

# Rural communities tackling climate change

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# Why are we here?

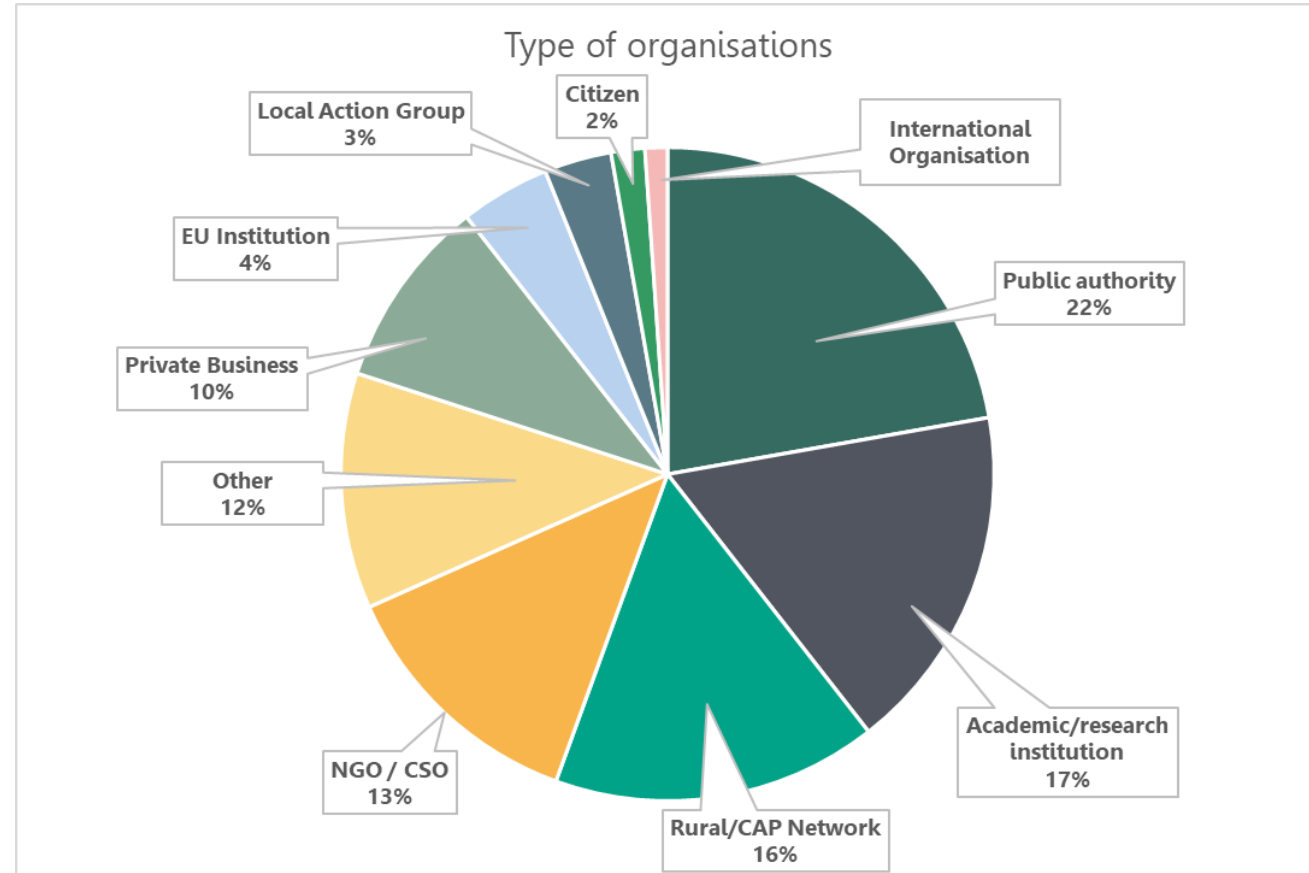


- ▶ Learning about policies and tools contributing to tackle climate change
- ▶ Enabling exchanges and learning from local experiences and initiatives by rural stakeholders, which tackle climate change
- ▶ Building the capacity of participants to mitigate and adapt to climate change by anticipating, planning and delivering effective, high-quality projects in line with rural needs
- ▶ Encouraging and mobilising Rural Pact community members to make a commitment to the Pact and/or to undertake actions linked with addressing climate change in their specific contexts.

# Who is here?



- ▶ **12 keynote speakers**
- ▶ Significant interest: over 190 registrations from **28 countries** (EU and not EU)
- ▶ Participants involved from EU to local **initiatives** on tackling climate change in rural areas
- ▶ Collaboration with European Climate Pact



# Our agenda today

9:15 – 9:50

**Setting the scene: EU initiatives to foster the fight against climate change in rural areas**

- European Commission, DG AGRI
- Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union
- European Commission, European Climate Pact
- European Commission, DG REGIO
- European Commission, Joint Research Centre

12:30 – 13:00  
**Reporting back**  
**Final discussion**  
**Closing remarks**

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9:50 – 11.00

**Learning from inspirational projects and practices**

- The People's Transition (IE)
- Talvolk (DE)
- MountResilience (Horizon Europe)
- eCOadapt50 (LIFE )
- Climate and Energy Fund projects (AT)
- Down to Earth (Interreg Europe)

**11:15 – 12:15 - Working Groups:**

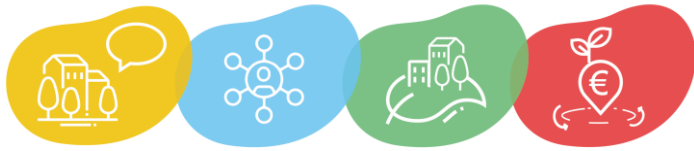
- 1. Raise rural communities' awareness about climate challenges**
- 2. Implement community-led initiatives to build climate change capacity**
- 3. Develop local policies aligned with the long-term vision for rural areas**

- Farm to Fork Academy (EuropeAid)
- European Climate Pact

- C4C-Communities4Climate
- GALxCLima programme (ES)
- Brilian (Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking)

- University of Bergamo
- RUSTIK (Horizon Europe)





# THANK YOU

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