

RURAL PARLIAMENTS

Emerging participative democracy

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The context of RDP in wider society (1/2)

- Negative trends
 - Economic crisis (polarisation, unemployment rates)
 - Social crisis (depopulation of rural areas, growing poverty, marginalisation of rural population)
 - Decrease of democracy (globalisation, political parties without roots, administrative barriers)
 - Change of values (manipulations through mass media, consumption fever)



The context of RDP in wider society (2/2)

- Positive trends
 - Common European RD policy (mainstreaming the LEADER, starting with CLLD, emergence of greening)
 - Territorial approach to the regional Development
 - Call for the “Paradigm shift in rural development” by OECD in 2006, by the rural movements in the debate about future CAP
 - The voice from the civil society is getting stronger (tradition of social partnership, networking)



Partnerships for Rural Europe: PREPARE's perspective

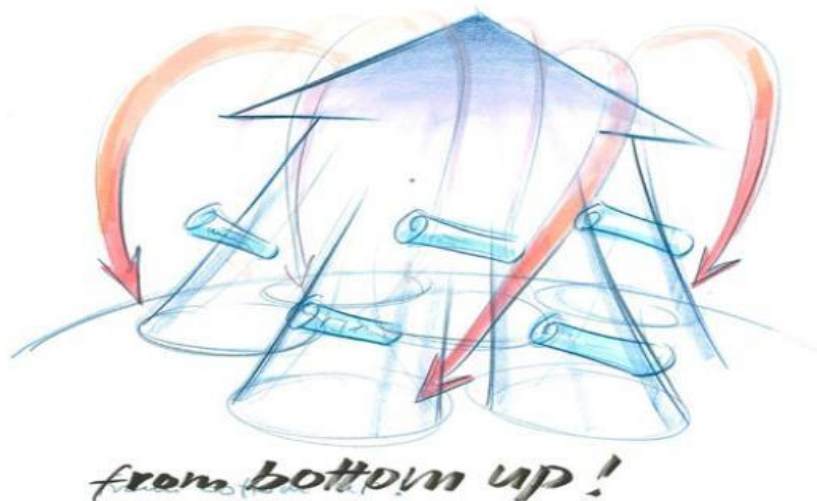


PERSPECTIVES OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN EUROPEAN RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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BUILDING ALLIANCES: PREPARE, ERCA, ELARD, ARC



THE RURAL MOVEMENTS IN EUROPE

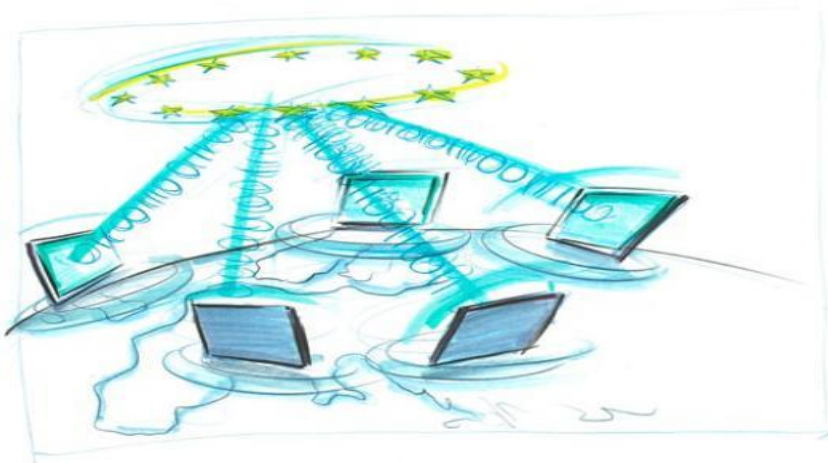
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SWEDISH RURAL PARLIAMENT³

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Estonian Rural Parliament: NEW WAVE BASED ON TRADITIONAL ROOTS



ESTONIAN RURAL PARLIAMENT

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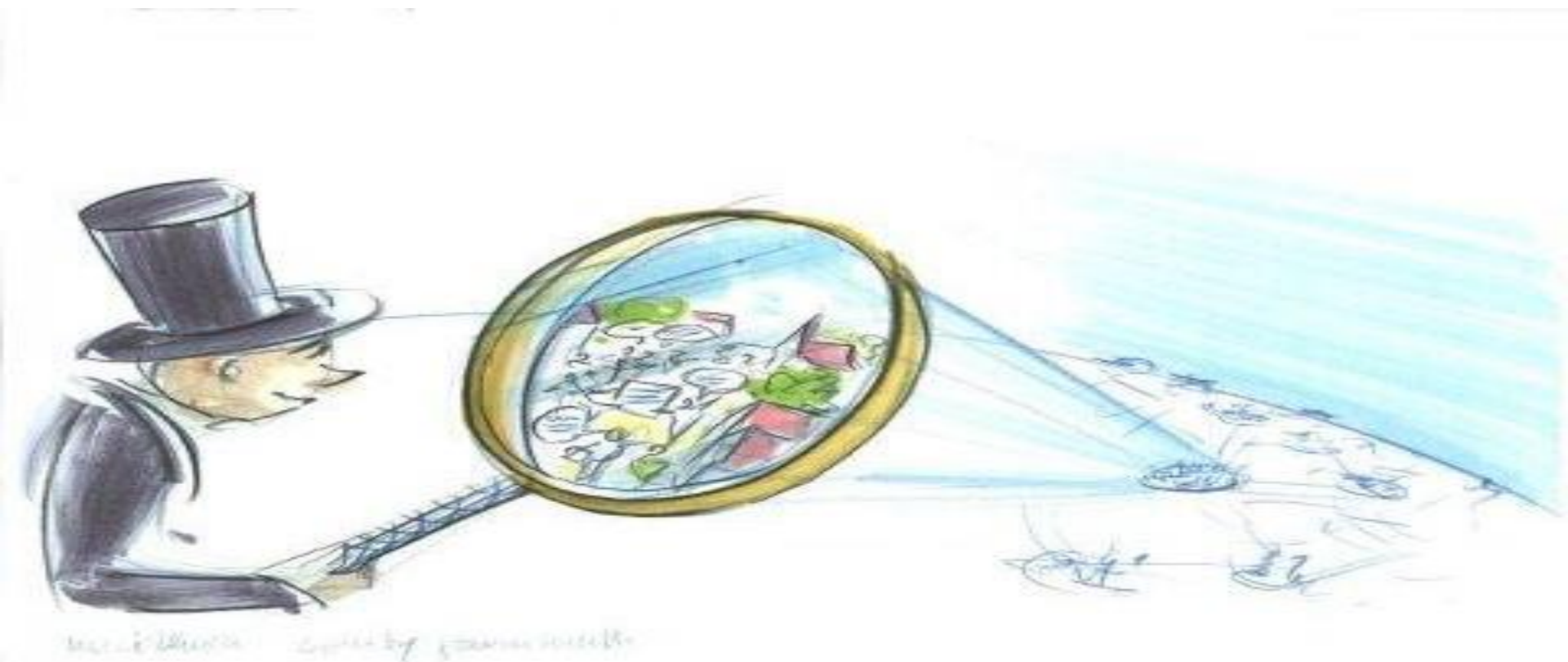
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Slovenian Rural Parliament: INFLUENCING THE RDP 2014 - 2020



mobile training

Latvian Rural Parliament: LET US TAKE OUR FUTURE INTO OUR OWN HANDS



EMERGING RURAL PARLIAMENTS

- Scottish Rural parliament (2014)
- Lithuanian Rural Parliament (2014)
- Rural Parliament in England
- Rural Parliament in Germany
- Croatian Rural Parliament



Common Vision for the Future

LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE RURAL PARLIAMENTS

- RPs are building the important **BRIDGE** between civil society and governments
- RPs contribute to the urgent “**PARADIGM SHIFT**”
- RPs are manifestation of the **PARTICIPATIVE DEMOCRACY**
- RPs are the place, where people **MEET** and **EXCHANGE** experience
- RPs are the places where **SMALL PEOPLE** can raise their voice
- RPs are giving priority to the people with the **VISION**



Rural Parliaments encourage people participating in the decision making process



Thanks for your attention!

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