



POLICY ACTION LAB

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AGENDA



EU funds paving the way to the rural vision

Tentative Timing	Agenda items
09.15 – 10.00	<p>Welcome and framing the day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Welcoming words Radim Sršeň, Deputy Minister for Regional Development of Czechia & Chair of the Rural Pact Coordination Group> Introduction to the day Enrique Nieto, Rural Pact Support Office> Key messages from the Council conclusions on the rural vision Isabel Bombal, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, ES presidency of the Council of the EU> The Rural toolkit dashboard for EU funding and the SAT4TER tool to support the financing of local action Giulia Testori, Joint Research Centre
10.00 – 11.30	<p>How to enhance actual access to funding?</p> <p>Inspirational examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Village d'avenir programme: Supporting rural municipalities in applying for funding in France David Armellini, Agence Nationale de la Cohésion des Territoires (ANCT)> The use of Simplified Cost Options (SCOs) in Finland Noora Pehkonen, Finnish Food Authority> Bank support to implement LEADER funded projects in Extremadura (Spain) Diego Curto, Manager of the Local Action Group Valle del Ambroz <p>Group discussion (Round 1): What are the approaches/solutions that are working and how make them happen?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Group 1: Enhancing local capacities> Group 2: Simplifying rules> Group 3: Facilitating access to complementary funding
11.30 – 11.45	Coffee Break
11.45 – 12.30	<p>Building recommendations together</p> <p>Plenary discussion to build recommendations based on the outcomes from the group discussions on how to enhance actual access to funding.</p>



12.30 – 13.30

Lunch Break

13.30 – 15.00 How to enhance and mobilise policy support for rural areas?

Inspirational examples

- > **The coordination of funds and support in the implementation of Catalonia's rural vision**
Arnau Queralt, Advisory Council for Sustainable Development of Catalonia
- > **Multifunding CLLD with ESF+ in Czechia**
Renáta Kučerová, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs
- > **Combining crowdfunding and EU funds**
Mauricio O'Brien, European Crowdfunding Network

Group discussion (Round 2): What are the approaches/solutions that are working and how make them happen?

- > **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

15.00 – 15.15

Coffee Break

15.15 – 16.00 Building recommendations together

Plenary discussion to build recommendations based on the outcomes from the group discussions on how to enhance and mobilise policy support for rural areas.

16.00 – 16.30 Closing remarks

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