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## Result report ROAD

In the ROAD project altogether 63 events 10 webinars and 5 surveys involving 3903 citizens have been carried out. Over 1800 indirect participants were reached through national Rural Parliaments and rural women's days. More detailed info and theme reports:

Beneficiary: <https://suomenkylat.fi/hankkeet/eurooppalainen-maaseutuparlamenti-erp/>

ERP Official [www.europeanruralparliament.com](http://www.europeanruralparliament.com) under advocacy and themes

Gathering and media data [www.erp2019.eu/news](http://www.erp2019.eu/news)

As a result from the whole democratic process ending in the Gathering in Candás November 2019 and the advocacy meetings in Brussels January 2020, the voice of rural people to decision makers was collected in an updated and renewed Manifesto, a simple language Declaration and a policy suggestions paper. These were collected in the events, in national rural parliaments, through surveys and specific advocacy webinars. The messages are supported by prepared background materials. Translations have been made on a short version of the Manifesto, the Declaration and the policy suggestions - providing support in national advocacy work. New connections and cooperation opportunities with EU-institutions were decided on in the January meetings in meetings and policy paper preparations.

A short compilation of research results supporting the documentation above was done and a network of interested researchers was initiated. The network will continue its work the upcoming years. Research results will be published on ERP website and cooperation with researchers increased.

Youth organised a second European Rural Youth Parliament, was active on social media and enlarged its network with new young rural citizens. Youth produced their own Declaration addressing decisionmakers. The partnership has future plans and looks for new partners and projects.

In the communities and volunteering theme, several workshops on relations between EU and its citizens were organised. In Candás, a workshop on energy-efficient communities supported the theme. Two simple documents on (1) citizen's rights and (2) on what EU gives to Rural Citizen's were produced. The project connected with the Smart Village Network and sees future cooperation between it and ERP. Also further cooperation in community climate action is planned with ECOLISE.

In the local economy and the LEADER/CLLD themes two reports were produced. The first on partnerships in economy, the latter on simplification and multifunding in rural territories.

In the UK links theme, citizens discussed the reasons of Brexit and solutions post-Brexit. Understanding EU increased through understanding of what was lost in freedoms, business, farming and community development (LEADER, other funding programs, research).

A collateral result comes from the best practise that lead to the European Rural Parliament – the national rural parliaments. Rural people, communities and villages meet to discuss rural issues, agree on a declaration and action programme - in the best of the cases even financed by national budget and implemented through contracts or partnerships. During ROAD, new countries initiated national rural parliaments like France and North Macedonia and new ones follow (Montenegro, Kosovo, possibly Spain). Citizen's involvement and its impact grows through NRP's.

Knowledge of ERP was increased also by three challenges. The project collected rural stories, best instagram youth story and best climate initiative stories. Selected cases were presented at the main event in Candás November.



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The reach by dissemination activities is high as almost 170 media inputs including national press were published only in Spain and around 15000 were (potentially) reached by social or electronic media. In some countries - eg - all LAG's are aware of ERP and its work for the voice of rural people and communities.