



European Network for
Rural Development

Social Hubs in Rural Europe

The story of the 'social hubs'

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Event:

Social Hubs in Rural Europe

A (rural) social hub is an organisation or a set of organisations or individuals that are actively and committedly working on promoting social inclusion or responding to demographic change in rural areas.

Lake Balaton (Hungary)



Source of video presented:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EYuPrpH_0jo
(BL Yacht Club, Balatonlelle)

Purpose of the event

- **Exchange practices & get new inspiration:** learning about each other's initiatives, transfer where possible
- **Break the 'ice':** understand how small/local initiatives make a difference
- **Keep things 'moving':** build on the 'energy' of existing initiatives, cooperate & plan (common) activities, suggest improvements

Introduction to the social hubs

- **Integration of migrants & refugees:** Nils Lagerroth & Michael Fischer (NRNs) (plenary)
- **Youth in rural areas:** Ryan Howard (SECAD) (coffee area)
- **Roma in rural areas:** Gabriela Hrabanova & Ileana Rotaru (ERGO) (Link 1)
- **The role of women in rural areas:** Maura Farrell (Irish Rural Network) (Link 2)
- **The role of arts & culture for rural development:** Jan Hartholt (Dutch Rural Network (on the Social Route))