

Immigrant Integration



to Rural Areas

Invitation

4. International Network Meeting

September 18th - 19th, 2018 · Lappajärvi (Finland)

Hotel Kivitippu



The European Agricultural Fund
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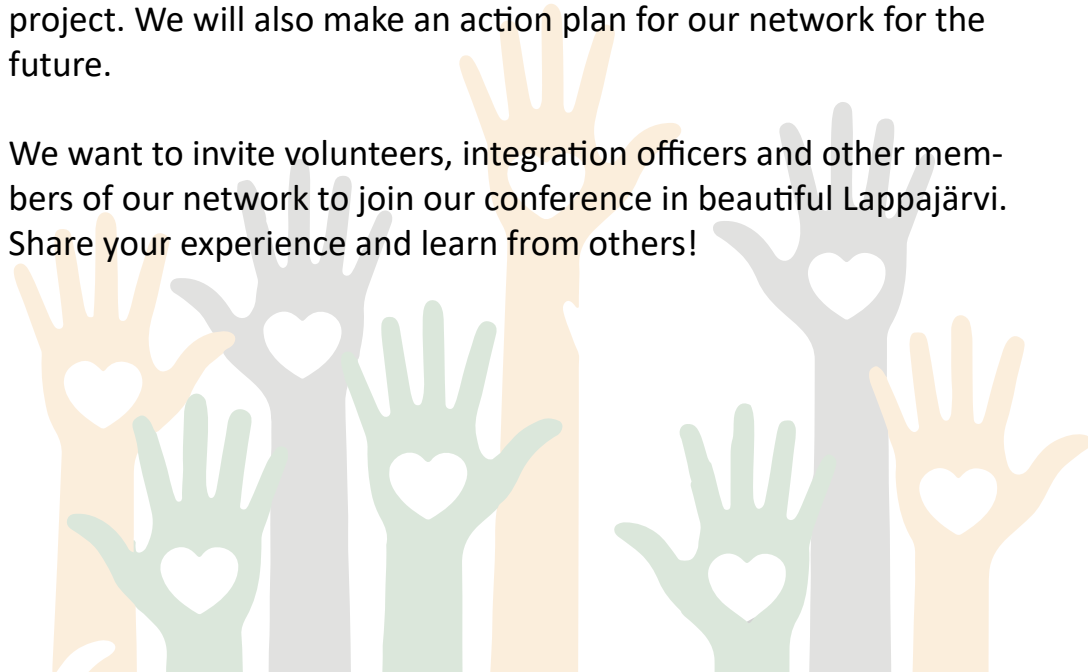
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Austria, Finland, Sweden and Germany are the countries that took the most refugees in Europe after 2015. 16 LEADER-regions from these countries have started a co-operation to develop common strategies and solutions for a better integration of newcomers in rural areas. The focus is on networking between the various actors in integration.

Every country faces the challenges in different ways and has different key aspects and solutions. An international exchange gives a chance to new ideas and possibilities. The first conference in Austria aimed at establishing the contact, gaining an overall knowledge of different activities in every country and to start networking. The second conference in Sweden focused on providing fact-based knowledge about migration and integration. The key topics to work with were discussed and established in Sweden. In the third conference in Germany we focused on deepening the knowledge of the subjects raised in the Swedish conference, as well as matching participants based on knowledge and interest.

This final conference in Finland will focus on practical methods of integration and charting the initiatives taken place during the project. We will also make an action plan for our network for the future.

We want to invite volunteers, integration officers and other members of our network to join our conference in beautiful Lappajärvi. Share your experience and learn from others!



Participating LEADER-Regions and Organizations from Finland • Sweden • Austria and Germany



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PIRKAN HELMI • RIESKA • RAVAKKA



Schedule

Monday

September 17, 2018

Arriving Lappajärvi

Tuesday

September 18, 2018

8:30 Registration

9:00 Opening session

- Introduction to the conference; themes and methods
- Overview to EU's integration policies
- Introduction of the workshops

11:30–12:30 Lunch

12:30–16:30 Method workshops: Local experts introduce their methods.

Everyone participates on every four workshops during the afternoon

“Language learning”

“Into the community”

“My culture”

“Working together”

16:30–17:00 Closing the workshop session

19:00 Dinner

Wednesday

September 18, 2018

8:30 Excursions

- “Labour market and vocational education”
- “Refugee center and asylum policies”

(choose the excursion you prefer when you register to the conference)

13:00–16:00 Lunch on the way

Closing session (Coffee and some point in the middle)

“IIRA in 5 minutes” – a film from the way

Experiences and results: every country represents their best practices and initiatives for the future co-operation – discussions. How to keep the network alive – opening speech and discussion

“Future of Europe and migration” –

greetings from the parliament of Finland

18:00 Dinner



Practical Information

Accommodation and venue

Hotel Kivitippu
Nykäläntie 137
62600 Lappajärvi
www.kivitippu.fi

Travelling

By plane

- Airport Vaasa (1,5 hours from Lappajärvi)
- Airport Kokkola (1 hour from Lappajärvi)

By train

- From Helsinki airport to Kauhava (0,5 hours from Lappajärvi)

Your LAG / coordinator will organize your travelling. There will be busses booked from/to airport.

Costs

The conference is free of charge, and when booking through your LAG, the accommodation is free. If you do not belong to a Leader area, you will be responsible for the cost of accommodation yourself.

Registration

Contact your local LAG to register for the conference. Since we have a limited number of participants, not everyone who is interested will be able to participate.

Last day for registration is June 15th, 2018

When signing up for the conference, please give the following information to your LAG:

- name (first and last name)
- organisation
- title /position
- email
- phone number
- languages spoken
- special diet
- single/double room; if double, who would you share the room with (name of the person)
- the excursion you would like to participate (Labour market and vocational education / Refugee center and asylum process)

See you in September!

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