



DRAFT PROGRAM

of the

4th Balkan Rural Parliament

*From Dialogue to Action: Advancing Rural Democracy and Sustainability
in the Western Balkans*

21st April – 24th April 2026

Hotel "Princess" Bar, Montenegro

Tuesday 21 st April 2026	
17:00	<i>Arrival and registration of participants</i>
19:30	<i>Welcoming cocktail</i>

Wednesday 22 nd April 2026	
venue: hotel "Princess"	
09:30	<i>Late arrivals registration</i>
10:00 – 10:50	<p>1. Opening session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the 4th Balkan Rural Parliament objectives and the program (moderator); Mr. Petar Gjorgievski, President of the Balkan Rural Development Network • Mr. Ratko Batakovic, President of the Network for Rural Development of Montenegro • Ms. Evelina Azizaj, President of the Albanian Rural Development Network • CEI representative • <i>Representatives of the other donors (TBD)</i> • Ministry of Agriculture of Montenegro

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor of Bar • Representative of EU Delegation, Montenegro
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10:50 - 11:30	Press conference/ Coffee break
	Panel discussions:
11:30 – 12:00	<p>1. Generation Renewal in Rural Areas: Perspectives and Solutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Darko Konjevic, SWG, Montenegro - Mimoza Maci, Ministry of Agriculture of Montenegro - Emelj Tuna, Food and Agricultural Sciences Faculty, N. Macedonia - Leotrim Germizaj, NORDK, Kosovo
12:00 – 12:30	<p>2. Climate Change and Circular Bioeconomy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aleksandar Dimovski – Bio-gas plant Gradsko, N. Macedonia - SPRING, Italy, TBD - Serbia TBD - Poland TBD
12:30 – 13:00	<p>3. Sustainable Food Systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ANRD, Albania - BiH TBD - Aleksandra Martinovska, Food and Agricultural Sciences Faculty, N. Macedonia
13:00 – 13:30	<p>4. Community Development Approaches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Goran Shoster, PRLEŠKA RAZVOJNA AGENCIJA, Slovenia - Luděk Beneš, LAG SVATOJIŘSKÝ LES, Czech Republic - Marta Marczis, AEIDL, Hungary - Matija Zamljancanec, LAG Izvor, Croatia

13:30 - 14:30	Lunch break
14:30 – 20:00	Field trips 2 field trips will be organized in the surrounding area of Bar.
20:00	Dinner at the hotel

Thursday 23rd April 2026	
10:00 – 10:10	Gathering at the main Conference Hall (moderator) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to the Working Groups
10:10 – 11:15	5. Working groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Generation Renewal in Rural Areas: Perspectives and Solutions (facilitator: TBD)</i> - <i>Climate Change and Circular Bioeconomy (facilitator: TBD)</i> - <i>Sustainable Food Systems (facilitator: TBD)</i> - <i>Community Development Approaches (facilitator: TBD)</i>
11:15 – 12:00	<i>Coffee break and Poster presentation of the Working Groups conclusions</i>
12:00 – 14:00	Regional Farm to Fork Academy Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ceremony for awarding best regional practices related to sustainable food systems and rural livelihoods - Presentation of best practices in the region supported through the Farm to Fork Fund
14:00 – 15:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
15:00 – 16:00	Adoption of 4th Balkan Rural Parliament Declaration Official closing of the 3 rd Balkan Rural Parliament & Balkan Food Summit
19:00	<i>Dinner</i>
Friday 24th April, 2026	
09:00	<i>Departure of participants</i>