

## European Rural Sustainability Gathering - 17-21 May 2017 – Greece

### DRAFT PROGRAMME

#### Wednesday 17th: Welcoming participants

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- 1- **Welcome** from FS and hosts + overview of the program + logistic (30')

#### Thursday 18th: Setting the scene for sustainable development in times of crisis, the situation in Greece and Europe

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- 2- **Who are the participants** - *answering questions of the moderator by moving in the room* (30')
- 3- **Goals of the workshop** by FS and our Greek partners + details on programme and logistic (30')
- 4- Sustainable development in times of crisis : **problems and dreams in the 4 corners of Europe** – *each participant is invited to present 2 photos ; facilitators stick them on a wall trying to identify families of problems and dreams* (90')
- 5- Sustainable development in times of crisis : **the specific situation in Greece**, in Karditsa region and in some other regions of Europe – *short speeches by our Greek partners and 3 other European regions ; each speaker would have to focus on one or several dimensions of the crisis, financial/economical, migratory, ecological, political* (60')
- 6- **Free walk on the spot** to open our sense of the place (60')
- 7- Analysis of the crisis: threats and opportunities, **raising questions for the next steps** – *working groups based on the main families identified in the morning; each working group sticks its questions on a wall to be seen by everybody at the end of the session during the break* (60')
- 8- **Market of initiatives** (90')
- 9- **European buffet**

#### Friday 19th: Discovering the rural reality in Lake Plastira and Karditsa region

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*The second day will focus on experiencing and exchanging on the local level. We will dive into Greek reality and start to draw lessons from what we have seen*

09:00 - 16:30 **Field trips**

17:00 **Working groups - reflections on the field visits**

Main issues / questions / ideas raised during the visits

17:30 **Plenary**

Short feedback on the visits by each group (15min)

Debate and exchange with a panel of local stakeholders (elected authorities, association, people visited...) (45min)

19.00 **Art session** - Sculpting and painting of what we share

#### Saturday 20th: Discovering the potential for our future work

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*The intention of the third day is to focus on what we intend to take home for*

*a) the Greek reality*

*b) other regions*

*c) the European level*

*d) implications for the future work of Forum Synergies*

- 14- **Synthesis of the 2 first days**: main points raised during the 1<sup>st</sup> day workshops and during the 2<sup>nd</sup> day plenary + **FS past and current activities** – *We ask 2X2 participants to prepare and*

*present the synthesis and 2 BAT members to present FS activities + Presenting and choosing working group (60')*

- 15- **Creating possibilities for sustainable development in times of crisis** - Working groups on issues proposed by participants and organizers (inspired by open space process) ; each working group has to create possibilities for a, b, c, d (120')  
Some topics could be identified in advance and new ones could be suggested by participants:  
e.g.  
1/ Youth  
2/ Ecosystem approach - economic grassroots activities  
3/ etc.
- 16- **Market of tools for promoting cooperation or/ and personal engagement** – participants are invited to experiment a tool proposed by other participants; ex.: creativity methods, sociocracy, mindfulness meditation, tai chi... (60')
- 17- **Free walk on the spot** to be inspired by spring (60')
- 18- **Creating possibilities for sustainable development in times of crisis** – the findings of each working group are shared and discussed in plenary (30' for each level a, b, c, d)
- 19- **Creating possibilities of cooperation** – time open for the participants who are looking for partners for a specific project; ex.: FS on herbs, FS on Civic dialogue.
- 20- **Cultural evening:** music and dance

**Sunday 21th: departure**

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