



**RURAL PARLIAMENT  
OF KOSOVO**



Image: Hotel Sharri – Prevala

Main venue of the 1<sup>st</sup> Rural Parliament of Kosovo

## **Rural Parliament of Kosovo – a platform of Network of Organizations for Rural Development of Kosovo (NORDK)**

The first edition of Rural Parliament in Kosovo (2020) represents an advocacy platform, capacity building and networking dedicated to rural development. Rural Parliament - a joint effort of the Network of Organizations for Rural Development of Kosovo consisting organizations, activists and active groups in cooperation with partners, will gather in a unique event with attendance of 100 participants. RPKS 2020 is the instrument through which NORDK and partners seek to advocate and influence the rural development agenda in Kosovo. The partnership and cooperation of NORDK with other relevant institutions and actors will enable the achievement of such goals by fostering evidence-based and research-based rural development policy-making. The main beneficiaries of this advocacy effort are central and local government institutions, as well as other public and private actors, civil society organizations, informal groups, the business community... The main purpose of this instrument - the Rural Parliament - is to advocate for rural development in Kosovo and ensure that the rural agenda and its priorities are reflected in local, regional and national policies.

RPKS 2020 will bring together a wide range of rural actors in order to accelerate the country's rural development reform processes in line with the EU Policy (CLLD). Rural Parliament of Kosovo will provide a space which aims to exchange experiences and transfer knowledge and capacity regarding the implementation of the LEADER / CLLD approach from different European countries and those in the region.

The platform agreed by all included actors will seek to make the governance of public sector institutions at the national and local level more proactive and accountable in promoting EU policies and practices in rural development.

The 1<sup>st</sup> edition of Rural Parliament will be organized on the dates 22, 23 & 24 October 2020. You're welcome!

**Network of Organizations for Rural Development of Kosovo**

**Program of the 1<sup>st</sup> Rural Parliament of Kosovo**

**1<sup>st</sup> Day**

<b>Data:</b>	<b>Koha:</b>	<b>Programi</b>
<b>22.10.2020</b>		
	09:00 – 09:30	Registration of participants
	09:30	Field visits
	10:30 -11:30	1 <sup>st</sup> field visit
	12:30 – 13:00	2 <sup>nd</sup> field visit
	13:30 – 15:00	Lunch
	15:00 – 16:00	3d field visit
	17:00	Return to the Hotel Sharri
	19:30 – 22:30	Traditional dinner – promotion of the local food & culture

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Day

Date:	Time:	Programi
<b>23.10.2020</b>		
	09:30 – 10:30	<p>Registration of participants</p> <p><b>Opening speeches:</b></p> <p>Mr. Enis Kervan – Minister of Regional Development of Republic of Kosovo</p> <p>Mrs. Daniela Topercianu – European Union Office</p> <p>Ms. Anneli Leina – Regional Director of We Effect Eur</p> <p>Mr. Afrim Sharku – President of NORDK</p>
	10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
	11:00-12:00	<p><b>Thematic sessions – main panel</b></p> <p>Mr. Aris Adlers – President of PREPARE aisbl</p> <p><i>“ Role of national rural development networks in advocacy and lobby for rural development policies – best models and practices”</i></p> <p>Mr. Petar Gerogievski – President of BRDN</p> <p><i>“ LEADER approach in Western Balkans – challenges and best practices from the European context”</i></p> <p>Ms. Anneli Leina – Regional Director of We Effect Europe</p>
	12:00 -13:30	Lunch
	13:30 – 15:00	Workshop – Session 1
	15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break
	16:00 – 17:30	Workshop– Session 2
	19:30	Dinner

### 3d Day

<b>Data:</b>	<b>Koha:</b>	<b>Programi</b>
<b>24.10.2020</b>		
	09:00 – 09:30	Findings from the field visits (summary presentations)
	09:30 – 10:30	Conclusions from the Workshops
	10:30 -11:00	Coffee Break
	11:00 – 12:30	MANIFESTO of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Rural Parliament of Kosovo
	12:30 – 14:00	Lunch and joint photo

### Field visits

#### **1<sup>ST</sup> field visit**

##### **Hit-Flores sh.p.k.**

Hit-Flores as a family business was founded in 1987, and since 2005 it has been restructured and oriented in the collection and processing of medicinal plants and mountain fruits, the processing and packaging of teas collected directly from the Sharr Mountains. The raspberry plantation operates within the enterprise in cooperation with local farmers from the Dragash region.

There are a total of 25 employees, of which 7 are family members. Sale of products of the company Hit-Flores sh.p.k. is done through exports with about 98% of the total annual quantity and mainly in European markets.





## **2<sup>nd</sup> field visit**

### **Buffalo farm – Municipality of Shtime**

Buffalo farm as a family business started its activity in 2008 with about 100 heads as it had in the beginning. The farm is officially registered with the institutions of the Republic of Kosovo and the main activity of the farm is the growth and cultivation of Buffalos. They provide food from their farm. The products produced by this farm are: meat, milk, butter and cheese, and all these products are sold on the farm. The farm employs 3 people, of which 2 are family members.





### **3d field visit**

#### **Agro-Rural activity of the family Vataj**

The farm of VATAJ family was registered in 2017 while before operating for many years as a family activity. One of the farm deals with the growth and cultivation of calves, the production of calf meat, the production of milk, cheese, and also beekeeping. The other farm owns 5,000 village chickens and as a secondary activity also deals with the cultivation of leaves from which they sell meat, milk, and dairy products. The farm is run by Mrs. Ganimete Vataj who is also the leader of the association "Woman Farmers" in the Municipality of Suhareka. Both farms employ 8 members of their families. The sale takes place exclusively on the farm and due to the increased demand for their products, in the future, it is planned to expand the capacity of the farms.





### **Important information:**

**Hotel Sharri** is located on the 20<sup>th</sup> km of the road Prizren – Brezovica at the well known touristic and rural locality called Prevala . A very special locality with many characteristics of rural tourism surrounding from Mountains of Sharri.

Hotel Sharri as a complex is located at an attitude of about 1,200 meters above sea level and offers multi-dimensional services in a space with fresh air and surrounded by greenery and typical rural life.

Official web page of Hotel Sharri: <http://www.hotelsharri.com/>

### **Situation with Covid-19 pandemic**

1<sup>st</sup> Rural Parliament of Kosovo will be organized in harmony with all measures and rules against Covid-19 pandemic. The conditions and spaces offered by Hotel Sharri are appropriate and sufficient for all attendants of the parliament sessions. This approach applies to the field visits, as well. Due to pandemic circumstances, currently there are planned only three field visits but this number can be increased with some additional visits depends on the pandemic situation during the days of the Parliament.

NORDK will offer full and direct access through ‘Zoom’ platform for the regional and international friends, colleagues and participants, who cannot travel and be present at the Rural Parliament sessions. All this will be done with a perfect technology that enables active access to presentations and discussions in real time during the sessions on 23 and 24 October 2020 according to the program.