

## PURPLE RESOLUTION OF MAZOVIA - 23-05-2006

**PURPLE** will work to ensure that the importance of **peri-urban regions** is recognised by the European Union Institutions and Member States. Such regions play a vital role in planning and managing the transformation towards multi-functional land use and agriculture and in creating a new balance between cities and countryside in Europe.

**PURPLE** regions will take this agenda forward into the programme period 2007-13, building on their experience and developing joint actions to benefit peri-urban communities and landscapes.

Specifically, **PURPLE** Regions resolve to :

- Establish a more formal and fruitful co-operation with the European Commission and they will aim to secure membership of the Advisory Committee on Rural Development.
- Ensure that each Rural Development National Strategy Plan (NSP) 2007-2013 truly takes into account the peri-urban dimension and opens the door to fruitful peri-urban actions – including opportunities to make good use of the LEADER methodology.
- make the fullest use of the wider scope of EAFRD (for example support for the forestry sector, integration of supply chains, for entrepreneurs, innovation, training and advice, tourism and rural and cultural heritage).
- Proactively defend peri-urban interests in the debate leading to the wide ranging review covering all aspects of EU spending, including the CAP that the Commission has been asked by the Brussels European Council of 15-16 December to undertake (and to report in 2008/9).
- Work to maximise benefits to our areas, despite the fact that the budget allocated to the 2<sup>nd</sup> pillar of the CAP is far below our expectations and might not be ambitious enough to assure a sufficient number of high-quality rural development programmes in Europe.
- To integrate as much as possible EU and other public support with land use planning, landscape and nature protection and other regulations since it is clear that rural development support alone is not sufficient to safeguard rural land uses in peri-urban areas.
- Follow up and screen consequences of State-Aid debates for peri-urban agenda.
- Input to the development of the new programmes that will be implemented under the co-operation objective (transnational, inter-regional and cross-border) of the EU cohesion policy to ensure that peri-urban issues can be fully addressed.
- Develop partnerships for future co-operation and exchange on peri-urban issues, based on the wide experience, knowledge and best practice already identified on the **PURPLE** network.