



Principles for the participation in the Rural Pact Community Groups

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This document outlines the main principles that guide the behaviour of the members that commit to participate in the Community Groups of the Rural Pact Support Office. By participating in the Community Groups, participants agree to uphold these principles to create a safe, respectful, and enriching environment for everyone involved.

1. Respect and civility:

- > Treat all members with respect and kindness. Disagreements are natural, but express your opinions and thoughts in a courteous and constructive manner.
- > Avoid offensive, discriminatory, or harmful language, including but not limited to profanity, hate speech, and personal attacks.

2. Constructive engagement:

- > Contribute positively to discussions by providing valuable insights, asking thoughtful questions, and sharing relevant information.
- > Stay on topic and avoid spamming, or repetitive content that detracts from the community's purpose.

3. Inclusivity and diversity:

- > Embrace diversity in all its forms, including but not limited to race, gender, age, nationality, and background. Everyone's perspective is valuable.
- > Be mindful of potential cultural differences and strive to foster an environment that is welcoming to all.

4. Privacy and confidentiality:

- > Respect the privacy of fellow members. Do not share personal information about others without their explicit consent.
- > Do not share any confidential or sensitive information without proper authorisation.

5. Intellectual property:

- > Respect copyright and intellectual property rights. Do not share content that you do not have the right to distribute.
- > When sharing others' work, give appropriate credit and attribution.

6. Collaborative environment:

- > Encourage collaboration and knowledge sharing. Help others when you can and seek assistance when needed.
- > Value the collective intelligence of the community and actively contribute to its growth.

7. Moderation and disputes:

- > Follow the guidance of coordinators of the Community. Their role is to ensure that discussions remain respectful and aligned with the community's goals.



- > If a member has a concern about another member's behaviour, report it to the coordinators of the Community rather than engaging in public confrontations.

8. Continuous improvement:

- > Provide constructive feedback about the community's functioning and suggest ways to enhance the experience for all members.
- > Be open to adapting and evolving as the community's needs and goals change over time.

9. Compliance with the charter:

- > Familiarise yourself with the charter, adhere to it so to maintain a positive atmosphere within the community.
- > Failure to comply with the charter may result in warnings, temporary suspensions, or permanent removal from the community, at the discretion of Community Coordinators.

10. Enjoyment and learning:

- > Participate with the intention of enjoying your interactions and contributing to your own and others' learning.
- > Celebrate successes, share achievements, and appreciate the collective growth of the community.

By participating in an online community group, participants are committing to upholding these principles. By adhering to these guidelines, it is possible to create a vibrant and enriching environment for all members.

Thank you for being a part of the Rural Pact Community!