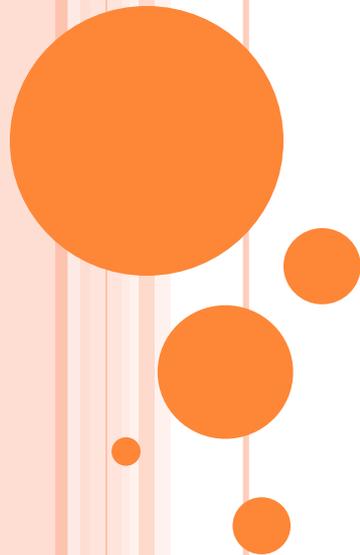




**ERP 2024, TO BE
ORGANIZED BY BRDN**



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO HOST THE ERP 2024 GATHERING

15 DECEMBER, 2022 DEADLINE

○ **Concept**

- Provisionally conceived as a three-day event
- Held in a reasonably accessible rural region of a European country (wider Europe, not only EU)
- Attended by 300-400 people, including delegations from all over Europe (40 countries), plus other leading rural organizations and invited representatives of the European Commission, European Parliament, Council of Europe etc.
- To be held in autumn 2024 – September, October or November.

○ **Thematic focus**

- Rural voice, advocacy and partnership between all stakeholders are permanent key elements of ERP-Gatherings
- the host partner can also suggest a leading/locally specific theme
- Suggestions by PREPARE: Youth participants have been given more weight lately - how to give them space and role?
- Elderly issue: would be something new
- We have lacked rural entrepreneurship (a bit more space?) and participation of rural entrepreneurs as speakers (small entrepreneurs, social entrepreneurship, small farms stories...)
- The specifics of the Balkan situation



IMPLICATIONS FOR THE HOST ORGANISATION

(WORKING CLOSELY WITH ERP STEERING GROUP AND COORDINATORS)

a. A conference venue, preferably in a rural setting, equipped with

- a main conference hall capable of accommodating up to 400+ people
- Capacities to organize many separate workshop meetings with up to 20 participants each
- foyer areas or other generous space (near to the main conference hall) suited to exhibition displays and for use during mid-session breaks and refreshments and for formal or informal networking sessions
- capacity to provide meals for up to 280-400+ people
- overnight accommodation for up to 280-400+ people, mainly in single or two-bed rooms.

- A strong wireless network during the event

❖ All the above to be preferably within a single small town, village or complex, with short walking distances between the different elements.



- b. Accessible location of the conference venue, organized airport shuttles at certain times, within reasonable distance of an international airport which has airline links with all significant parts of the wider Europe.
- c. Ability to organise, within a single day, many separate all-day field trips, for participants to meet rural enterprises and communities within the host country or neighbouring countries without spending excessive time on travel between places visited.
- d. Ability to handle the detailed organisation of the event, including registration of and information to participants, reception, conference transport etc.
- e. Estimated budget would be between 160.000-400.000€ (ERP Steering group would try to obtain funds through ERASMUS, citizen's calls or LEADER). The host can help to find funding, including in kind, within the towards the costs of the event, including project management, reception staff, provision of conference rooms, organisation of field trips, conference transport, accommodation and food for all delegates, cultural event, reception for VIPs and Press, conference literature etc. ... and also, if possible, contribution towards the cost of delegates in travel from and return to their country of origin.
- f. The main organizer of the Gathering will join the ERP Steering Group and will become effectively a joint Coordinator of the ERP Action Programme.

