



## Forum Synergies

Linking sustainable practices throughout Europe

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## NEWSLETTER

### News

#### ARC - [www.arc2020.eu](http://www.arc2020.eu)

ARC becomes heard! After the ARC delegation had met Commissioner Ciolos and the EP on 18 November 2010 it was also involved in the EP Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development Hearing 'The CAP towards 2020' on 26 January in Brussels. On 22 January the Agricultural and Rural Convention 2020 supported the demonstration 'We've had enough!' in Berlin. For more info look at [www.wir-haben-es-satt.de](http://www.wir-haben-es-satt.de)



In the first half of 2011, the Agricultural and Rural Convention focuses on communicating its common positions to European decision-makers involved in the legislative process. This includes participating in hearings and providing additional expertise on specific areas from within its network. ARC also continues to stimulate exchange between civil society organizations.



### Announcements/ Events

#### The new FS calendar of events is now available

Please visit our website [www.forum-synergies.eu/](http://www.forum-synergies.eu/)

#### ERCA international conference 13.-14.05.2011, Berlin

The European Rural Community Organisation (ERCA) invites to its international community conference.

For more information (invitation, programme) have a look at our FS website [www.forum-synergies.eu/](http://www.forum-synergies.eu/)



#### Invitation to an international seed swap, Brussels, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2011

For more information and invitation, please have a look at our website [www.forum-synergies.eu/](http://www.forum-synergies.eu/)



## News from Forum Synergies projects

### Sustainable Development of Lake Areas

The 5<sup>th</sup> and final workshop will be held in French Jura in Labergement Ste Marie from 14-18 September 2011 (provisional date). Have a look at the venue: [www.maisondelareserve.fr](http://www.maisondelareserve.fr)

### Access to Land for Community Connected Farming

Together with Terre de Liens Forum Synergies works on understanding and promoting the new 'community connected' model of farming which is emerging in many corners of Europe. In a 1st step a mapping of existing experiences throughout Europe as well as in-depth case studies for France, United Kingdom, Germany, Lithuania and Hungary/Romania are conducted.

To have a look please visit: [Mapping of existing experiences](#). In case you would like to add or correct something, please contact [v.rioufol@terredeliens.org](mailto:v.rioufol@terredeliens.org).



### Farmers Ecology

Outlook on activities planned in 2011: Workshop Verdon Natural Park – FR. 26-28 May 2011. Besides fields trips the "Paroles d'Ici" event will be an opportunity to exchange with local stakeholders at the farm of the PNR (which works on recovery of native seeds, traditional farmer practices etc...),

20-23 Oct. 2011: FE workshop Mas de Noguera – Spain. Results of "Ecologie Paysanne Europe" project will be presented to Spanish and foreign organisations which are already working on rural knowledge and heritage and could focus on local ecological knowledge. The event will be the opportunity to draw next steps and to identify new partners to integrate in the initiative.

<http://ecologie-paysanne.org>



## News from Forum Synergies members and partners

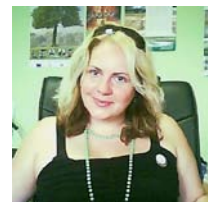
### PREPARE

PREPARE was represented at the Enlarged Advisory Group meeting on CAP towards 2020. The adoption of the [Commission communication on the CAP towards 2020](#), the [Quality Package](#) and the [Milk Package](#) were the main topics. Read more: [ec.europa.eu](http://ec.europa.eu). Further meetings with PREPARE representation: Leader as a driver for Rural Europe: workshop for new local action groups (19-20/1/2011, Brussels). EN RD Seminar on Public Goods and Public Intervention in Agriculture (10/12/2010, Brussels); EN RD 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the coordination committee (11/2/2011, Brussels).

For detailed information on outputs please visit the PREPARE website [www.preparenetwork.org/](http://www.preparenetwork.org/)

### **“Think GLOBAL act LOCAL”**

„Think GLOBAL, Act LOCAL” is called a youth exchange project which will be held in Zaļenieki, Latvia during 27<sup>th</sup> June till 3<sup>rd</sup> of July, 2011. The project was initiated by our partner Elza Pukite, from NGO “Zalienieku dzirnas”, Latvia. It will last for 7 days, where all together 24 persons, 8 from each country – Latvia, Serbia and Republic of Macedonia, will meet to widen vision for youth from rural areas and in this way promoting development of rural territories.



For more info have a look at our FS website, News-Section!

### **FS member Wolfgang Stänz, representative of “Buschberghof”**

As one of the examples presented in the map « Buschberghof », DE received quite a good echo from the media within the last monthes. Short press review:

- article in FAZ, one of the biggest German newspapers. (available on FS website News Section [www.forum-synergies.eu/](http://www.forum-synergies.eu/))
- article in [altempo](http://altempo.com),
- [broadcast on NDR](#), sent on 26.12.2010 (go on the website and start “mediathek”)

### **Foula heritage Newsletter**

Is now available on FS website in the Publications Sector!

[www.forum-synergies.eu/](http://www.forum-synergies.eu/)

(the Foula heritage website is currently re-constructed)



### **About Forum Synergies**

Forum Synergies is a European non-profit organisation. Since 1994 our network of engaged citizens and associations has gathered rich and varied experience in sustainable practices, mainly in rural areas. Trying out the best ways to save resources and energy in our local communities, combining the intelligent use of modern technologies with traditional know how, and sharing our successes and weaknesses throughout Europe, have given us faith in getting involved in political decision-making on our future.

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