



AGENDA

Bringing the Rural Pact closer to citizens

22 May 2024

Venue: [Le Plaza](#) Hotel Brussels, Bld Adolphe Max 118-126, 1000, Brussels, Belgium

Timing	Agenda items
09.30 – 09.45	<p>Welcome and framing the day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Opening words Colin Scicluna, Head of Cabinet of Dubravka Šuica, European Commission's Vice-President for Democracy and Demography> Introduction to the day Pascale Van Doren, Rural Pact Support Office
09.45 – 10.45	<p>Setting the scene for localising the seven ingredients of the Rural Pact</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Key achievements and way forward for the Rural Vision and the Rural Pact Alexia Rouby, DG AGRI> What is the Rural Pact and the seven ingredients at national and regional levels. Urszula Budzich-Tabor, Rural Pact Support Office> Illustrative examples of local level expression of the Rural Pact:<ul style="list-style-type: none">o The Landscape Charter to mobilise rural stakeholders and plan action in Priorat Sergi Mendez, Consell Comarcal del Priorat & Pere Sala, Observatorio del Paisaje (Spain)o Fostering territorial cohesion through a dedicated instrument in Pays Vallée du Loir Bruno Weber Regnier, PETR Pays Vallée du Loir (France)o The Italian Inner Areas Strategy supporting local action Mirta Sutter, LAG Montagnappennino (Italy)



10.45 – 11.15

Networking Coffee

11.15 – 12.30

Rural Pact Laboratory (Session 1): Understanding how the Rural Pact can be translated at local level

Presentation of further examples of how the objectives of the Rural Pact can be implemented locally.

Group discussion

- > How can the Rural Pact objectives become reality in different local contexts?
- > How would the Rural Pact add value at local level?

12.30 – 13.45

Lunch Break (Buffet)

13.45 – 15.00

Rural Pact Laboratory (Session 2): Making the Rural Pact happen at local level
Group discussion

- > What are the key elements/ingredients/conditions for a Rural Pact to become a reality locally?
- > What policies, initiatives or approaches can be helpful to achieve this?

15.00 – 15.20

Networking Coffee

15.20 – 16.05

Co-creating conclusions and proposals

Report back of outcomes from group discussions

Stakeholders' panel:

- > What needs to be done to ensure the elements/ingredients/conditions are in place for local action to contribute to the Rural Pact objectives? Panellists:
 - o Vanessa Halhead (European Rural Community Alliance)
 - o Lidija Pavić-Rogosić (European Economic and Social Committee)
 - o Michael Schmitz (Deutscher Landkreistag/CEMR)
 - o Maria Teresa Valera Cortinas (Government of Castilla-La Mancha, ES)

16.05 – 16.30

Comments from Keynote listener & closing remarks

- > **Key takeaways from the day**
Keynote Listener: Sari Rautio, Member of the Committee of the Regions & the High-Level Group on the Future of Cohesion Policy
- > **Next steps**
Pascale Van Doren, Rural Pact Support Office
- > **Closing words**
Antonia Gámez Moreno, DG AGRI and Wallis Vandebrock-Goëlen, DG REGIO