



ECOVAST EVENTS

Preservation of rural heritage: villages and small towns

Tentative Programme

26-29 September 2013, KOZÁRD, HUNGARY

Wednesday, 25 September: Early Arrival Day

Travel to Kozard, Accommodation and Dinner: *Individual Arrangements*

Thursday, 26 September: Arrival and Registration Day

- 09.00 – 18.00: Arrival in Hungary and travel to Kozard as arranged (by bus, train or car shuttle from Budapest „Liszt Ferenc” Airport to Kozard). Registration and Accommodation in Kozard as shown – booked according to the Registration Form
- 12.00 – 15.00: Lunch in Kozard, Vadvirag Restaurant. *Individual Arrangements*
- 18.30: Welcome Cocktail in Gold Crown Guesthouse, hosted by Ms. Marta Hajas, Mayor of Kozard
- 19.00: Local Dinner: **„we eat and drink what we grow and produce”**- local gastronomy delights by Paloc Food Team.

Friday, 27 September: Excursion Day:

- 7.30: Breakfast, Vadvirag Restaurant
- 8.30: Departure to a micro-regional excursion by bus
- 9.00: Visit Paszto, rural small town, Meeting with Mr. Imre Sisak, Mayor of Paszto:
Pásztó – role of a small town in cooperation with its surrounding area (Development plans, territorial coordination with the surrounding area etc.)
- 11.30: Visit Hollókő, UNESCO World Heritage Site, Meeting with Mr. Csaba Szabo, Mayor of Hollóko:
History and possibilities of Hollókő as a World Heritage Village locality
- 13.30: Lunch at Hollókő „Muskatli” Restaurant
- 15.00: Return to Kozard
- 15.30: **Kozárd – ambitions and efforts in a village and in its surrounding area (Rural Development, Agriculture, Energy, Village Renewal, Culture, Tourism, etc.)**
Village walk in Kozard incl. Impressionist Art Exhibition (Led by Mrs. Marta Hajas, Mayor of Kozard)
- 19.00: Dinner, Vadvirag Restaurant, Kozard

Saturday, 28 September: Conference and Assembly Day: (Village Community House in Kozárd)

- 7.30 Breakfast, Vadvirag Restaurant
- 8.30 ECOVAST International Board Meeting
- 9.00 **Opening:**
Valerie Carter ECOVAST President
Gabor Rajnai, Chairman, ECOVAST Hungarian Section
Host: Mrs. Marta Hajas-Banos, Mayor of Kozárd
- 9.30 **Rural Development, Agriculture, Ruraltourism and “Palóc” Culture.**
Keynotespeaker: Dr. Pál Hajas, President of Cserhatalja Rural Development Association & LEADER LAG, Member of the European LEADER Council
- 10.00 **Hollókő as an example of rural heritage in Hungary.**
Lecturer: Dr. Dezső Kovács, expert on Hollókő

- 10.30: **Terény – ambitions and possibilities in rural heritage.**
Lecturer: Tamás Karaba, Chief architect of Nográd County
- 11.00 Coffeebreak
- 11.30 **Rural Heritage results and problems in other countries: Slovakia, Poland, England, Germany, Russia, etc.***
- 13.00: Lunch, Vadvirag Restaurant
- 14.00: **Functions and roles of Small Towns in the preservation of the cultural heritage (Hungarian and other examples: Pásztó, Szécsény, Mezőhegyes, Ruzomberok, etc.*)**
- 15.30: **Brief presentations of other organizations:**
Hungarian Rural Network, ICOMOS Hungary, Renaissance Foundation (Future for ReligiousHeritage) etc. Keynotespeakers: representatives of small towns and other organisations*
- 16.30: Coffee/Tea break
- 17.00 **Statements, opinions, discussion and if necessary recommendations on the topics**
- 19.00 Summary (Valerie Carter)
- 19.30 Conference Dinner

Sunday, 29 September: Assembly and Departure Day

- 8.00: Breakfast, Vadvirag Restaurant
- 9.00: ECOVAST International General Assembly
- 13.00: End of events, lunch in Kozard/individual arrangement
Departure to Budapest and Airport and home destinations

Note „*“: to be confirmed