

# MARKETPLACE Highlights

The Marketplace showcased the real power of networking through the work and achievements of rural development stakeholders from all over Europe.

Being an integral part of the networX programme, the Marketplace was running in parallel with the working sessions and provided opportunities for networking and exchanges throughout the event. The exhibition area featured stands held by various rural development stakeholders, grouped in zones according to geographical/thematic preferences. Several exhibitors presented interactive and visual performances on the Spotlight Stage.

All these elements, together with the enthusiasm and passion of the exhibitors, made the Marketplace a landmark of rural networking

## The Marketplace in numbers

**Dates:** 11-12 April 2019

**Exhibition area:** Nine zones with a total of 41 exhibitors, including

- 26 National Rural Networks from EU countries,
- 7 Rural Networks from the Balkans and Turkey,
- 5 EU-wide stakeholder organisations,
- 3 support units of EU Rural Networks

**Spotlight Stage:** 13 performances, totalling more than 3 hours of live programme on stage



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## EXHIBITION AREA

The exhibition area was a place for encounters, gathering inspiration and exploring how rural networking is approached all around Europe. Exhibitors presented their work in an engaging and colourful way, using interactive activities, local samples and most of all face-to-face exchanges with networX participants.



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The exhibitors were organised in **9 zones**:

- **Agricultural zone:** CEJA, COPA-COGECA and National Rural Networks from Flanders (Belgium) and the Netherlands.
- **Atlantic zone:** National Rural Networks from Wallonia (Belgium), Ireland and Wales (UK).



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- **Central zone:** National Rural Networks from Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Slovakia and Slovenia.
- **ENRD zone:** ENRD Contact Point and ENRD Evaluation Helpdesk.



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- **Innovation zone:** EIP-AGRI Network, National Rural Networks England (UK) and Scotland (UK).
- **Mediterranean zone:** National Rural Networks from Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Portugal and Spain.



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- **Nordic-Baltic zone:** National Rural Networks from Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania and Sweden.
- **Territorial zone:** Confederation of European Forest Owners, Euromontana and National Rural Networks from France and Poland.



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- **Rural Neighbours zone:** PREPARE, Rural Development Networks from IPARD countries - Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Turkey and Rural Development Networks from Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo<sup>(1)</sup>.



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<sup>(1)</sup> This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

## SPOTLIGHT PERFORMANCES

The Marketplace was also a place of ongoing action on the stage – performers from all around Europe showed their artistic and culinary skills, engaged the audience in interactive games and shared their personal stories.

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