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Announcements/ Events

Forum Synergies General Assembly 15-07-2011

On the occasion of the ARC conference held on 13 July, Board and Team of Forum Synergies will gather in Brussels from 14 to 16 of July. During these meetings, we will discuss our proposals for the Work Plan 2012 and our further activities in the fields of Working groups Health, Sustainable Forestry and international cooperation of Foundations. The ordinary General Assembly will take place on 15 July from 14.00 to 15.00

For any questions please contact Simone Matouch: info@forum-synergies.eu

2nd ARC-conference 13-07-2011

“Consultation of Civil Society on the Future of the CAP - One Year on – Was Our Voice Heard?” www.arc2020.eu/front/2nd-arc-conference/.

The aim of this Conference is to understand how far the ideas on CAP reform, expressed by a wide variety of civil society organisations, have been accepted by the European Institutions; and to discuss how civil society can best contribute to the continuing process of shaping that reform over the next year.



Please Register now!

The new FS calendar of events is now available

Please visit our website www.forum-synergies.eu/

Forum Synergies LifeShop in St.Michel l'Observatoire 20-27-08-2011



You will find the detailed information attached again to the newsletter!

For planning purposes **please register until 30 June 2011**. For questions or registration please contact Simone Matouch: info@forum-synergies.eu

IX Estonian Rural Parliament 03-05-08-2011

“For Estonians the Rural Parliament has become a place to speak, argue and dream about country life, meet other villagers and decision makers of different levels and collect useful ideas and experience”.

Study tour and international conference. For more information, the detailed programme and registration please visit the Kodukant website www.kodukant.ee/index.php?id=&news_id=103103

News from Forum Synergies projects

FS work group “Access to Land for Community Connected Farming” at Ashoka’s 30th anniversary

Ashoka Fellows are independent social entrepreneurs all around the world who are nominated and supported in their work by the Ashoka network. At the celebrations of the network’s 30th birthday from 16-22 June 2011 in Paris, FS and Terre de Liens were invited to moderate a thematic cluster day about "civic agriculture" as one of 11 European hot topics. Veronique Rioufol, Jérôme Deconinck and FS coordinator Titus Bahner moderated a group of 40 participants from a dozen countries, and the topic was presented to an auditory of about 1.000 Ashoka fellows and decision makers from around the world. (Minutes coming soon on our website)

Farmers Ecology

The 2nd « Ecologie Paysanne Europe » international workshop took place on Verdon Natural Park territory, in the Mediterranean region of Provence (France) on May 25 and 26th. It began with field visits on the main agro-ecosystems of the Park. The landscape interpretation and the visit of Valx and Felines areas, properties of the Conservatoire du Littoral (a land stewardship organisation), but managed by the Park, illustrated what were the prospects of valorisation of these spaces and how Farmer Ecological knowledge could contribute to it. In the peaceful *monastery* of Segries, the 20 participants coming from Romania, France and Spain exchanged on the progress of their local project, on the difficulties they were facing but also explained some good practices of work in order to inspire others. A first reflection on transmission of knowledge issue was also initiated thanks to the work initiated by a PhD student in collaboration with Geysler.

Minutes of the workshop, presentation documents and photos will be available soon on <http://ecologie-paysanne.org>



News from Forum Synergies members and partners

PREPARE annual gathering



The PREPARE annual gathering is currently taking place from 29 June – 1 July in Serbia.

The Gathering 2011 is a linked series of events in Serbia, which aim to bring together representatives of civil society as well as public sector organisations, primarily from Central and South-Eastern Europe but also from EU member states

The Detailed programme and registration forms are available on the PREPARE website

[www.preparenetwork.org/files/PREPARE%20GATHERING%202011/PREPARE%20Gathering%202011%20PROGRAMME%20\(2\).pdf](http://www.preparenetwork.org/files/PREPARE%20GATHERING%202011/PREPARE%20Gathering%202011%20PROGRAMME%20(2).pdf).

About Forum Synergies

Forum Synergies is a European non-profit organisation. Since 1994 our network of engaged citizens and associations has gathered rich and varied experience in sustainable practices, mainly in rural areas. Trying out the best ways to save resources and energy in our local communities, combining the intelligent use of modern technologies with traditional know how, and sharing our successes and weaknesses throughout Europe, have given us faith in getting involved in political decision-making on our future.

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