

Estonian case



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Associations in rural affairs

- Estonian Leader Union umbrella organizations for 26 LAGs (98% of rural areas covered by Leader): civil, public, private sector
- Association of Rural Tourism umbrella organization for more than 300 rural tourism enterprises
- Association of small and Family Farms
- The Estonian Chamber of Agriculture and Commerce umbrella for regional organizations
- Association of Young Farmers (up to 40 years)
- Estonian National Rural Network –leaded by Rural Economy Research Center (Ministry of Rural Affairs)

Farmer's demonstration in September 2016 front of Estonian Parliament: 10 000 bottels of milk- each by "lost" cow



Movement "Back to Countryside"

- INITIATIVE by NGO who activate local communities to promote rural life; collecting and sharing information about living places (properties), work places and ohter opportunities for the urban people who have a dream/plan to move to the countryside.
- Organizing thematic fairs and maintain interactive web-site

www.maale-elama.ee



National rural civil-society network: NGO Estonian Village Movement Kodukant

Established 1997, after 1st Rural Parliament 1996 Umbrella organization for county level associations of village NGOs and ohter rural organizations

There are:

15 counties

4438 villages

ca 1200 village elders

ca 1000 Village associations

ca 400 village houses

in Estonia



Aims and Activities of Kodukant

- To give technical advice; to promote networking and communication; to arrange training and capacity building; to act as advocate for rural communities; to support local initiatives.
- Kodukant organize rural events; leading projects and deals directly with the Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Rural Affairs and Ministry of Finance. Every second year, Kodukant organizes a National Rural Parliament with 350-400 participants.
- Kodukant has a support group in Estonian Parliament.
- Kodukant is a member of Network of Estonian nonprofit Organisations and National Rural Network.

Estonian Rural Parliament (1)

Kodukant has sponsored RPs of Estonian Villages since 1996 to bring together village members, organizations, local and national representatives with the aim to discuss the issues and look for solutions to the problems facing rural development. Rural Parliament is unique due to the fact that the participants are brought together to discuss the problems of the countryside and bring them to governmental decisions. Estonian Rural Parliament will provide also a good platform for discussion and exchange of ideas and best practice between international organizations connected with the rural development in different European countries.





Estonian Rural Parliament (2)

12th Estonian Rural Parliament took place August

4.-6. 2017 with ca 350 participants – 15 delegations from Estonian Counties, guests, partners, politicians, minister of Rural Affairs, President of Parliament, President of Republic, Prime Minister and 40 international guests from 8 countries: Sweden, Denmark, Germany, Scotland, Netherlands, Finland, Latvia, Moldova.

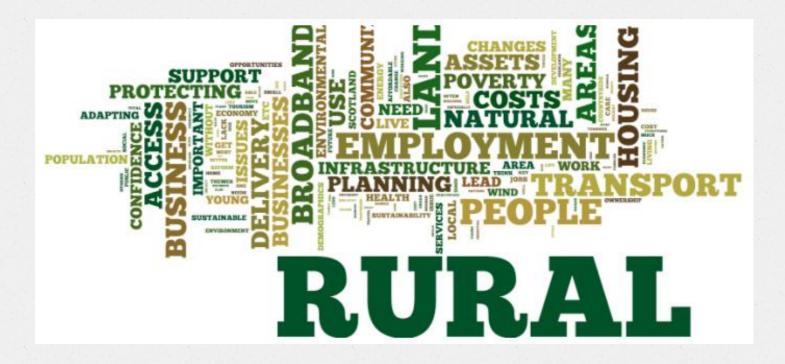
The result of RP, Rural manifesto, was given to the Estonian Government.

12th Estonian Rural Parliament



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Albanian Rural Parliament 2017

Timeline of National Rural Parliaments

Swedish Rural Parliament 1989
The Swedish Rural Parliament in Finland 1990 (2 times)
Estonian Rural Parliament 1996
Rural Parliaments in the Slovak Republic 2001
Plattelandsparlament in the Netherlands 2005
Slovenian Rural Parliament 2011
Latvian Rural Parliament 2013
Lithuanian Rural Parliament 2014
Scottish Rural Parliament 2014
Croatian Rural Parliament 2015
Rural Parliament in Bosnia and Herzegovina 2015
Finnish Rural Parliament 2017





European Rural Parliament

The European Rural Parliament (2013, 2015, 2017) is designed to:

- Strengthen the voice of the rural communities of Europe, and to ensure that the interests and well-being of these communities are strongly reflected in national and European policies
- Promote self-help, common understanding, solidarity, exchange of good practice and cooperation among rural communities throughout Europe.
- Enable rural people to play their full role in addressing the great economic and political challenges which are currently affecting Europe. The European institutions are struggling to face these challenges. They need to connect with the concerns, the aspirations and the energies of European citizens. We wish to help in that process.

The European Rural Parliament is co-initiated by three pan-European networks:

- European Rural Community Alliance (ERCA)
- PREPARE Partnership for Rural Europe
- European LEADER Association for Rural Development (ELARD)



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