

18-20.06.2024 GroundUp Event Poland

18.06.2024 - only for the project partners

18:00 - Welcome dinner, presentation of the partners and of the meeting agenda

Getting to know each other

Address: Patyki Las Możliwości, Kolonia Łobudzice 18D, 97-425 Zelów

19.06.2024

Conference under Honorary Patronage of Czesław Siekierski Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development

“From Community-Led Local Development, LEADER and local participatory budgeting to the European Citizens Initiative.

Citizens' Dialogue: Elections to the EP 2024 - why do we need fair and equal elections? The role of youth in EU democracy”.

Address: Kolumna Park *** Hotel & Restaurant, Dobroń, conference room – SOSNOWA, st. Hotelowa 1, 95-082 Przygoń.

9:30 - Guest registration and welcome coffee.

10:00 - 10:30 - Conference participants welcome

- Project Coordinator - LAG Sdruzeni SPLAV - **Kristina Holmová**, GroundUp project Leader
- Project Partner - LGD "Dolina rzeki Grabi" - **Anna Doliwa**, President of the Board
- Welcome and presentation of GroundUp partners, the topics of the event, brief summary of the 2024 EP elections - **Dr. Małgorzata Wochowska**, Project Manager
- Speeches by invited Polish guests

10:30-11:30: Expert panel debate on "**Community-led Local Development - LEADER**" with the participation of:

- GroundUp project partners
- Mayor / Commune Head - Bronisław Węglewski –mayor of Buczek Municipality/ Chairman of the council of LAG “Dolina rzeki Grabi”, Robert Jarzębak - mayor of Dobroń Municipality/Vice-chairman of the council of LAG “Dolina rzeki Grabi”
- Starost of Łask - Piotr Wołosz



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- Adam Nowak, Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development

Discussion Moderator - Anna Doliwa - Vice President of the Łódź LGD Network / member of the LEADER Thematic Group

11:30-12:00 - Coffee break

12:00-12:45 - Social innovations for rural areas in Poland and worldwide (Smart Villages concept)
- **Dr. habil. Katarzyna Zajda**, Prof. at the University of Łódź, Head of the Department of Rural and Urban Sociology

12:45-13:15 - Participatory budgeting -

13:15-13:30 - European Citizens' Initiative - **Dr. Małgorzata Wochowska**, project manager

13:30-14:00 - Coffee break

14:00-15:00 - Civic dialogue: 2024 European Parliament Elections - why do we need fair and equal elections? The role of youth in EU democracy - **Igor Jędrzejczak**, Councilor of the City Council of Łask in the current term, Marshal of the Youth Parliament of the Republic of Poland (2023-2024), and **Matěj Šlesinger**, Project's Communication Manager GroundUP, LAG SPLAV

15:00-15:15 - Discussion and closing of the conference.

15:15 -20:00 Polish dinner at the "Dolina Koni" agritourism farm
During the dinner: the first meeting of the GroundUp Steering Committee (obligatory for all partners)

20:00 - Return to the accommodation

20:30 - Free time - access to attractions at the place of accommodation

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8:00 - Breakfast

9:30 - Meeting summary/check-out and transfers to the airport.



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