

SPEAKERS (AS AT 9/07/04)

International Organisations

European Parliament
European Commission - DG Agri, DG Regio, DG Environment, DG Competition
European Economic and Social Committee (CESE)
Council of Europe
Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)
European Council of Young Farmers (CEJA),
Committee of Agricultural Organisations in the European Union (COPA)
European Association of Mountain Elected Members (AEM)
European Observatory of Mountain Forests (OEFM)

Ministries and Public Authorities

Ministry of Agriculture, France
Ministry of local authorities and regional development, Norway
Federal Bureau of Agriculture, Switzerland
Ministry of Agriculture of Basque Country, Spain
Ministry of Enterprise and Ongoing Education, Scotland, UK
Interministerial Institution of Land Management (DATAR), France
Midi-Pyrénées Region, Auvergne Region, Rhône Alpes Region, France
Province of Turin, Autonomic Province of Trento, Italy

Development Agencies and Environmental Agencies

Highlands & Islands Enterprise, Scotland, UK
Regional Development Agency of Alto Tamega (ADRAT), Portugal
Scottish Natural Heritage, environmental agency of Scotland, UK
National Federation of Mountain Watersheds (Federbim), Italy
Regional Environment Agency Midi-Pyrénées, France
Carpates Training and Innovation Centre, Romania

Institutes, Universities, Research Centres

Mountain Institute of Lombardie (IREALP), Italy
Mountain Institute IMONT, Italy
National Institute for Mountain Farming (BABF), Austria
National Institute of Agro-Economy (INEA), Italy
Superior Institute of Agriculture Rhône Alpes, ISARA-Lyon, France
Mountain Research Centre, University of Perth, Scotland, UK
Western Norway Research Institute, WNRI, Norway
National Institute Agronomic Research, INRA, France
Research Institute for Agriculture and Environment (CEMAGREF), France
Agriculture Institute of Slovenia

National or Regional Agriculture Organisations

France : FNSEA, APCA, COPAMAC-SIDAM, SUACI, SUAIA
Italian Confederation of Farmers, Italy
Association of Young Farmers of Portugal

National or Regional Associations

Swiss Group of the Mountain Regions, Switzerland
Pyrenean Craft Conference, France
Interconsular Association of Massif Central, France
Society of Alpine Economy of Haute Savoie, France

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

For speed and efficiency, the complete information of the Convention 2004 is available on the Internet, providing for registration by Excel file. However, we are still also at your disposal by fax, mail and telephone. (See below).

INFORMATION ON-LINE

You will find all the information concerning the Convention at www.euromontana.org/AssisesRodez/welcome.htm starting from July 2004 :

- **detailed programme** (up-dated regularly),
- **registration forms** and conditions*,
- practical information (getting to Rodez, accommodation, conference venue etc.),
- preparatory documents (closer to the event),
- information on visits for spouses,

Pre-registrations

Persons interested in the Convention and wishing to receive information on the event can "pre-register" simply by sending their full name, organisation and address to euromontana@skynet.be.

Registrations

Registration is obligatory for all participants in order to ensure smooth arrangements. There are no registration fees apart from contribution to meal costs (40 Euros for 3 meals—or 50 € on the spot, see conditions*) or to visits (15 Euros).

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The Fourth European Mountain Convention

Unlocking the Mountains
A new approach of rural development
for Europe's mountains



Le massif du Sancy sous la neige
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Rodez, France, 25 - 26 November 2004

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WHAT IS THE EUROPEAN MOUNTAIN CONVENTION ?

EUROMONTANA, the European Association of the Mountain areas, organises every two years **The European Mountain Convention**. The conference brings together actors representing the mountainous areas of different European countries, with the aim of making their point on the ongoing political reforms affecting the mountain areas and launching exchanges and cooperation.

CONTEXT

The Fourth European Mountain Convention will take place at a particularly strategic time of **European reforms affecting the mountainous areas**:

- reform of rural development policy,
- preparation of the European regional policy reform after 2006,
- new proposals for funding Natura 2000 sites,
- Adoption of the treaty instituting a European Constitution in June 2004, which now makes explicit reference to mountains, and other important institutional changes, such as the enlargement of the Union with 10 new Member States, many of which include mountainous areas, and the European Parliament and Commission commencing their new terms.



Non-Member State European countries, particularly Norway, Switzerland, Romania and Bulgaria, are also developing new policies concerning mountain areas.

The Convention intends to :

- explain and assess the impact of ongoing developments,
- identify the risks and the opportunities for the mountain actors,
- identify common proposals to achieve a better consideration of mountain issues in European policies.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND ?

- Mountain organisations
- Agriculture, forestry, rural development and regional and local development specialists
- Local, regional and national decision-makers in these fields
- National and regional mountain parks
- Academics and students of the relevant disciplines
- **Anyone who wishes to understand the major issues about to confront fragile rural areas and to share the latest information and reflections on these**

Wednesday 24
November (evening)

Welcoming of participants

Thursday 25 November



8.00 – 9.00: Welcome and registration of participants

9.00-9.40: Introduction

9.40-12.30: Living and producing in mountain areas, what are the main obstacles to rural development ?

- On-costs in mountains: a reality
- The evolutions in State Aid policies and added costs in mountain areas
- A higher added-value for mountain food products in Europe as a means to compensate for on-costs?
=> results of Euromontana 2002-2004 project: issues and actions for the coming years

14.00 : The future of mountains : opening up and interacting

WORKSHOP 1 (FR/IT)

Local development and the mountains - developing regional dynamics and inter-sectoral partnerships

WORKSHOP 2 (FR/EN)

Mountain environment as a sustainable resource



WORKSHOP 3 (FR/ES)

Young people and cultural heritage : the basis of the sustainable development of mountain areas

WORKSHOP 4 (EN)

Mountains and research

WORKSHOP 5 (FR/EN)

Mountains and governance : what governance to better promote mountain areas at the European level ?

Official signing of the European Charter of Mountain Quality Products

19.00 – 20.00 : Report back of the 5 workshops

20.00 : Dinner in the Amphitheatre

Friday 26 November

8.30 – 12.00 : European policies and the mountains

- The future of the European regional policy
- Agricultural and rural development policy
=> intervention by the next European Commissioner on Agriculture has been solicited.

12.00 – 13.00 : Round Table of Members of European Parliament

The place of mountain issues within future EU-policies (2006-2013) ?

14.30 – 16.00 : Mountain territories and competitiveness : a contradiction in terms or tomorrow's reality ?

Debate with representatives of European Governments

16.00 – 17.00 : Conclusions, recommendations and perspectives...

Saturday 27 November

Choice of two visits :
Mountain Parks;
Adding value to the territories through quality products



Le Pays de Côme P. Schiavoni - CRT Auvergne

EXCHANGE STANDS AND INFORMATION POINTS

During the Convention, in the hall of the amphitheatre, participants will also benefit from stands and information points to promote exchanges between the participants.

- a **Universities area** will be set up to facilitate exchanges between universities, mountain institutes and students interested in mountain courses;
- a **Park area** presenting the regional or national parks
- an **FAO information point** with information on the SARD-M project, on the international partnership for sustainable development of mountain areas, and other relevant FAO initiatives
- Various other stands of Euromontana member or partner organizations

If you want to participate in these stands, write to us :
euromontana@skynet.be

WORKING LANGUAGES

Français / English / Español / Deutsch / Italiano

VENUE

Rodez Amphitheatre