



The role and support provided by the Rural Pact Support Office

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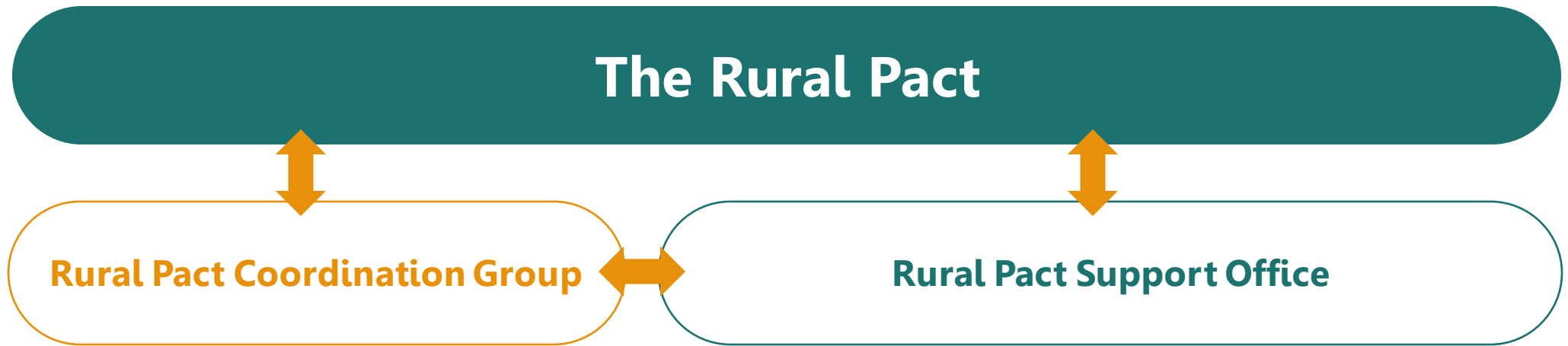


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Rural Pact Support Office



- Informal group steering the Rural Pact process
- Three-year mandate
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- Provide facilitation services to the Rural Pact community
- Networking and information
- Build synergies with networks and governing bodies
- Evaluate needs of the RP community and support its work

The Rural Pact Support Office



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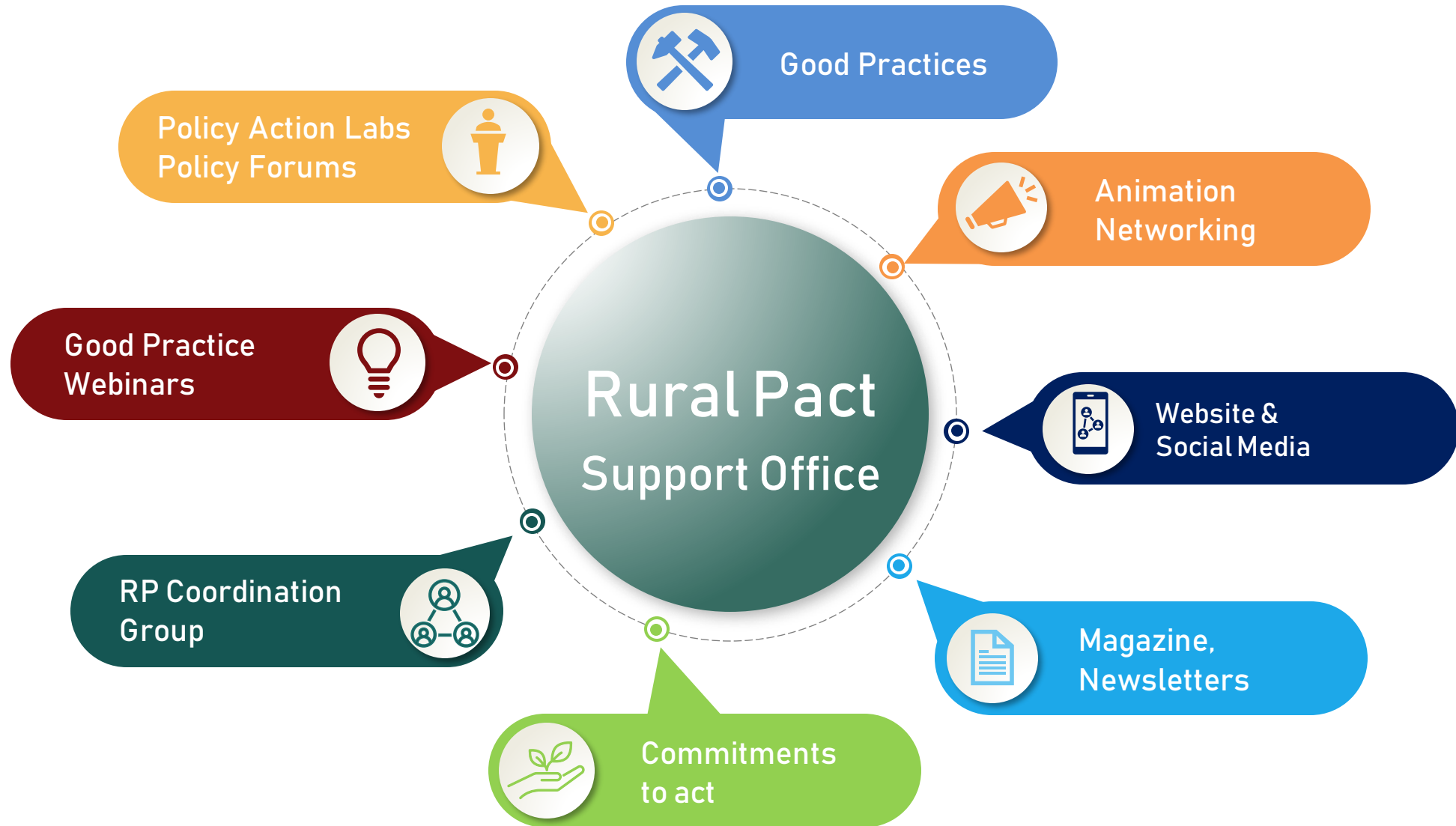


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Amplify the voice of rural areas (Policy)

- Policy Action Labs (2x)
- Rural Pact Policy Forum
- Policy Briefing (Making the Pact happening in Member States)

Networking, collaboration & mutual learning

- Good Practice Webinars (4x)
- 40 Good Practices
- Rural Vision Magazine
- Monthly Newsletter

Encourage and monitor voluntary commitment for action

- Participation in events
- Commitments report
- Rural Pact Platform

Cross-cutting activities

- Stakeholder mapping and analysis
- Infoline
- Contact database
- Liaison with relevant networks
- Website & Social Media

Focus of the Policy briefing: Making the Pact happening in Member States



Amplify the voice of rural areas

- Having **structures** in place to **engage specifically with rural communities**
- Having a **member of government** and a **service responsible for rural areas across policies**



Commitments to act

- Having a **forward-looking vision** in place
- Having a holistic **strategy** and/or **action plan/programme/agenda**
- Having **mechanisms** in place to **coordinate** horizontally **across departments** and vertically across **governance levels**
- Coordinating **allocation of funding** for action and ensuring **synergies** between various funds
- Having a **rural proofing** mechanism in place
- Having **good rural data** for monitoring and evaluation



Networking, collaboration & mutual learning

- **Capacity building** and **support** mechanisms
- **Networking structures** engaging a broad array of stakeholders (rural but also thematic)

Main Events in 2023



Policy Labs

- ▶ Taking action to tackle **rural depopulation**, Brussels, Belgium **(29 June)**
- ▶ Online - Designing **future support** for rural areas **(December – tbc)**



Good Practice Webinars

- ▶ Fostering **social entrepreneurship** in rural areas through local action **(11 May)**
- ▶ Strengthening **digital skills of rural people to benefit** from the digital era **(8 June)**
- ▶ **Energy transition** **(October – tbc)**
- ▶ **Health care** **(December – tbc)**



https://rural-vision.europa.eu/events_en



Main Events in 2023



Spanish Presidency
of the Council of the EU



High level Policy Forum

Shaping the future of rural areas

(27-29 September), Sigüenza (Spain)

Organised by Spanish presidency & European Commission

https://rural-vision.europa.eu/events/shaping-future-rural-areas-2023-09-27_en





Rural Revitalisation Platform

- Foreseen in the Communication, as an action under the “Stronger” pillar
- Collaborative tool for and by all revitalisation actors
- Features have been defined based on the needs expressed by the different types of stakeholders interviewed:
 - Finding information
 - Interacting with peers
 - Sharing & learning
 - Trustability, accuracy, transparency
- **Official launch on 29 June 2023, at the Policy lab on rural revitalisation**
- Want to be a forerunner? Contact us! info@rural-pact.eu

Be informed, participate and take action



Steps

1

Join the Rural Pact Community

Form: <https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/RuralPact>

2

Take action contributing to the vision & share it with us

Form:
<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/TheRuralPactCommitmentCanvas>

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STEP 1

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