



Forum Synergies News – May 2009

Announcements

- **Sustainable Development in Lake Areas**

The 1st workshop is now taking place in Lake Võrtsjärv, Estonia from 15 - 18 June 2009. For the detailed programme and registration form please have a look on our website <http://www.forum-synergies.eu>

The project is financed by the FDF programme “The Enlarged Europe”. Four workshops in great lake areas in Estonia, Poland, Slovenia and France shall empower civil society actors to contribute to participatory sustainable development, and shall yield recommendations to local and EU governments about more participatory ways to implement environmental policy.

- **Forum Synergies meeting in Mas de Noguera, ES “*Our Common Good – Enhancing sustainable life-styles for ecological and social recovery*”**

From 26-27 June Forum Synergies will meet in Mas de Noguera. We will come together with our ambassadors, founders and new initiatives in order to provoke a discussion on sustainable life-styles and on options for political solutions.

Further information will be available on our website www.forum-synergies.eu

- **New ways of access to land**

Regarding the problems of people to have **access to land** and support in starting farming, Forum Synergies has started to cooperate with **Terre de liens** in France and Stroud Common Wealth in the UK in order to work on sustainable solutions for generational change in family farming and related rural policies. For more information on the 1st meeting which took place in Nogent sur Marne 9.Nov.2008, please have a look at our homepage! <http://www.forum-synergies.eu/index.php?pid=1>

A thematic conference is planned for 22-25 Sept. 09 in Stroud/ GB.

- **Forum Synergies meeting in Wendland, DE “*European Sustainable Rural Gathering*”**

The organisation of our Sustainable Rural Gathering, which will be held in Wendland, DE, 2-4 Oct. 2009 will be an occasion to get together with new initiatives. This meeting will be an opportunity to discover/ visit practical experiences of local sustainable development, to know each other and plan our common activities and also exchange on rural policies (specially highlighting how local experiences can inspire sustainable policies).

- **Calendar of events**

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News from Forum Synergies members & partners

- **Petrafolia: Agir pour un développement durable : Quelle participation citoyenne dans les politiques territoriales ?**

Conference from 11-12 June 2009 in Marseille <http://www.petrafolia.eu/>. Geysler is organizing during that event the second edition of "Festidial", a festival of films on environmental democracy. Philippe Barret will give a speech during that meeting.

- **PREPARE Gathering Slovenia and Croatia**

The annual PREPARE gathering dealing with economic recovery in the rural areas of South East Europe will take place from 30 June to 4 July 2009. A detailed programme and registration forms are available at the PREPARE website www.preparenetwork.org.

- **CURE seminar on urban-rural linkages fostering social cohesion in Europe, 2 July 2009 in Brussels**

This seminar in cooperation with the DG Regional Policy will tackle the role of urban-rural linkages in pursuing social cohesion in Europe. The detailed programme will be available on the CURE website <http://www.cureforsustainability.eu/>.

- **Estonian Rural Parliament**

The 8th Rural Parliament of Estonian Villages takes place from 5-9 August 2009 in Rannu, Tartu County. The main topic of this year will be "Active villages help to guarantee the sustainability of rural areas". 5 working groups will deal with the following topics:

- 1) Services in rural areas, village associations and communities as service providers
- 2) Preserving and passing on national (social and cultural) heritage
- 3) Youth in the countryside – opportunities and challenges
- 4) Advocacy and development strategies in Estonian Village Movement Kodukant
- 5) LEADER (changing and innovative entrepreneurship in rural areas)

For more information please have a look on the Kodukant website http://www.kodukant.ee/index.php?id=&news_id=102887 or the Forum Synergies website <http://www.forum-synergies.eu>

Ongoing activities

- **Forum Synergies engagement in the China Europe Forum**

Forum Synergies is contributing to a rural development workshop of the Third Biennial Meeting of the China Europe Forum, organized by the Fondation pour le Progrès des Hommes in Hong Kong in July 2009. The Meeting will be held in two stages: A workshop period - a time for working in small groups of about 20 participants, coming from all over China and Europe. The workshops will last, according to their own agenda, between 3 and 7 days and will alternate visits and debates. The plenary sessions will be held at the

Polytechnic University of Hong Kong, the 22, 23 and 24 July 2009. For further information see: www.china-europa-forum.net

- **Activities in Farmers Ecology**

Farmer's Ecology's new website is available, please visit: <http://ecologie-paysanne.org>

A workshop "Régulation locale de l'accès aux ressources naturelles" will take place in the French Alps from June 29 to July 4, 2009."

In the frame of Farmer's Ecology programme, a project focusing on exchanging skills, in order to use ecological rural knowledge for sustainable development, is being elaborated with partners from France, Spain and Rumania.

- **New members for Forum Synergies**

Forum Synergies is currently engaged in identifying further outstanding examples for sustainable rural development in Europe which might join our network. This process of research is lead by our 8 regional ambassadors. Any proposals are welcome. Please contact info@forum-synergies.eu

Call for proposals

- **L'Europe en plus large**

The programme by Fondation de France called "The enlarged Europe" – "L'Europe en plus large" is open for applications again. Fondation de France hereby supports projects which promote a better relationship between French society and new EU member states in the field of sustainable development. The call for tender 2009 is open now! **Deadline for submission: 15.9.2009.**

For further information please consult the FDF homepage:

http://www.fdf.org/jsp/site/Portal.jsp?page_id=200

- **PREPARE Scholarships**

In the context of the PREPARE Network, Forum Synergies is supporting, thanks to Fondation de France, a training exchange programme, the PREPARE scholarships. The 2nd submission period closed by the end of March. The overall goal of this exchange programme is to give support to develop human resources and ensure better exchange of experiences within the PREPARE group of countries.

For more information please have a look on the PREPARE homepage:

<http://www.preparenetwork.org/web/index.php?pid=2>

ANNEX

Calendar of events

Upcoming Events May – July 2009

*legend according to
type of event*

	<i>other (national etc...)</i>
	<i>EU- Official</i>
	<i>EU- NGO's and other organisations</i>
	<i>FORUM SYNERGIES project's meetings</i>
	<i>EU- FS sister organisations</i>

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title /Topic</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Organized by</i>	<i>Contact Personne - Documents - Web</i>
MAY				
26 mai 2009	Demain les Pays. Vers une coopération intercommunale renforcée et un aménagement durable des territoires...	Paris (France)	Association de Promotion et de Fédération des Pays	Clicker pour en savoir plus et télécharger le programme : www.pays.asso.fr
JUNE				
4th June 2009	The Future of Rural Land Use	London - UK	RELU (Rural Economy and Land Use)	http://www.relu.ac.uk
4 - 6 June 2009	13ème Assemblée générale et conférence annuelle du réseau de communes "Alliance dans les Alpes"	Appiano (Italy)	Allianz in den Alpen' - CIPRA	http://www.alpenallianz.org/fr/actuel/manifestations/1879
8 - 10 June 2009	I Foro Internacional de Cooperación en Desarrollo Rural (FICODER)	Sevilla (Spain)	Consejería de Agricultura y Pesca de la Junta de Andalucía and Ministerio de Medio Ambiente y Medio Rural y Marino (MARM).	http://www.ficoder.es
11 et 12 juin 2009	Quelle participation citoyenne dans les politiques territoriales de développement durable ?	Marseille (FR)	Petrafolia	http://www.petrafolia.eu

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11-12 June 2009	Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion in Rural areas	Budapest (Hungary)	European Commission's Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities in cooperation with the Directorates-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, Regional Policy and Eurostat	Click here for more information and programme on http://ec.europa.eu/social
13 juin 2009	Les démarches participatives au service du développement durable	Rennes (FR)	Réseau Cohérence et ADELS (l'Association pour la Démocratie et l'Education Locale et Sociale)	http://www.reseau-coherence.org/spip.php?article554
15 et 16 juin 2009	Rencontres entre praticiens et chercheurs sur les pôles d'excellence rurale et les dispositifs de développement local	Foix (Ariège) - FR	Université de Toulouse et Unadel	Programme: http://village.tm.fr/acteur-rural/share/perfoix.pdf
15 - 18 June 2009	Sustainable Development of Lake Areas - Workshop1: Empowering Local Initiatives and Civil Society	Tartu (Estonia)	FS and Global Nature Fund	Programme and registration form on : www.forum-synergies.eu
16th of June 2009	3rd CURE Seminar on Rural Urban linkages: fostering social cohesion	Brussels (Belgium)	organised by the University of West England in collaboration with DG Regio	http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/conferences/urban_rural/index_en.htm
26-28 June 2009	Forum Synergies: regional Ambassadors' meeting	Caudiel (Spain)	Forum synergies	info@forum-synergies.eu
26 et 27 juin 2009	5 ^{ème} Foire nationale à l'installation "Projets en campagne", Vivre et travailler au vert	Limoges (FR)	Collectif Ville-campagne, la Région Limousin et le Cnasea	http://www.projetsencampagne.com
29 juin au 4 juillet 2009	Régulation locale de l'accès aux ressources naturelles	French Alps (Savoie-Alpes de Hte-Provence)	AGTER	www.agter.asso.fr Coordination Ph. BARRET
29 June to 2 July 2009	Transformation, innovation and adaptation for sustainability – Integrating natural and social sciences	Ljubljana (Slovenia)	European Society for Ecological Economics	http://www.esee2009.si
30 June - 2 July 2009	PREPARE Travelling workshops	Slovenia	PREPARE	www.preparenetwork.org ; contact: ula@preparenetwork.org

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JULY				
3- 4 July 2009	PREPARE annual gathering	Croatia	PREPARE	www.preparenetwork.org ; contact: ula@preparenetwork.org
7 - 23 July 2009	24th International Leadership Workshop for Rural Youth - Learning from others – taking action myself	Herrsching (Germany)	Bundesministerium für Ernährung, Landwirtschaft und Verbraucherschutz	Download programme in French, English and German on www.hdbf-herrsching.de/sro.php?redid=14045
11 - 16 July 2009	GEN-Europe Assembly and European Ecovillage Network - Training and Research for Sustainability	Keuruu Ecovillage (Finland)	European Ecovillage Network	http://www.gen-europe.org/
13. - 18. 7. 2009	17th Annual Colloquium of the IGU Commission on the Sustainability of Rural Systems: <i>New Challenges for Sustainable Rural Development in the 21st Century</i>	Maribor, Slovenia	IGU Commission on the Sustainability of Rural Systems	http://events.ff.uni-mb.si/igu2009/

For more information please have a look on our FS homepage:
<http://www.forum-synergies.eu/index.php?pid=11>

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