

National Movements for Rural Sustainable development

Estonian case



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Associations in rural affairs

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



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 other opportunities for the urban people who have a dream/plan to move to the countryside.
- Organizing thematic fairs and maintain interactive web-site

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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 other rural organizations

There are:

15 counties

4438 villages

ca 1200 village elders

ca 1000 Village associations

ca 400 village houses

in Estonia



15 county organizations

Hundreds of Village NGOs

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 non-profit Organisations and National Rural Network.

Estonian Rural Parliament (1)

- o *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.



European case





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

Albanian 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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