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Adhérents

AFIP Association de Formation et d'Information Pour le développement d'initiatives rurales.
CHANTIER école. FNCIVAM Fédération Nationale des Centres d'Initiatives pour Valoriser l'Agriculture et le Milieu rural. **FNFR** confédération Nationale des Foyers Ruraux et associations d'animation et de développement en milieu rural. **INTER-AFOCG** Inter-Associations de Formation Collective à la Gestion. **La Ligue de l'enseignement. MRJC** Mouvement Rural de Jeunesse Chrétienne. **PEC** Peuple Et Culture. **Solidarité Paysans** Association nationale de défense des agriculteurs en difficulté. **UNAADMR** Union Nationale des Associations d'Aide à Domicile en Milieu Rural. **UNADEL** Union Nationale des Acteurs et des structures de Développement Local. **UNAREC** Union Nationale des Associations Régionales Etudes et Chantiers. **UNCPIE** Union Nationale des Centres Permanents d'Initiatives pour l'Environnement

The European Rural Alliance with its "Future Rural Policy within the European Union" statement aims to give rural civil society a voice and to prepare a powerful common message for a new European agricultural and rural policy. Especially welcomed is the support for the existing and very positive EU LEADER approach.

We represent citizens organized in non-profit organizations involved in the economic, social and environmental development of rural areas. Our key concern regarding future European rural development policies is the way they will allow for a cross-cutting approach of rural issues. Current policies and practices tend to favour sectorial answers to rural matters. We do not consider this approach relevant with regard to sustainable development objectives. We therefore want to encourage the LEADER method, as it is appropriate to promote comprehensive rural development policies contributing to the sustainable development of Europe.

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We are thus mainly in favour of a policy taking into account the issues of rural territories as a whole and which facilitates the action and the participation of the citizens in favour of the sustainable development of the rural territories.

European Rural Alliance with its proposal is raising several questions which must be discussed within the framework of the reform of the European policy of rural development.

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