



The European Academy for Sustainable Rural Development

**Welcome to the
12th Summer Academy on**

**CULTURE AND LANDSCAPE: Contributions to Sustainable
Rural Development**

**Loski potok, Slovenia
13th-21st July 2013**

Who we are



- ✓ A transnational network of universities, training organisations, NGOs, research institutes, planning consultancies, local authorities, social partners and individuals,
- ✓ Carrying a commitment to help in a practical way the sustainable development of rural areas through capacity building
- ✓ Having the legal status of a non-profit association set up in the beginning of 2004

Capacity-building has been singled out as a key issue

- ✓ **Individual capacity-building** is about helping people to increase their individual stock of skills, knowledge and readiness to act and to innovate.
- ✓ **Social capacity-building** is about promoting the development of social capital.
- ✓ **Institutional capacity-building** is about strengthening the ability of formal structures, both within and outside government, to conceive, fund and manage rural development programmes.



Capacity building activities

- ✓ face-to-face learning in Summer Academies organised annually. Since 2002, 12 summer academies have been successfully held in 9 different countries (SE, GR, PL, HU, FI, ES, IT, SI, EE) focusing on different aspects of rural development
- ✓ e-learning through the Internet complemented by individual learning support
- ✓ a website that promotes networking www.euracademy.org complemented by social media
- ✓ seminars and conferences addressing issues relating to the core vision of the Association
- ✓ Project work funded by the European Commission, involving many partners from different countries
- ✓ Research on sustainable rural development issues
- ✓ Publications: "Thematic Guides" to complement the summer academies; research reports and project reports

Summer academies



✓ Lectures

✓ Panels of experts

✓ Thematic Guides

✓ Workgroups

✓ Plenary discussions

✓ Study trips

✓ networking opportunities

11 Summer academies have been completed so far, on the following themes

“Developing Sustainable Rural Tourism”

“Information society and sustainable rural development”

“Diversification of Rural Economies in the Enlarged Europe”

“Social Capital and Sustainable Rural Development”

“Education and LLL for Sustainable Rural Development”

“Culture and Sustainable Rural Development”

“Sustainable 2020 for Rural Environment in Europe”

“Sustainable Agriculture for Rural Development”

“Social Innovation for Sustainable Rural development”

“Local Governance and Sustainable Rural Development”

“Sustainable Rural Tourism Revisited”



Research activities and project work

Since 2004, Euracademy Association has taken part either as a leader or as a partner in many transnational projects:

- ✓ developing sustainable rural tourism in Ukraine
- ✓ transferring and adapting the Euracademy Thematic Guides on Rural Tourism and ICT to the needs of small rural businesses
- ✓ Creating an Observatory of ICT- assisted learning in rural areas accessible at www.euracademy-observatory.org / www.e-ruralnet.eu
- ✓ Promoting a European-wide system of validation of formal and informal learning related to sustainable rural development
- ✓ Researching the impact of lifelong learning on social inclusion in rural areas www.lll4inclusion.net
- ✓ Researching the cultural heritage of rural areas and promoting a network of rural cultural agents across the EU (CULT RURAL project)
www.cultrural.net
- ✓ Making European policies and especially the ELC more familiar to people



E-CLIC workshop

This year we have the opportunity to include in the summer academy a workshop about the European Landscape Convention, in the context of the E-CLIC project , which is co-funded by the Lifelong Learning Programme of the EU



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