



Memorandum to LEADER/CLLD Communities of Europe

We, the devoted representatives of more than 20 nations who attended the international LEADER/CLLD conference in Pravec, Bulgaria, held on 11-12 October 2017

agree that LEADER doesn't separate but connects, hence we must save LEADER as our proven successful European rural development method since more than two decades;

maintain the LEADER/CLLD method and its organizational place-based structure and foster a better rural-urban partnership;

reinforce the achievements of European LAGs and their rural communities for creation and maintaining an improved livelihood;

continue networking among rural stakeholders at local, regional, national and transnational level;

support the European, regional and national LEADER/CLLD innovation, in order to achieve better harmony among rural and urban communities:

call for the attention of decision makers of the European Union and Governments of Member States to consider LEADER/CLLD values to be included in the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) framework after 2020;

suggest to reinstate a unified CLLD fund in place of the present sector-based, fragmented fund structure and assign it to LEADER/CLLD communities of Europe who will implement the strategy for the benefit of rural-urban communities;

request the European Commission to undertake continued streamlining of legal and financial implementation procedures in view of real simplification;

Concluded at Pravec, Bulgaria on 12.10.2017.

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