



## GOOD PRACTICE WEBINAR

### AGENDA



# Rural youth participation in policymaking

24 April 2024

Tentative Timing	Draft agenda items
09.00 – 9.10	<b>Welcome and introduction to the day</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; <b>Outline of the event objectives and agenda</b> Patricia Martínez, Rural Pact Support Office</li></ul>
9.10 – 09.45	<b>Setting the scene: EU initiatives to foster rural youth participation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; <b>The Long-term vision for EU's rural areas and youth</b> Marina Royo de Blas, European Commission, DG AGRI</li><li>&gt; <b>EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027: engaging, connecting and empowering young people</b> Charalambos Papaioannou, European Commission, DG EAC</li><li>&gt; <b>Rural Pact Community Group: Youth in rural areas - Empowering the next generation</b> Alessandro d'Alsazia LAG 'Meuridania'</li></ul> Questions & Answers
09.45 – 10.30	<b>Learning from inspirational projects and practices</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; <b>The Scottish Rural and Islands Youth Parliament</b> Aimee Spence, 'Scottish Rural Action'</li><li>&gt; <b>Mainstreaming youth participation in Sweden</b> Annie Linsemark, LAG 'Halland' and ELARD</li><li>&gt; <b>European Rural Youth Parliament</b> Iulia Fatu, LAG 'Napoca Prolissum'</li><li>&gt; <b>Give Way to Youth! Latvian youngsters engage in decision making</b> Linda Medne, Latvian '4H' youth organisation</li></ul> Questions & Answers
10.30 – 10.45	<b>Virtual coffee break</b>
10.45 – 11.15	<b>How to enhance youth participation in policymaking?</b>





Panel debate and exchange with rural youth representatives and policymakers

- > **Hannah Downey, Rural Communities Policy Manager, Scottish Government**
- > **Matías Rubio, President of 'La Bardal' and member of the 'Advisory Council on Youth' of the Council of Europe**
- > **Carla González, Rural Youth Ambassador 'Fundación Galicia Europa'**
- > **Karen Vandeweghe, European Commission, DG EAC**

**11.15**

**Transition to the group discussions**

**11.15 – 12.15 How to enhance youth participation in policymaking?**

Group discussions

Discussions will address practical questions to take stock of main concerns, exchange experiences and to draw solutions, ideas for action and recommendations on the following areas:

- > **Group 1. Creating youth-friendly spaces through place-based initiatives**
- > **Group 2. Facilitating meaningful participation: bridging youth and policy-makers**
- > **Group 3. Empowering local youth voices - advocating for rural perspectives at national and European institutions**

**12.15 – 12.30**

**Virtual coffee break**

**12.30 – 12.45 Reporting back from group discussions, plenary discussion**

**12.45 – 13.00 Closing Remarks**

- > **Spyros Papadatos, 'Rural Youth Europe'**