



Group 3
 Develop local policies aligned with the long-term vision for rural areas

Challenges

Natural resources scarcity	Socio-demographic	Economy & production
Governance	Sports, culture, tourism	conflicting interests & policy priorities
lack of shared understanding	difficult to get local-level data	depending on local context - challenges are different - data is needed
are local issues really taken into account at policy level - lots of knowledge is lost	difficult for local level to get the money - conditions, bureaucracy	

Practical solutions

adaptation & mitigation strategies & ecosystem services	reverse socio-demographic trend	New economic opportunities
Networking strategies for better governance	Conditions for low impacts on sport, culture, tourism	place-based approaches, link to the concrete local action
shared understanding to context & sensitivities	link to policy environment	engineering needed at local level - finance the local directly to enable them to address local challenges (complementary to LEADER)
build local capacities & ensure continuous involvement of actors	energy communities (feat. local currency) - need for tech expertise	money - local actors should be able to access it easily
broad strategy covering energy & climate change (Basque village) - participatory process => social acceptance	municipal team capable of navigating funding proposals & application processes	

Lessons and recommendations

reconfiguring power dynamics/top-down approach	local autonomy in designing solutions	take into account the local knowledge
importance of local policymakers - collaboration, dialogue	collaboration - gov. structure needs to enable connection with local actors	rural proofing to identify climate change & regulation impacts on rural areas
make use of existing governance at local level	policy needs to enable local actors to address the needs in their context (rural proofing)	bring together & consolidate conflicting issues
local managers driving participatory processes, building capacities, balancing governance		