

Sustaining a Living Countryside: Resilient Communities at the Edge

Thursday 6th June in the Rochestown Park Hotel Douglas Cork

- 8.00 am – 9.00 am **Registration**
- 9.00 am – 9.30 am Introductions and Welcome by Chairperson Jim O'Brien
Opening by Phil Prendergast MEP
- 9.30 am – 11.00am **Panel 1 “The Potential of Local Government”**
Chairperson; Jim O'Brien, Journalist Irish Independent
- Speakers** Deputy Anne Phelan; Former Board Member of Kilkenny LEADER Partnership
“The Contribution of Local Authority Elected Members on LEADER Boards”
- Mr Michael Cohen; Council of Europe
“Local Democracy in Ireland”
- Dr Brendan O'Keeffe; Department of Geography, MIC, University Limerick
“The Development Potential of Local Government and the SEC”
- Q&A
- 11.15 am – 12.45 pm **Panel 2 “LEADER Inspiring Sustainable Communities”**
Chairperson Joe Dermody; Irish Examiner Journalist
- Speakers** Dr. Elena Saranceno; Agriculture and Rural Development Advisor on European Policy in the European Commission
- Mr Petri Rinne; President of *the European LEADER Network for Rural Development (ELARD)*
“The LEADER Method & its Contribution to Developing Rural Europe”
- Maura Walsh; CEO IRD Duhallow
“LEADER: The Irish Experience – Building Resilient Communities”
- Q&A
- 1.00 pm – 2.00 pm **Lunch**
- 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm **Panel 3 “From LEADER to CLLD- The Potential Post 2014”**
Chairperson Katherine O'Leary; Weekly Columnist in the Irish Country Living Section of the Irish Examiner
- Speakers** Mr Roman Haken; European Economic Social Committee (EECS)
“Community Led Local Development – Concept & Potential”
- Ryan Howard; CEO South & East Cork Area Development (SECAD)
“LEADER as a Basis for Community Led Local Development in Ireland”
- Dr. Radim Sršeň Czech Republic; Vice President ELARD
“Community Led Local Development in the Czech Republic Context”
- Q&A
- 3.30 pm – 5.15 pm **“Putting People First”**
Chairperson; Darragh McCullough; Journalist, Broadcaster on RTE's Ear to The Ground
- Speakers** Minister Phil Hogan; Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government – **TBC**
- Mr Jerzy Bogdan Plewa; Director General for Agriculture and Rural Development European Commission – **TBC**
- Final Q&A
- 5.30 **Conference Closed by Mr John Walsh Chairman of ILDN**