

## Webinar – National Rural Parliaments

Day – 28.5.2020 Time: 10-12 CET
Category - Rural development organisations, policymakers, decisionmakers.
Maximum 100 participants. The organiser reserve the right to select participants in order to ensure geographical balance.
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Zoom webinar. Admission through waiting room / password. Questions during session sent to the chat.

**Abstract**: National Rural Parliaments (NRP's) can be seen as a tool for participative democracy, co-planning, co-implementing and co-evaluation. NRP's are regular Gatherings and processes for people and government to meet and discuss rural policy agendas submitted by the grassroots. Experience show that NRP's have become a process of partnerships, networking and even (financed) co-action.

## **Draft Programme**

**Opening -** Introduction to National Rural Parliaments – PREPARE

The Estonian experience – new winds Anneli Kana, Kodukant Estonia The Slovak Experience – doing together Monika Slaninova, Slovak Rural Parliament The Albanian Rural Parliament - a "window of opportunity" for improving life in rural areas Evelina Azizaj, Albanian Network for Rural Development The Balkan Rural Parliament – a regional experience Dragan Roganovic, Network for Rural Development of Serbia

## **Discussion 15 min**

Policymakers view and role in the National Rural Parliaments Riina Solman, Minister of Population, Estonia TBC Civil society and government in dialogue Natasha Dragojlovic, Secretary of the National Convention on the EU Por Otra PAC– involving stakeholders in rural programme planning Blanca Casares Guillén, EfecToTP founder. Comment speech from the European Commission Silvia Michelini, Deputy Director DG Agri

Open floor for questions, comments and discussion