



ELARD General Assembly

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Estonian presidency, Portuguese and Czech vice-presidencies 2016-2017

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Common proposal



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ELARD - EUROPEAN LEADER ASSOCIATION FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

VISION	IMPROVED QUALITY OF LIFE IN RURAL AREAS MAINTAINING THEIR POPULATION THROUGH SUSTAINABLE, INTEGRATED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT	
STRATEGIC AREAS	SPREAD THE PHILOSOPHY OF LEADER AND ITS KEY ELEMENTS	LEADER POLICY MAKING
AIMS AND ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To support knowledge and experience transfer (seminars, conferences, promotion materials, different dissemination activities, projects etc). To promote innovation in rural areas using urban-rural potential (participation in different co-operation chambers and meetings). To cooperate and make ELARD more visible at country level (participation in different events and gatherings). To involve LINC partners and the European Village Movement in wider cooperation with ELARD (introducing ELARD at LINC events, European Rural Parliament in Estonia 2017, dissemination of the European Rural manifesto adopted by the European Rural Parliament). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To defend the principles of the LEADER approach in view of the development for the post 2020 period in European and national policies. To contribute to the development of the LEADER approach, CLLD and rural development in general, in the spirit of the European Rural manifesto adopted by the European Rural Parliament in 2015 (http://europeanruralparliament.com/), through intensive discussions with all parties who are responsible and implicated in this process. To contribute to the LEADER-CLLD implementation and multi-funded approach (letters, declarations, meetings etc). To bring forward the good practises of LEADER and the needs and problems of ELARD members and LAGs all over Europe. ELARD representation at different working groups and institutions (ENRD, Rural Networks Steering Group, Rural Networks Assembly, Civil Dialogue Group on DG Agri, European Countryside Movement, etc). To cooperate with other rural actors and networks.
STRATEGIC HORIZONTAL AREA	STRENGTHENING AND EXPANSION OF ELARD MEMBERS NETWORK	
SUB-AREAS	Existing members	New members
AIMS AND ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To achieve closer cooperation with ELARD member states (visits equally to old and new member states, main Leader actors will be involved - LAGs, ministry, paying agency, rural network). To exchange information between members about Leader/CLLD implementation (Leader/CLLD implementation conference once a year, questionnaires, other meetings). To activate and involve members according to their needs (meetings, seminars etc). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To involve new members to ELARD, in 2016-2017 the focus is set on Austria, Germany, Poland and the Netherlands (attending conferences and meetings in possible member states, communication with contact persons). To arise awareness about ELARD in different countries (dissemination activities, promotional materials, communication with rural actors and networks etc).
MANAGEMENT		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of ELARD as an organisation - analysis of the ELARD operational model and capacity (e.g. team building training, team meetings, brain storming, surveys, new models/structures development, review of ELARD statute etc). Building up a team of the ELARD active members. Leading team of at least 5-6 ELARD Council members (incl. president and vice-presidents) who give their contribution according to their competences. Specifying the roles and duties of president, vice-presidents and other team members (representation in different working groups and commissions, other tasks according to strategic areas). Implementation of activities according to strategic areas. Every year the leading team of ELARD puts together annual activities plan. Administration of ELARD office (secretary in Brussels) and the work of presiding country assistant. Organization of 2 Council meetings and 1 General Assembly every year. 		

PERIOD	ESTONIAN PRESIDENCY, KRISTIINA TAMMETS ROLE/TASKS	VICE-PRESIDENCY- PORTUGAL, PEDRO BROSEI; CZECH, RADIM SRŠEN ROLES/TASKS	BUDGET
<p>2016-2017: Estonian presidency; Portuguese vice-presidency; Czech vice-presidency (2016 only)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Management:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drawing up and implementing annual activities plan, reporting to General Assembly; • Building up a team of the ELARD active members to implement annual activities plan; • Administration of ELARD office (secretary in Brussels) and the work of country assistant; • Organization of 2 Council meetings and 1 General Assembly every year. <p><u>Contribution to strategic areas/ representation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To contribute to the LEADER/CLLD policy ELARD represents the needs of its members and LAGs all over Europe at different working groups and institutions (ENRD, Rural Networks Steering Group, Rural Networks Assembly, Civil Dialogue Group on DG Agri, Structural Dialogue Group on DG Regio, European Countryside Movement, RUMRA, etc) and co-operates with other rural development umbrella organizations. According to the proposal of the president and accept of vice-presidents and team members these representative roles will be shared; • To spread the philosophy of LEADER/CLLD and its key elements through different activities (seminars, conferences, promotion materials, projects etc) enabling knowledge and experience transfer, promoting innovation and co-operation. To co-operate and make ELARD more visible at country level participating in various events and gatherings; • To involve LINC partners and the European Village Movement in wider co-operation with ELARD. Introducing ELARD at LINC events and organizing European Rural Parliament together with Village Movement in 2017 in Estonia. Disseminating the European Rural manifesto adopted by European Rural Parliament; • To strengthen ELARD members and achieve closer co-operation with LEADER actors in member states the country visits will be organized equally to old and new member states. Short reports about ELARD statements will be disseminated to local actors; • To exchange information and arise the knowledge about Leader/CLLD implementation the conference and other seminars, meetings will be organized for ELARD members; • To involve new members into ELARD there will be meetings and communication with contact persons. In 2016-2017 the focus is set on Austria, Germany, Poland and the Netherlands. According to the proposal of the president and agreement of vice-presidents and team members negotiating countries will be shared. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Management:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helping presidency to draw up annual activities plan and to organize 2 Council meetings and 1 General Assembly every year; animation of the ELARD active members (PT, CZ); • Analysis of the ELARD operational model and capacity. Preparation of ELARD new governance and financing model in a view of changing it for the presidencies ahead. The new governance model should already be in place in 2018. Negotiations for the Portuguese presidency 2018/19 will already take place according to the new model. In parallel, in case it is needed, the Portuguese side will clarify budget availability by early 2017 (PT); • Preparation of next presidency. Activities plan with budget and division of roles and tasks between presidency and vice-presidency for 2018-2019 will be elaborated by July 2017 (PT). <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Contribution to strategic areas/ representation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In co-operation with presidency, the vice-presidents contribute to the LEADER/CLLD policy making at different working groups and institutions according to the agreement (PT, CZ); • In co-operation with presidency, the vice-presidents spread the philosophy of LEADER/CLLD and its key elements through different activities (seminars, conferences, promotion materials, projects etc) enabling knowledge and experience transfer, promoting innovation and co-operation. In order to co-operate and make ELARD more visible at country level vice-presidents participate in various events and gatherings (PT, CZ); • Defending the messages from the European Rural manifesto adopted by European Rural Parliament in 2015 (PT, CZ); • To strengthen ELARD members network vice-presidents visit member states taking part of seminars, conferences and other meetings (PT, CZ); • Vice-presidents help presidency to organize Leader/CLLD implementation gatherings (PT, CZ); • Involvement of new members into ELARD in co-operation with presidency (PT, CZ). 	<p>Estonian presidency: budget for core activities and representation. Portuguese and Czech vice-presidencies with smaller budget for their administrative and representative functions.</p>