



## LINC: an innovative way to network & get inspired

Annual LEADER Conference combining **networking, exchange of experience, sports events and European culinary.**

LINC is an initiative of Local Action Groups and Network Support Units.

### Bottom-up at its best!

Now in its 6th year, LINC continues to highlight the values of LEADER, providing networking opportunities for communities interested in cooperation. **Local actors from different countries meet, exchange on thematic issues and methodologies**, participate in playful competitions, use the relaxed atmosphere to make new friends and to strengthen existing relationships, learn from each other, and finally take home a rucksack full of new ideas for supporting development in their home area

### Get informed!

#### Information and knowledge transfer

Bring together people from LEADER areas to build up a framework for spreading information. Focuses are the implementation of transnational projects, closer cooperation between rural areas and rural actors.



### Get involved!

#### Involvement

Provide the possibility for rural practitioners involved in rural development to get to know each other better, establish new contacts and learn about Europe's cultural, social and culinary variety.

Involving new people in rural development.

### Get inspired!

#### Inspiration and exchange of experience

Organise seminars to provide rural promoters the possibility to meet, study and learn innovative good practice from other LEADER areas.

Inspire rural promoters with new ideas to take home on how to develop their area.



### Results

- Every year about **150-200 LEADER actors across Europe attend the LINC Conference** and at least 15 countries are represented.
- Exchange of experience and knowledge** boosts innovation in rural areas across Europe.
- The LINC Conference is open to all rural actors and has enabled **multi-sectoral integration of people and projects.**
- Networking between LEADER areas has generated **many new transnational cooperation projects.**
- Local, regional and international **partnerships getting stronger** during and after the LINC events.

**Learning from others' experience is a principle that everyone can profit from!**

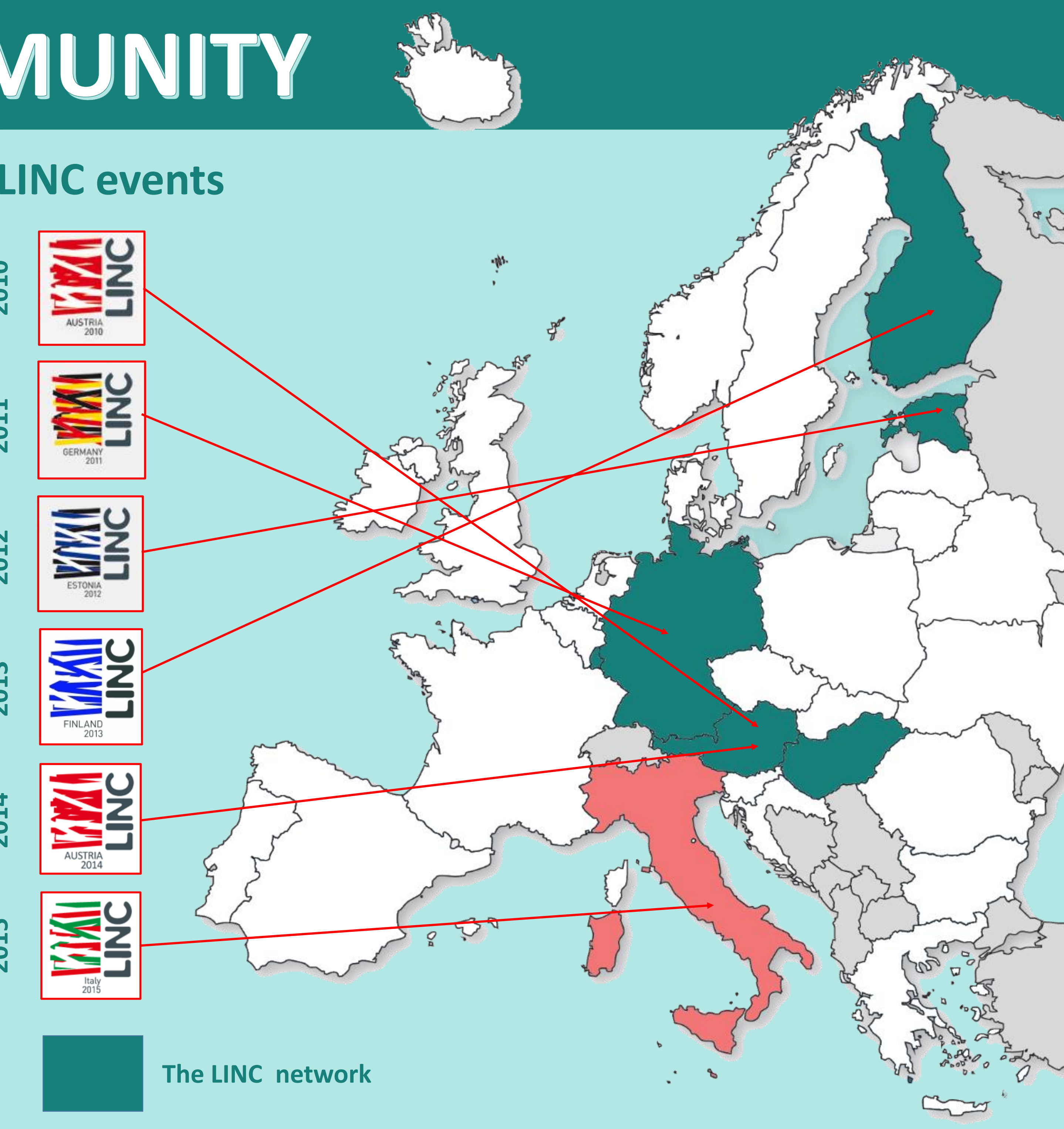


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### LINC events

- 2010 AUSTRALIA 2010
- 2011 GERMANY 2011
- 2012 ESTONIA 2012
- 2013 FINLAND 2013
- 2014 AUSTRALIA 2014
- 2015 ITALY 2015



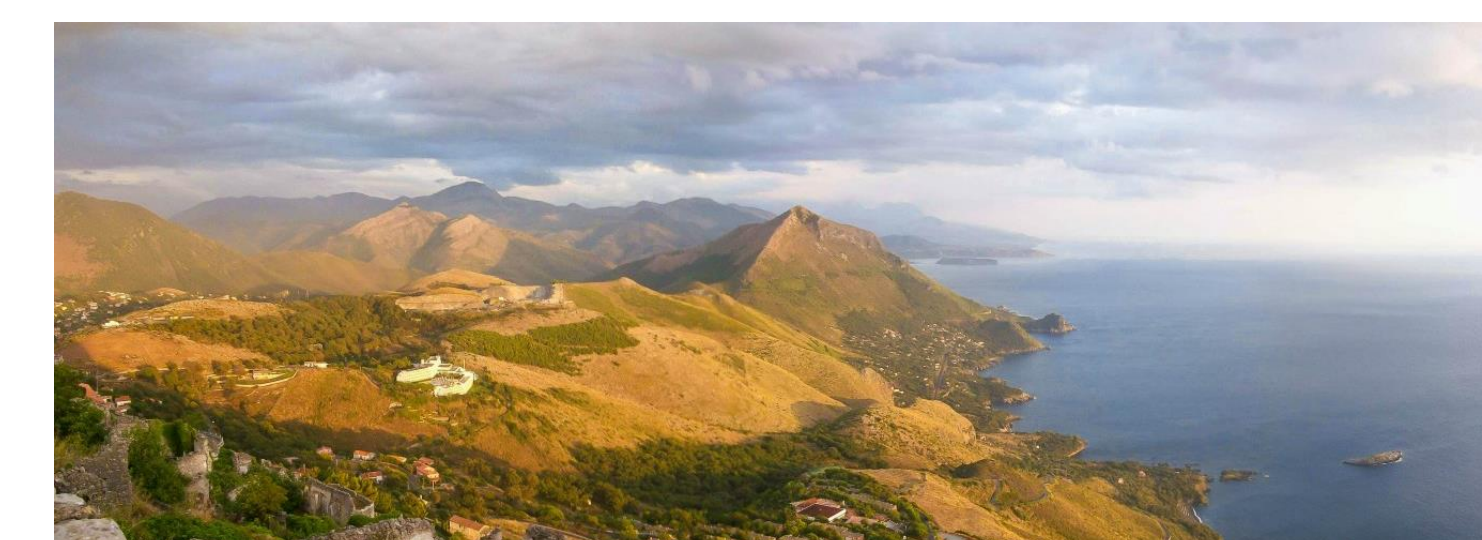
## LINC 2015 – Maratea (Italy)

29 September – 01 October | Knowledge is sharing



LINC 2015 marks the beginning of the **new European Programming Period 2014-2020**. The Conference will be a great chance to share ideas and proposals and to start new cooperation projects.

The event, hosted by the **LAG La Cittadella del Sapere**, will take place in the city of **Maratea (Basilicata Region)**, and includes **workshops, guided tours** to the most interesting projects in the LEADER area and **light-hearted sports competitions.**



More info about LINC 2015 is available at [www.linc2015.eu](http://www.linc2015.eu)

The chosen slogan for LINC 2015 is **Knowledge is Sharing**, because the Conference's aim is to promote the spread of knowledge and the exchange of best practices, values that can be a chance for growth, development and mutual enrichment.

The conference will be attended by **more than 50 LAGs** (over 200 people) **from all over Europe**, as well as the main European and Italian authorities.

#### LINC 2015 Workshop and Visit themes

- Public investment, a driver for development
- Generational change in agriculture
- Living the National Park: nature, wellness & art
- Sustainable tourism