



European Rural Parliament

European Rural Parliament – ERP:

Voice for Rural People, Policy Forum and Platform

Networking, Partnership and Friendship

ERP: www.europeanruralparliament.com

The European Rural Parliament ERP is a platform to link and express the voice of rural people in Europe and to promote self-help and action by rural people, in partnership with civil society and governments. The ERP has civil society partners working with local communities and rural people in 40 European countries and 5 European-wide civil society organisations working to support their rural areas. The first ERP Gathering was held in Brussels, Belgium in 2013, followed by the 2nd ERP in Schärding, Austria 2015 and the 3rd ERP in Venhorst, the Netherlands 2017. The 4th ERP will be held in Candás, Spain in 2019. Our advocacy work in all of Europe is in support of rural communities and we welcome you to join our growing and developing network.

Voice:

The ERP collects information, ideas, case studies, policy suggestions from rural people across Europe. This information forms the basis for advocacy with European and national institutions. This may take the form of declarations, manifestos, discussion papers, policy papers, citizens' initiatives, proposing amendments to regulations and legislation which affect our daily lives.

Partnership and Friendship:

The ERP enables partnerships and friendships where you can meet, learn from and cooperate with others. You can exchange information (and personnel) to develop your organisation and amongst our partners you can find other bottom-up civil society partners working for and with rural people. The ERP partnership provides possibilities for networking, learning and project partnerships.



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Network and themework

The ERP is an informal network working through its partners with people's issues at local level. To keep a network of this size alive needs constant effort of communication and animation. Connections with research should be strengthened to give an evidence-base to ERP advocacy. Relations with decision-makers and EU institutions must be built to get our message and suggestions heard. ERP thematic platforms give an opportunity for networking, cooperating, learning and enabling partnerships around chosen themes. The platforms are coordinated and open for participation, respecting the guiding principle of giving a thematic voice for rural citizens for a better quality of life. If you are willing to join existing themes or initiate another theme, contact the ERP coordinators.

The ERP gathering:

The biennial European Rural Parliament Gathering concludes a two-year cycle of activities, including projects, thematic work, animation and advocacy. The results of these activities are presented and discussed at the Gatherings, concluding in an update of the ERP guiding documents: the Manifesto and Action Programme, for the upcoming two years with a vision for the future. An output of the Gathering can also be a Declaration of the Assembly.

For information on all our Gatherings see:

<http://www.europeanruralparliament.com/index.php/gatherings>

[Look for your national ERP-partner for more information](http://www.europeanruralparliament.com/index.php/national-champions/european-and-national-partners)

<http://www.europeanruralparliament.com/index.php/national-champions/european-and-national-partners>

[Co-initiating partners ELARD, ERCA and PREPARE forming the Steering Group](http://www.europeanruralparliament.com/index.php/national-champions/co-initiators)

<http://www.europeanruralparliament.com/index.php/national-champions/co-initiators>

[European NGO's: Forum Synergies and ECOVAST](http://www.europeanruralparliament.com/index.php/national-champions/european-partners)

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