

ELARD

Events and activities
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What is ELARD?

33 members from EU and wider Europe

2600 LAGs

Mission

- to improve the quality of life in rural areas
- to maintain rural population through sustainable, integrated local development

Purpose

- to promote unique method LEADER and CLLD (*Community Lead Local development*)
- to support rural and regional development
- to promote cooperation
- to influence EU policies





Upcoming events

2023 European LEADER Congress

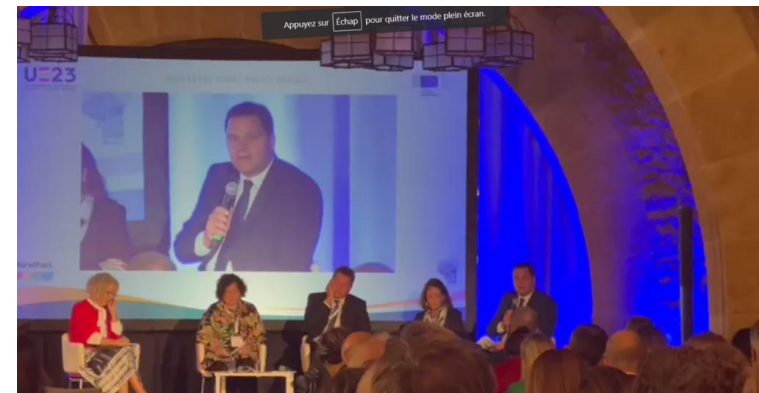
- 650 participants
- 20 sessions, one award ceremony, a cooperation fair
- At the heart of the EU Parliament, Committee of the Regions and Economic and social committees





Involvements and activities

- European representation:
 - Member of the EU CAP network Steering Group and General Assembly
 - Represented in the Rural Pact Coordination Group
 - Part of the ongoing Thematic Work Group on Added value
 - Participation in three Civil Dialogue Groups: Quality and Promotion, Climate and environment, CAP Strategic Plans
- Reflexion on the future of rural development policies in the EU,
- Strengthened collaboration with non-EU member states and expanding the use of LEADER



Siguëenza, September 2023



New membership of the All-Ukrainian Association of Communities

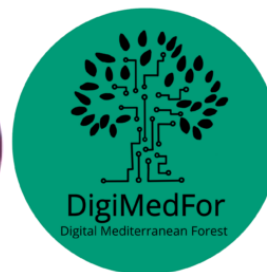




ELARD Knowledge Hub



- Founded in 2022 (Swedish presidency of ELARD)
- Formerly called "EKEP"
- a platform for members, stakeholders, and communities to come together, share knowledge, promote innovation, and drive progress in rural development, both within and outside the framework of the LEADER program
- Involvement in 7 projects so far
- More information on projects and staff: <http://elard.eu/elard-knowledge-hub/>



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