Stocktaking of EC actions developed collaboratively



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The Rural Pact – Actions related to objectives



Amplify the voice of rural areas and bring them up in policy agendas

- ► Formulating **reflections for the Rural Pact** to be debated for post-2027 CAP and Cohesion policy
- Fostering commitment to the Rural Pact and promoting its activities in EC officials' speeches
- **Translating the Policy Briefing** "Making the Rural Pact happen in Member States" in all EU languages
- Disseminating the outcomes of the Policy Briefing
- Enriching forthcoming country pages with information from on-going EC studies



Networking, collaboration & mutual learning

- Supporting the identification of funding sources
- Promoting the use of the rural funding toolkit
- Further **developing the Rural Pact community platform** and RP community group
- Attending events planned and delivering speeches by the end of 2025

Commitments to act

Implementing the Rural Action Plan

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Objective 1: Amplifying the voice of rural areas and bringing them up in policy agendas

UPDATE ON ACTIONS

Translating the Policy Briefing "Making the Rural Pact happen in Member States"

<u>Translations</u> in **27 languages** since early December 2023.

Promoting the Rural Pact by EC officials

Disseminating the Policy Briefing

- November 2023 April 2024: Participation of EC Commissioners and DG AGRI at more than 20 events.
- Including 8 high-level national and European conferences for VP Suica, Commissioners Ferreira and Wojciechowski

Promoting the integration of the Rural Pact in post-2027 CAP and CP

• Formulation of questions for debate in the <u>new LTVRA report</u> adopted in March 2024.



Objective 2: Networking, collaboration and mutual learning

UPDATE ON ACTIONS

Informing about EU funding opportunities

- Launch of the <u>Rural toolkit</u> on 6 February 2024.
- Promotion of the toolkit in events : Joint Research Centre open to do more on invitation
 - 22 November 2023: toolkit presented at an <u>event</u> from the European rural community alliance
 - 14 December 2023: rural toolkit dashboard presented during the Policy lab on EU funds

Launching and improving the rural pact community platform (RPCP)

- **Official launch** of <u>the RPCP</u> on 29 June 2023 as an online collaborative tool.
- **Platform features improving fast:** restricted access to community groups (done), groups management by owners and moderators (end of April), notifications (planned for June), improved communication toolkit, a commitment page for public authorities (end of April).



Objective 3: Commitments to act

UPDATE ON ACTIONS

Implementating the rural action plan

- EC committed to implement all **30 actions of the EU rural action plan**
- 9 actions are already completed, and implementation is on-going for the other 21 : thanks to an unprecedented joint effort from 14 DGs.
- **Next steps**: the Commission will continue implementing the EU rural action plan to achieve the rural vision objectives. A further update may be considered from 2025 onwards.



Next steps Keep supporting the facilitation of the Rural Pact as foreseen in AWP for year 2

Concrete actions

2024 2025

- 1. Support the **implementation of the rural pact at national and regional levels**, including designing holistic strategies and actions plan for rural areas
- 2. Support stronger participation of local actors in the rural pact
- 3. Continue the **cooperation with international organisations** such OECD, the World Health Organisation and the UN Habitat
- 4. Continue supporting the **Rural Pact Coordination Group** in raising awareness of rural issues among national authorities and EU institutions
- 5. The next **rural pact conference in Spring 2025** will focus on the **role of local actors**, discussing ways forward for the rural pact and ideas on the post-2027 EU policies





Thank you



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