

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

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Wednesday 17th: Welcoming participants

- 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

- 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

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

18:00 **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

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 1st day workshops and during the 2nd 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
