



# GOOD PRACTICE WEBINAR

24 October 2023

## AGENDA



# Rural areas in the energy transition

Time	Agenda items
<b>09.00 – 9.15</b>	<b>Welcome and introduction to the day</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Outline of the event objectives and agenda: Urszula Budzich-Tabor, Rural Pact Support Office</li><li>&gt; Presentation of the Rural Pact: Silvia Nanni, DG AGRI</li></ul>
<b>09.15 – 09.45</b>	<b>Setting the scene: EU initiatives to foster energy transition in rural areas</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Veronika Madner, DG AGRI,</li><li>&gt; Liviu Ion Stochita DG ENER</li><li>&gt; Andrea Carosi, Covenant of Mayors for Climate &amp; Energy</li><li>&gt; Pouyan Maleki, Rural Energy Community Advisory Hub</li></ul>
<b>09.45 – 10.45</b>	<b>Learning from inspirational projects and practices</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Presentation of examples and approaches that improve energy transition in rural areas:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>o Gerard Keena, Mullingar Sustainable Energy Community (IE)</li><li>o Giulia Mazzi, "Eyes, Hearts and Hands Urban Revolution": participation of consumers and prosumers and cooperation within SECAP (IT)</li></ul></li><li>&gt; Panel discussion with supporting EU initiatives, local practitioners and experts (including Chris Vrettos from REScoop and Thomas Schwab from Bertelsmann Foundation) to extract main challenges and lessons learnt</li></ul>
<b>10.45 – 11.00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11.00 – 12.00</b>	<b>Moving forward in the green transition at local level</b> <p>Parallel break-out discussions addressing practical questions or target groups to take stock of main concerns, exchange experiences and to draw solutions, ideas for action and recommendations. Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Building and implementing a renewable energy community</li><li>&gt; Implementing Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs) in rural areas and identifying the needs for support;</li><li>&gt; Driving positive change in energy poverty across rural communities in Europe</li></ul>
<b>12.00 – 12.15</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>12.15 – 13.00</b>	<b>Reporting back from breakout sessions, final plenary discussion and closing remarks</b>



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