

Wednesday  
18 October

“Come and meet your friends and make new ones”

### Arrivals, registration, familiarisation with the local area and host families

Afternoon / evening	Arrivals of delegations – Shuttle service available Registration
17.30	Reception & salute
	Meet your host families Meet your friends Mount displays in the Ideas Market
From 18.00 onwards	Explore the programme area Enjoy the services of mobile kitchens and pubs Transport to your accommodation

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“Make experiences become action”

### Welcome and exploration of Brabant

From 08.00	Transport from outlying accommodation & registration Coffee & tea and informal get-together
<b>09.00-10.00</b>	<b>The Brabant story – from people to people, doing together</b>
	<b>Parliamentary Session</b> Opening words and welcome Introducing the delegations The story of Brabant - inspiring you for the expeditions to come
<b>10.30-17.00</b>	<b>Expedition time</b> Choose your expedition: local economy, communities in action, services, water, nature... What ideas can I take home, are there messages for Europe, are there themes we can work on together at European level? Meet and discuss with local pioneers Lunch during expedition
17.00 - 18.00	Transport to and from outlying accommodation before supper
<b>18.30 - 22.00</b>	<b>Relaxing time</b>
18.30 - 20.00	Shared supper organised by the people of Venhorst Snacks and sweets from across Europe
20.00 - 22.00	Let's move - sports, dance, games...
20.00 - 21.00	Special program: ERP National and European partners meet
from 22.00	Transport to outlying accommodation

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“Let’s work together for a sustainable ERP and invite others to join”

Sharing experiences and reflections from the ERP 2016-17 Campaign	
From 08.00	Transport from outlying accommodation & registration Coffee & tea and informal get-together
<b>09.00 - 13.00</b>	<b>Thematic ERP activities and future steps</b>
09.00 - 10.45	<b>Parliamentary Session</b> The Rural Parliament begins The ERP achievements and impacts Overview of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> ERP – objectives and programme  Introducing & motivating Reports from thematic work and discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tackling poverty and social exclusion in rural areas</li> <li>- Welcoming and integrating refugees and economic migrants</li> <li>- Provision for youth in rural areas, and report from the 1st European Rural Youth Parliament</li> </ul> Sharing & debating
10.45 - 11.15	Coffee & tea break; exploring the ‘Ideas Market’
11.15 - 13.00	<b>Parliamentary Session</b> Introducing & motivating Reports from thematic work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The sustaining of rural services and infrastructure</li> <li>• Strengthening local and sub regional economies</li> <li>• Integrated rural development, and the role of LEADER and Community Led Local Development</li> </ul> Reports from National Rural Parliaments Sharing and debating <b>Parallel workshops on special themes</b>
13.00 - 15.00	Lunch break and exploring the ‘Ideas Market’ The ‘Market of Initiatives’ – Tell your story
<b>15.00 - 18.30</b>	<b>Pick your workshops, share your ideas and join the thematic work</b>
15.00 - 16.30	Thematic workshops – choose from a variety of interesting workshops
16.30 - 17.00	Coffee & tea break; exploring the ‘Ideas Market’
17.00 - 18.30	Thematic workshops – choose from a variety of interesting workshops
<b>18.45 - ...</b>	<b>Special program for Manifesto and Declaration teams</b>
18.30 - 19.30	Transport to and from outlying accommodation before dinner
<b>19.30 - ...</b>	<b>Sponsored gala dinner, music and entertainment together with the local people</b>
From 22.30	Transport to outlying accommodation

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“We are the voice - from people to people and Europe”

Looking ahead:

**The well-being of rural Europe and the role of the European Rural Parliament**

08.00	Local families and guests gather for breakfast Transport from outlying accommodation
<b>09.00 - 12.30</b>	<b>Going towards a sustainable, open network, together with EU</b>
09.00 - 10.30	Parliamentary Session European Union rural development policy and policies now and post 2021 Panel with EU-officials and NGO's: What policies, tools and action for rural Europe. What can EU and ERP do together? Discussion and conclusions
<b>10.30 - 11.00</b>	<b>Coffee &amp; tea break</b>
11.00 - 12.30	The future of our ERP: feeling of ownership, spirit of doing together, representativeness, political role. The role and tasks of ERP, future action programme and funding
<b>12.30 - 13.30</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
13.30 - 15.00	Closing session and ceremony
13.30 - 14.45	Final Parliamentary Session Reaffirmation and amendment of the European Rural Manifesto Discussion and adoption of the Venhorst Declaration
14.45 - 15.00	Closing ceremony with Brabant Guild and Flag Wavers
	Departure of Participants

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“Continue with new expeditions”

**Start of individual post-conference programme**

Morning	You can discover the rural area yourself or visit to the 'Dutch Design Week' (more information on: <a href="http://www.ddw.nl">www.ddw.nl</a> ).
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