PREPARE network in South-Eastern Europe.
- Conference: “Common Agriculture Policy after 2013”**
- Description of the process of changes and discussion about positions toward policy in the period 2014-2020;
  - Expectations from different countries / organisations about the future CAP and Rural Development.
- Speakers, representatives from:**
- European Commission,
  - European Parliament,
  - Macedonian Ministry of Agriculture,
  - Macedonian Sector for European Integration SEI,
  - Standing Working Group,
  - SNV – The Netherlands Development Organisation,
  - Macedonian rural development initiatives,
  - PREPARE, ELARD;
- LOCAL TOUR: cultural heritage of the town Ohrid**
- September 1** A series of “**Travelling Workshops**” – study visits of small groups focusing on good practices in sustainable, rural development initiatives in Macedonia.

## **September 2                    Cohesion, competitiveness and sustainability in rural development**

Work in four thematic groups. Short introductions to some common challenges within 4 axes of RDP, followed by discussion on:

- Food security vs. renewable energies
- Environmental aspects of the agriculture and forestry
- Diversification of the economy in rural areas
- LEADER

Plenary

- Reports from the thematic groups

### **PREPARE regional networking**

Work in three regional groups. Exchange among participants for the future cooperation within:

- Baltic countries,
- Central Eastern European countries
- South Eastern European countries

Plenary:

- Reports from the regional groups

Working in three groups according to travelling workshops

- Reports from the study visits.

### **LOCAL TOUR: cultural heritage of Sveti Naum and Vevcani**

## **September 3                    Bilateral and multilateral exchange among participants**

- Brainstorming for future action of the PREPARE programme, with particular attention to South Eastern Europe

**Summary** of PREPARE Gathering 2010

Departure of participants

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PREPARE Gathering will take place in Ohrid / Hotel Sileks, where participants will be accommodated, mostly in double rooms. Organisers will take care for the transport of participants from the closest airport Skopje or Ohrid to the place of the event and back. Information about PREPARE Gathering can be provided by the PREPARE Coordinator Goran Šoster ([goran.soster@siol.net](mailto:goran.soster@siol.net)) at +386 41 797 613 or ALKA representative Elizabeta Gjorgjievska ([elizabeta.gj@alka.org.mk](mailto:elizabeta.gj@alka.org.mk)) at +389 2 3214 505 or +389 75317070. Registrations of participants have to be sent by e-mail by 31<sup>st</sup> July to the PREPARE office in Slovenia: [info@drustvo-podezelje.si](mailto:info@drustvo-podezelje.si) .