

# **European Rural Development**

## ***Problems, Chances, Research Needs***

**May 7 - 9, 2001**

**The Staszic Palace**

Maria Skłodowska-Curie Hall,  
Ul. Nowy Swiat, 72,  
00-330 Warszawa, Poland

A workshop jointly organized by the  
International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) - Research Initiative on  
European Rural Development (ERD), Laxenburg, Austria and the  
Polish Academy of Sciences - Polish Committee for Cooperation with IIASA in association  
with the Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics, Warsaw, Poland

**Workshop Program: Revision of April 18, 2001**

## **Monday, May 7, 2001**

**Morning**          Arrival of participants

12:00 – 13:30    Lunch / Registration

### **Session 1: Introduction** Chair: Prof. Roman Kulikowski, Deputy Chairman of the Polish Committee for Cooperation with IIASA

13:30 – 13:45    Welcome by Prof. Mirosław Mossakowski, President of the Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw

13:45 – 14:00    Welcome by Prof. Arne Jernelöv, Acting Director, IIASA, Laxenburg

14:00 – 14:40    Opening Speech: “Dimensions of Rural Development in Europe: A synthesis of research perspectives.” By Dr. Gerhard K. Heilig, Leader, IIASA European Rural Development (ERD) Initiative

14:40 – 15:00    Discussion

15:00 – 15:30    Coffee break

### **Session 2: The EU Perspective on Rural Development**

15:30 – 16:05    Rural Development and the Agenda 2000  
Dr. Dirk Ahner, Director, Economic Analysis,  
European Commission - DG Agriculture, Forward Studies Evaluation,  
Brussels, Belgium

16:05 – 16:40    The EU LEADER program for Rural Development.  
Prof. Laurent Van Depoele, Special Adviser, Institute for European  
Policy, KUL, Department of Political Science, Leuven, Belgium

16:40 – 17:00    Discussion

### **Session 3: Human Dimensions of Rural Development**

17:00 – 17:30    Aging and Depopulation of Rural Areas in Europe – the example of  
Germany. Dr. Hansjörg Bucher, Bundesamt für Bauwesen und Raum-  
ordnung, Bonn, Germany

17:30 – 18:00    Discussion

19:30             Dinner

**Tuesday, May 8, 2001**

**Session 4: Economic Dimensions of Rural Development**

- 9:00 – 9:30 Economic Dimensions of Rural Development: (a) Trends of rural production structure and employment and (b) Aspects of economic competitiveness of rural areas. Dr. Raija Volk / Dr. Vesa Vihriälä, Pellervo Economic Research Institute, Helsinki, Finland
- 9:30 – 10:00 Employment Dynamics in Leading and Lagging Rural Regions of the European Union. Ms. Ida J. Terluin and Mr. Jaap H. Post, Agricultural Economics Research Institute LEI, The Hague, Netherlands
- 10:00 – 10:30 Discussion
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

**Session 5: Bio-physical Conditions, Resources, Environment**

- 11:00 – 11:30 Land Use Alternatives in Europe's Rural Areas. Dr. Günter Fischer, IIASA Land-use Change Project, Laxenburg, Austria
- 11:30 – 12:00 Agricultural Land Use Changes and Biodiversity Effects in Norway. Dr. Jogeir Stokland, Norwegian Institute of Land Inventory, Ås, Norway
- 12:00 – 12:30 Discussion
- 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

**Session 6: Rural Development and EU Enlargement: Problems, Chances, Research Needs**

- 14:00 – 14:30 **Poland:** Prof. Andrzej Kowalski, Institute of Agriculture and Food Economics, Warsaw
- 14:30 – 15:00 **Czech Republic:** Dr. Jirina Slaisova, Research Institute of Agricultural Economics, VUZE, Prague
- 15:00 – 15:30 **Hungary:** Dr. Imre Fertő, Institute of Economics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest
- 15:30 – 16:00 Discussion
- 16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break
- 16:30 – 17:00 Land-cover, Land-use and Environmental Monitoring in Poland  
Dr. Tomasz Stuczynski, Prof. Seweryn Kukula, Institute of Soil Science and Plant Cultivation, Pulawy, Poland
- 17:00 – 17:30 Discussion
- 17:30 – 18:30 Preparatory meeting (Part 1): Research cooperation in Focus Group: "Rural Development in EU Accession Countries" Representatives of Research Institutes in EU Accession Countries with G.K. Heilig
- 19:30 Reception / Dinner

**Wednesday, May 9, 2001**

**Session 7: New Technologies and Non-Agricultural Activities in Rural Development**

- 8:30 – 9:00 How will the new information technology (Internet, e-business, distance learning, tele-commuting) affect rural areas in Europe? Mr. Donnie Morrison, Western Isles ICT Advisory Service, Isle of Lewis
- 9:00 – 9:30 Non-Agricultural activities of IBMER on Rural Areas. Dr. Adam Witek, Institute for Building, Mechanization and Electrification of Agriculture, Warsaw
- 9:30 – 10:00 Multifunctional Rural Development in Poland. Professor Leszek Klank, Institute for Rural and Agricultural Development, Warsaw
- 10:00 – 10:30 Discussion
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

**Session 8: Political Dimensions of Rural Development in Europe**

- 11:00 – 11:30 Social and economic issues in rural areas of Europe and EU Research Agendas – are they consistent? Prof. John Bryden, The Arkleton Centre for Rural Development Research, University of Aberdeen, Scotland
- 11:30 – 12:00 Rural policies and development strategies in the Baltic region. Dr. Stefan Anderberg, Geofisk Institut, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- 12:00 – 12:30 Potentials for an ecologically efficient management of rural development. Dr. Marianne Penker, University of Agricultural Sciences, Vienna
- 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 – 14:30 Regional Policies for Remote Rural Areas in Norway, Mr. Jan Mønnesland, Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research, Oslo
- 14:30 – 15:00 Discussion

**Session 9: Research Needs and ERD Project Organization**

- 15:00 – 15:30 IIASA's Research Initiative on European Rural Development: Objectives, Tasks, Organization (G.K. Heilig)
- 15:30 – 16:00 General Discussion
- 16:00 End of Workshop
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- 16:15 Preparatory meeting (Part 2): Research cooperation in Focus Groups: Representatives of interested Research Institutes with G.K. Heilig, IIASA's ERD Core Group