

# 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 to 2.30 pm **Introduction to the Congress**

- Dubravka Šuica, Vice-President of the European Parliament for Democracy and Demography (Request)
- Janusz Wojciechowski, Commissioner for Agriculture (confirmed)
- Elisa Ferreira, Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms (Request)
- Isilda Maria Prazeres GOMES, President of Cor NAT commission (confirmed)
- Peter Schmidt, President of the NAT section of the European Economic and Social Committee (confirmed)
- Irène Tolleret, MEP, vice-president of Leader France (confirmed)
- Representant of the Spanish Presidency of the European Council of the EU
- Thibaut Guignard, President of ELARD (confirmed)

2.30 to 3.40 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

- Radim Sršen, Member of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR) and Deputy Minister for Regional Development of Czech Republic (confirmed)
- Isabel Carvalhais, MEP, Rapporteur on the Long-term vision for the EU's rural areas for the AGRI Committee, European Parliament (confirmed)
- 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) (confirmed)

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)
- Marcos Ros Sempere, MEP, member of the Committee on Regional Development (Request)
- Dacian Cioloș, MEP member of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (Request)
- Verónica Vrecionová, MEP, member of the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development (request)

5.30 to 6.30 pm **LEADER awards for best added value**

Award ceremony for the best LEADER projects accross 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*

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| 10.00 to        | a) Taking stock of what works in LEADER to strengthen the approach for the Future                                       |
| 11.15 am        | b) Finding a common indicator system for integrated territorial development and added value                             |
|                 | c) Implementation of the Rural Pact in Member States  |
|                 | d) A panorama of the implementation of LEADER and LAGs in Europe – a comparative approach in France, Serbia and Estonia |
|                 | e) How to guarantee the fundamentals of LEADER within Cap Strategic Plans?  |
|                 | f) The future of gender equality in rural areas and how LEADER can contribute to it                                     |
|                 | g) Engaging youth in rural areas  |
|                 | h) How to implement LEADER in countries beyond Europe and how to cooperate with them                                    |
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| 11.45 am to 1pm | a) European Elections: challenges of rural areas and how to involve them  |
|                 | b) Rural proofing: science and national examples  |
|                 | c) LEADER as a tool involved in migration policies and international relations  |
|                 | d) LEADER and simplification  |
|                 | e) Enabling community-led innovation and Smart and Start-up Villages  |
|                 | f) CLLD urban   |
|                 | g) How can LEADER can tackle the Green Transition?  |
|                 | h) Developing interactions between rural and urban areas  |
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| 2.30 to 3.45 pm | a) The specific challenges of mountain areas in terms of local development  |
|                 | b) How to apply multi-fund with LEADER - hearing from success stories   |
|                 | c) The role of LAG Managers in LEADER/CLLD  |
|                 | d) Developing public services with LEADER/CLLD  |
|                 | e) Paving the way to the digital era  |
|                 | f) Cooperation fair   |
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| 4.15 to 5.15 pm | Our pledge for LEADER/CLLD post 27  |

