



2024 European LEADER Congress

02-03 October - Futuroscope, Poitiers

Agenda

Wednesday 2nd October

- 13:00** **Registration**
- 14:00 to 15:00** **Introduction plenary**
- Isabelle Boudineau, Member of the Regional Council of Nouvelle-Aquitaine in charge of Europe
 - Roberto Berutti, Member of the Cabinet of Commissioner for Agriculture
 - Hanane Allali-Puz, *Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Souveraineté Alimentaire*
 - Thibaut Guignard, President of LEADER France and ELARD
 - Fredy Poirier, LAG Centre Vienne
- 15:00 to 15:45** **Cooperation Awards**
- 15:45 to 16:15** **Break**
- 16:15 to 17:00** **Roundtable: hearing back from successful projects**
- 4 Cooperation awards winners
- 17:00** **Closing**
- From 20:00** **Dinner and networking**

Thursday 3rd October

- 08:30 to 09:00** **Registration**
- 09:00 to 15:45** **Cooperation fair**
- Cooperation helpdesk and coaching
 - Cooperation wall and participant review
 - Thematic tables to find partners
 - Conversation spaces for speed-dating
- 09:00 to 15:45** **Parallel sessions (45min each)**
See final page for timetable
- 12:00 to 15:00** **Lunch with two seatings**
- 16:00 to 16:30** **Closing plenary**
- From 16:30** **Free access to the park**
- 20:00** **Evening show**





Timing	ROOM 1	ROOM 2
09 :00	<p><u>The practical Aspects of Cooperation for 21-27</u></p> <p>Learn the essential steps for finding a partner and engaging in cooperation. Understand what the important administrative and logistical aspects you must consider are, and get insights on preparatory support if this is where you wish to start.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Peter Toth, <i>EU CAP Network</i> – Elena Di Federico, <i>EU CAP Network</i> 	<p><u>Cooperation without (EU) borders*</u></p> <p>You'd like to cooperate beyond Europe or with remote territories but don't know where to start? Meet representatives from the Balkans, North Macedonia, Armenia, Ukraine and LAGs that cooperated with Tunisia, and get inspired by their experiences!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Petar Gjorgievski, <i>Balkan Rural Development Network and Rural Development Network of North Macedonia</i> – Ana Damovska, <i>Rural Development Network of North Macedonia</i> – Marta Marczis, <i>European Association for Innovation in Local Development (AEIDL)</i> – Olha Oliinyk, <i>ALDA Est – Region of Vinnytsia</i> – Pierre Le Men, <i>GAL Pays Pyrénées Méditerranée</i> – Hanane Allali-Puz, <i>Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Souveraineté Alimentaire</i>
10 :00	<p><u>64 MA and 64 Eligibility Criteria: how to homogenize cooperation rules?*</u></p> <p>You find it hard to navigate the multiple eligibility criteria set up by each MA? Discuss how we could homogenize criteria and hear from “cooperation champion” the systems they have in place to find partners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Juha-Matti Markkola, <i>Rural Network Unit / Food Authority of Finland</i> – Laura Jänis, <i>Managing authority / Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland</i> – Anke Weymeher, <i>BAGLAG</i> – Dr. Konstantinos C. Zapounidis, <i>Pieriki Local Development Agency & LAG Leader Programme Management (Greece)</i> – Melanie Steinbacher, <i>Regionalmanagement Kufstein und Umgebung (Austria)</i> 	<p><u>The unusual topics and suspects: LEADER cooperation contributing to the EU rural vision</u></p> <p>How to support innovative topics that contribute to stronger, prosperous, connected and resilient rural areas? Explore how cooperation can help achieve the Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas (LTVRA).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Enrique Nieto, <i>Rural Pact Support Office</i> – Wolfgang Berger and Barbara Stumpf, <i>LEADER-forum Austria</i>, on LEADER as a method for achieving the goal of long-term visions – Eduard Trepas, <i>ARCA</i> on putting the voice of rural people higher in the Catalan rural policy agendas – Haude Blanc, <i>DG AGRI</i> on sitting LEADER cooperation in the context of the LTVRA
11 :00		<u>The floor is yours: Cooperation pitches</u>





15 30 45	<p><u>Small project as a starting point for cooperation*</u> How big does my cooperation project need to be? With LEADER, quality primes over quantity. The session will showcase how small-er projects can demonstrate effective collaboration and impact.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inga Krekele, <i>LAG Kaimiņi</i> - Fabrice Geoffroy, <i>LAG Pays du Ruffécois</i> 	<p>15 participants will pitch their project ideas. Join if you're looking to find a project to participate on!</p>
12 :00 15 30 45	<p><u>Cooperation platforms: tools under development to facilitate the creation of cooperation partnerships</u> <i>[In French, with consecutive interpretation]</i> Discussion and exchanges on existing cooperation platforms (Futurium and Building Europe with Local Councillors – BELC Network) of cooperation projects dedicated to the creation of exchange facilitation platforms: the Cluster MED project and the ERASMUS+ DROM project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hanane Allali-Puz, <i>Ministère de l'Agriculture et de la Souveraineté Alimentaire</i> - Thibaut GUIGNARD, <i>Leader France & Mairie de Plœuc-L'Hermitage</i> - Elyse LEBREUILLY, <i>Leader France</i> 	<p><u>Integrating democratic participation and environmental advocacy in local projects*</u> Cooperation on a local level. How to empower communities to actively participate in shaping a regenerative future. Exploring methods for incorporating democratic processes and citizen involvement in community-led initiatives. Environmental advocacy within LAGs and designing and implementing community-led environmental projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ana Margarida Esteves, <i>Instituto Universitário de Lisboa, ISCTE-IUL</i> - Marion Eckardt, <i>ELARD Knowledge Hub</i> - Laurence Modrego, <i>ECOLISE</i>
13 :00 15 30 45		<p><u>Cooperation project challenges: Do's and Don'ts*</u> Discover the keys to successful cooperation projects and learn from common pitfalls. Cooperation practitioners will tell you what to if you want it to succeed in your projects, and will counter any excuse you might have that impedes you from starting it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Séverine Bressaud, <i>Eurêka21</i> - Anke Wehmeyer, <i>BagLag</i>
14 :00 15 30	<p><u>Cooperation as a LEADER principle: how do you engage locals to participate in your LAG and projects?*</u> This session goes beyond the contractual aspect of cooperation and goes back to the roots of the principle: how do you bring people together around a common goal, and how do you recruit participants and partners to work towards a single goal?</p>	<p><u>From LEADER Project to Regional Policy</u> How can a LEADER project influence regional policy? Explore the exemplary case of the project “Emblematic Mediterranean Mountains as Coastal destinations of excellence”, which started with LEADER and that is now an network of 14 territories, about to become policy.</p>





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Loïc Sorin, <i>SLR2A</i> – Claudie Vetro, <i>LAG CACEM</i> – Matthias Wagner, <i>LAG Leipziger Muldenland</i> – Katharine Koss, <i>LAG Leipziger Muldenland</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Dr. Konstantinos C. Zapounidis, <i>Pieriki Local Development Agency & LAG Leader Programme Management</i> – Claudia Bruno, <i>LAG Tirreno Eolie</i>
15 :00	<p><u>Engaging Youth*</u></p> <p>Discuss strategies to attract and retain young participants in rural development initiatives and hear from the youth directly!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Voting and management (results votes steering committee & overview of the management) 2. DG AGRI presentation (Engaging with Youth, Statistics Overview, Ongoing Initiatives) 3. Challenges Faced by Young People in Rural Areas 4. Local Action Groups (LAGs) and Youth Inclusion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Annie Linsemark, <i>ELARD Knowledge Hub</i> – Lorine Payet, <i>LAG Haute Provence Luberon</i> – María Gafo Gómez-Zamolla, deputy Head of Unit “Social sustainability”, responsible for LEADER, <i>DG AGRI</i>. – Aude Bourgeois, <i>ELARD</i> 	
16 :00		<u>Closing plenary</u>

*Sessions with English to French translation

