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»Rural Parliaments contribute to participative democracy«

INVITATION

Dear friends,

We kindly invite you to the **4th Slovenian Rural Parliament**, which will be held in Grm Novo mesto –Center for Biotechnology and Tourism on 22nd September 2017. The introductory part will be held on 21st September in Šentrupert.

Upon the initiative of the Slovenian Rural Development Network, the co-organizers of the event are partners of the National Rural Network, the Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry and Food, the Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry of Slovenia, the Cooperative Union of Slovenia, the Chamber of Agricultural and Food Enterprises, and the Association of Slovenian Rural Youth.

Participants should submit their registration forms by **10th September 2017** through the following [link](#), or until full capacity is reached.

There is no participation fee. Reimbursement of the travel costs and accommodation will be available for a limited number of participants upon submission of receipts.

You can find out more about the event and registration at www.drustvo-podezelje.si and www.program-podezelja.si.

Welcome!



»HARMONY BETWEEN RURAL AREAS AND AGRICULTURE«

Around 300 representatives of rural areas, including prominent representatives from political and scientific circles, will discuss the current challenges faced by rural Slovenia in the presence of participants from other European countries. They will listen to talks by distinguished guests and discuss the issues in ten workshops, take a field trip, share experiences and exchange cases of good practice, and search for solutions at public debates.

The 4th Slovenian Rural Parliament aims to look for harmony between rural areas and agriculture in view of the upcoming changes of the Common Agricultural Policy post 2020. Reflection about regional and local economies will contribute to solutions for a sustainable rural development.

PROGRAMME

INTRODUCTION DAY		Thursday, 21 st September 2017
DAY OF LOCAL ECONOMIES		(Max. number of participants: 50)
9.00 – 12.00	Field visit focusing on cases of good practice	Ljubljana – Šentrupert
12.00 – 17.00	Conference: "Supporting local and sub-regional economies"	Šentrupert
20.00	Mingle at a screening of the film DEMAIN (Tomorrow) by authors Cyril Dion in Melanie Laurent	Novo mesto

RURAL PARLIAMENT SESSION		Friday, 22 st September 2017
HARMONY BETWEEN RURAL AREAS AND AGRICULTURE		(Max. number of participants: 300)
9.00 – 12.00	Agriculture and rural areas in the Common Agricultural Policy post 2020	Grm Novo mesto
12.00 – 17.00	Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Services in the rural area - Value chains - Risk management - Employment and infrastructure in rural areas - Coexistence of generations in rural areas and the role of the youth - Food security - Smart management of natural resources - Knowledge and innovation in rural areas - Cooperative movement - Common Agricultural Policy and simplification 	
17.00 – 18.00	Conclusions and recommendations from the 4 th SRP	

The number of participants is limited to 50 on the introductory day (September 21st) and 300 on the second day (September 22nd). The event is financially supported by the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, by the Ministry of Economic Development and Technology, by the programme Europe for Citizens, PREPARE, LAG Dolenjska and Bela krajina and by the Slovenian Rural Development Network.