



EU Funds paving the way to the rural vision

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Why are we here?

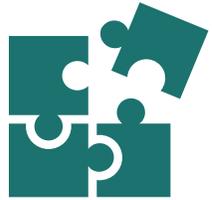
- ▶ **Policy Lab** = exchange, design, propose.

Space to listen to the Rural Pact Community about policy needs and propose solutions.

Objectives:

- ▶ to explore ways to enhance actual access **to funding by local rural actors and communities**
- ▶ Build reflections on possible orientations for **enhanced support action and financing for rural areas**, as well as on the ways forward.

Making the Rural Pact happen in MS



Key ingredients



Appropriate governance systems to facilitate coordination



Mechanisms to coordinate the allocation of funding and ensure synergies



https://ruralpact.rural-vision.europa.eu/publications/making-rural-pact-happen-member-states_en#section--resources

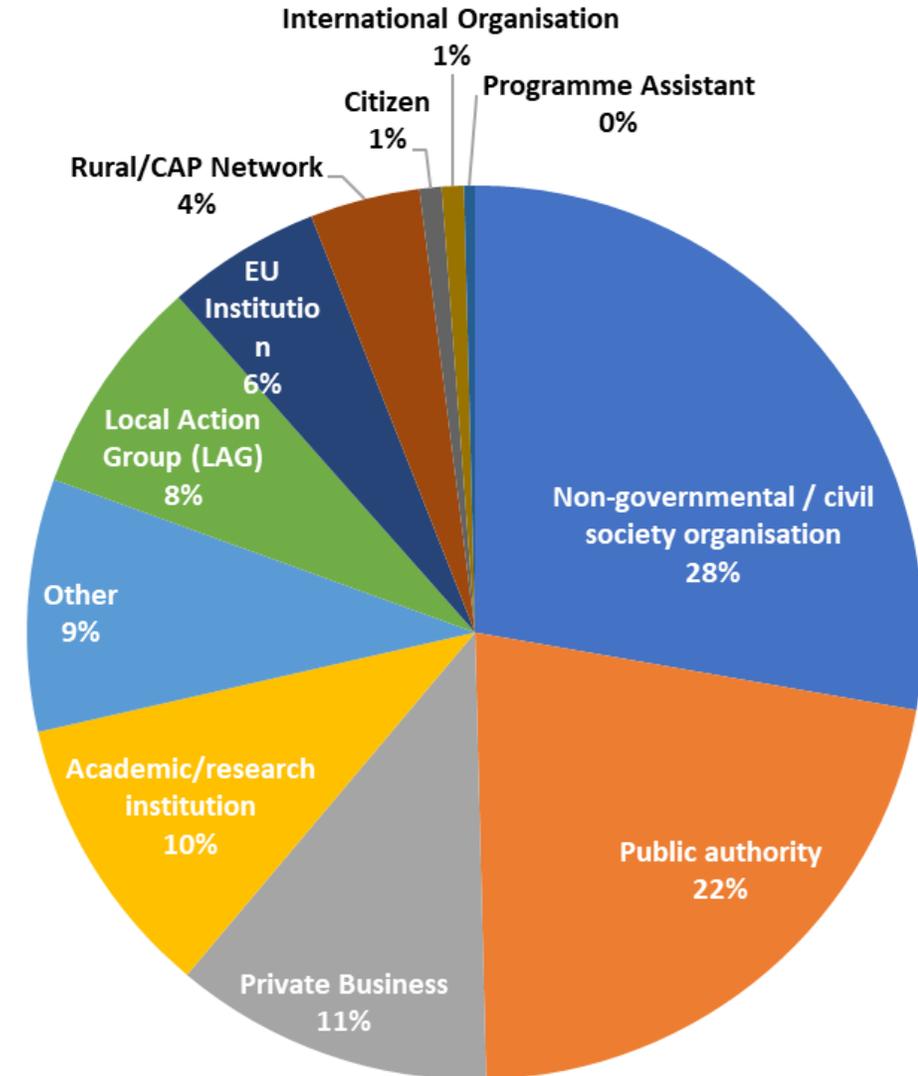
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Rich content and presence today



- ▶ **26 interventions planned**
- ▶ Expect around 100 participants
- ▶ 30 countries (EU and not EU)



Agenda



09h15 – 10h00

Framing the day

- ▶ **Radim Sršeň**, Deputy Minister for Regional Development of Czechia
- ▶ **Isabel Bombal**, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, ES presidency of the Council of the EU
- ▶ **Giulia Testori**, Joint Research Centre



10h00 – 11h30

How to enhance actual access to funding?

- ▶ **Inspirational examples**
- ▶ **Group discussion**
 - **Group 1:** Enhancing local capacities
 - **Group 2:** Simplifying rules
 - **Group 3:** Facilitating access to complementary funding

11h30 – 11h45

Coffee Break

11h45 – 12h30

- ▶ **Building recommendations**

12h30 – 13h30

Lunch Break

Agenda



13h30 – 15h00

How to enhance and mobilise policy support for rural areas?

- ▶ **Inspirational examples**
- ▶ **Group discussion**
 - **Group 4:** Enhancing coordination and complementarities between funds
 - **Group 5:** Strengthening Territorial Development Tools
 - **Group 6:** Innovative ways to mobilise and combine different funding sources

15h00 – 15h15

Coffee Break

15h15 – 16h00

- ▶ **Building recommendations**



16h00 – 16h30

Closing the day

- ▶ **Edina Ocsko**, Smart Villages Network & vice-chair of the Rural Pact Coordination Group



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