

Rural Europe Takes Action - No more business as usual

Book Launch on the future of Rural Europe with Special Guests

A hybrid event live from the European Parliament, with physical participation in room WEISS N3.5. Interpretation available in English and French. In-person participation for MEPs and EP staff. To register for online participation, please contact Oleksandra.Suprun@europarl.europa.eu).

Programme - 7 June, 16:00 - 18:00

Opening Session - 16:00 - 16:45

- A first presentation of the book with **Katrīna Idū**, (President of Forum Synergies) and **Hannes Lorenzen** (President of ARC2020)
- Keynote address by **Dacian Cioloș**, MEP and Former European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development
- Keynote address by **Frans Timmermans** Vice President of the European Commission
- Keynote address by **Isabel Estrada Carvalhais**, AGRI Rapporteur for the own-initiative report on a long-term vision for the EU's rural areas

Come to the clouds - 16:45 - 17:15

- Introduction to “The Clouds of resilient rural transition” (**Katrīna Idū and Hannes Lorenzen**)
- Meet the Contributors to the book:
 - **Anke Kähler**, Master Baker, the Free Bakers movement, Germany
 - **Aurélie Mézière**, Mayor of Plessé, Bretagne, France
 - **Boban Ilic**, Secretary General of the West Balkan Standing Working Group (SWG) on Agriculture and Rural Development, North Macedonia
 - **George Cățean**, farmer and former Secretary of State, Romania
- Q&A with contributors

The Future of Rural Europe - Where is the action? - 17:15 - 18:00

- The “Unwritten EU-Regulation for an Integrated Rural, Agricultural and Food Policy”, presented by **Robert Lukesch**, farmer and rural development expert, Austria
- Comments and suggestions for rural action from participants
- Closing remarks