



Rural Pact Coordination Group

3rd meeting

16 April 2024

Venue: Committee of the Regions

AGENDA

Timing	Agenda items
08.30 – 9.00	Registration
09.00 – 9.30	Welcome and introduction to the day Radim Sršen, RPCG Chair Mihail Dumitru, Deputy Director-General, DG AGRI
9.30 – 10.45	The rural vision: looking back and looking forward Moderation: Edina Ocsko, RPCG Vice-Chair Public report on the LTVRA 'Key achievements and ways forward' (15') Mario Milouchev and Wallis Vandebrock-Goelen, DG AGRI & DG REGIO Other complementary relevant reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > European Commission Communication on 9th Cohesion Report (10') Florent Guerin, DG REGIO > Report of the High-Level Group on the Future of Cohesion Policy (10') Sari Rautio, Member of the High-level group <u>Plenary discussion on the LTVRA report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > What is your opinion about the key achievements and ways forward as presented in the report > How do you see your organisations contributing to the reflections on the ways forward? How do you see the wider Rural Pact Community contributing?
10.45 – 11.45	Taking stock of the RPCG priority actions Moderation: Radim Sršen, RPCG Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > RPSO AWP and actions taken by the European Commission Pascale Van Doren, Rural Pact Support Office Antonia Gámez Moreno, DG AGRI > Reporting on action taken by RPCG members Radim Sršen and Edina Ocsko, Chair and Vice-Chair, Templates to contact the governments and candidate MEPs > Klaus Boele, CoR NAT Secretariat, Study 'Rural areas and the geography of discontent' > Thibault Guignard, ELARD, and Anja Fortuna, Rural Youth Europe, Strategic dialogue on the future of EU Agriculture > Klaus Ehrlich, Ruraltour, Rural Tourism Community Group > Mieke Elzenga, Ecolise, Communities for Future <u>Questions and additional contributions</u>

- What other actions would members like to report on and what additional actions would you like to take?
- What challenges and lessons were faced in the implementation from existing actions?
- What incentives / support would members need in the future?

11.45 – 12.00

Networking coffee

12.00 – 13.00

‘Making the Rural Pact happen in Member States’: Building synergies between the RPCG and RPSO national experts

Introductory presentation followed by group discussions by geographical distribution facilitated by the RPSO

- Looking at the seven Rural Pact ingredients from the Policy Briefing on [“Making the Rural Pact happen in Member States”](#), how would you assess progress on the Rural Pact in your Member State (or region)? Which ingredients are working best? Which still need more effort?
- In practical terms, how can the Rural Pact and Vision be moved forward in your Member State (or region)?

Expected output: Collection of ideas for joint action between RPCG members and RPSO National Experts and/or their organisations, including on (i) how to contact governments and MEPs and (ii) how to move forward with the ingredients in the Policy Briefing to establish a national rural pact.

Report back in plenary

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch at the canteen

14.00 – 15.15

Getting the Rural Pact down to the local level

Introductory presentation followed by group discussions facilitated by the RPSO

- How to translate the ingredients from the policy brief at the local level?
- How do you see the role of the local level in contributing to the Rural Pact at national level?
- What is the role of different types of actors and existing initiatives (e.g. LAGs, Smart Villages and Village Movements) in this process? Where would you be involved?

Expected output: Collection of ideas and issues to explore further at the Policy lab on “Bringing the rural pact closer to citizens” and in other RPSO activities.

Report back in plenary

15.15 – 15.30

Networking coffee

15.30 – 16.15

Planning future actions: Upcoming tasks and communication between RPCG members

Moderation: Edina Ocsko, RPCG Vice-Chair

Communication tools and processes between RPCG members

Julie de Galard, Rural Pact Support Office

Summary of key actions decided during the meeting

Radim Sršen, RPCG Chair

Next steps & end of the meeting

Radim Sršen, RPCG Chair and Mario Milouchev, DG AGRI