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Presentation

“FORUM LEADER” is a collaborative experiment to debate about **the future of local rural areas** and to encourage discussion on issues **concerning community-based local development (CLLD)** for the **2014-2020** and **2021-2027** programming period.

FORUM LEADER MEMBERS are currently 150 and coming from the Italian regions highlighted in the infographic. **They are part of a community set up by LAGs** of the current 2014-2020 programming period **and a pool of CLLD/LEADER experts.**



FORUM LEADER - ORGANIZATION

FORUM LEADER is an experimental platform launched in 2020 by several Italian LAGs and works in a bottom-up way: candidates can launch a proposal and in case they can trigger the participation of at least 8 LAGs from 3 different regions, a thematic laboratory is set up. Each Laboratory identifies a "coordinator" and a "secretary", tasked with the organization of an agenda and activities, and publication of the progress and outcomes of the Laboratory. Every year up to 8 thematic laboratories can take place, and in case more than 8 proposals come up, a steering committee of 10 LAGs will be set up to make a final selection.

The website provides a specific page per laboratory where a working methodology, progress reports as well as in-depth documents (articles, bibliographic repertoires, case studies, etc.) are stored. Each year one LAG (selected by the steering group) will organize a yearly convention for presenting and discussing the results of the 8 laboratories, either with the support of the National Rural Network (NRN) or with the support of another local institution providing location/logistics.

FORUM LEADER has its own "Regulations" (shared in the current version among the members of the Forum) and uses the website <http://forumleader.it> and other social networks to communicate about its activities.

The first Forum LEADER Convention will take place on 15-16 October 2020 in Lanciano (Chieti, Abruzzo), and will be organized by LAG Maiella Verde with the support of steering group.

The steering group of the 2020 Forum is made up of the following people: Pierluigi Aceti, Tiziano Cinti, Patrizia Di Fazio, Mario Di Lorenzo, Domenico Francomano, Nicola Gallinaro, Angela Nazzaruolo, Giancarlo Pegoraro, Stefano Stranieri, Pier Giorgio Sturlese, Rino Talucci, Angelo Farinola, Francesco Radrizzani, Gennaro De Biase and Carlo Ricci.

For the 2020 Convention the following laboratories have been proposed and selected:

1. Building a professional community of LEADER/CLLD experts;
2. Setting up an implementation model for LEADER in 21/27;
3. Preparing the transition between 2014/2020 and 2021/2027: old rules and new funds. Prospects and proposals for LEADER;
4. Cooperation models between LAGs and FLAGs in 2021/2027

5. The role of LAGs in the national strategy for “inland areas”: experiences, critical issues and prospects;
6. Energy communities and the possible role of LAGs in 2021/2027;
7. Governance systems for rural sports tourism: collect, discuss and disseminate good practice.

During the 2020 Convention a dialogue session will be held in order to define the future Forum LEADER organization (rules, partnership, management, Forum LEADER 2021 Agenda, etc).