

International Conference under Honorary Patronage
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Date: 18-20 June 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 Żelów

19.06.2024 – International Conference

“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:**

- **Adam Nowak** - Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development
- **Łukasz Bartosik** - Member of the Bełchatów District Council
- **Bronisław Węglewski** – President of the Agricultural Chamber of the Łódź Voivodeship, mayor of Buczek Municipality, Chairman of the council of LAG “Dolina rzeki Grabi”,



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- **Robert Jarzębak** - Mayor of Dobroń Municipality, Vice-chairman of the council of LAG "Dolina rzeki Grabi"
- GroundUp project partners: : **Kristina Holmová** LAG Sdruzeni SPLAV, **Annie Linsemark** - Lokalt Ledd Utveckling Halland, **Dimitris Bogiatzis** - LAG of Attica Islands, **Fabrizio Cacciatore** – Maghweb

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 – **Przemysław Górski** - Chairman of the Łódź Association of Urban Initiatives "Topographies"

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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20.06.2024 - only for the project partners

8:00 - Breakfast

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

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