



Closing remarks

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Rural pact policy lab – Bringing the Rural pact closer to citizens



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Looking forward – Rural Pact

- **Keep up facilitation through the Rural pact support office**
- **Improve the community platform**
- **Sustain efforts at national level**
 - Using policy brief “**Making the rural pact happen in Member States**”
 - Developing inspiring “**Country pages**”
 - Raising awareness through the **Rural Pact Coordination Group** and **national experts**
 - Cooperating with **international organisations** to engage States
 - **Government-level commitments**
- **Going more local**
 - **Policy lab on translating the pact at local level** (22 May 2024)
 - Working closely with those who committed
 - Good practice webinars
- **Rural Pact conference 2025**



Ways forward – Questions for reflection

- ▶ What are the **key challenges** arising from depopulation, ongoing transitions and structural changes?
- ▶ What are the best ways to **address them** in a targeted way?
- ▶ How to **enhance financial support** for rural areas and communities through EU, national and regional funds, including improving synergies and complementarities?
- ▶ What is needed to **improve financing, quality of delivery and effectiveness** via e.g. CLLD/LEADER?
- ▶ How to improve the **monitoring and assessment of the resources** from the different EU funds and programmes?
- ▶ What is needed to **improve access to support** for the final beneficiary?
- ▶ What can be done for wider implementation of the **rural proofing mechanism** at all levels?
- ▶ What are the best policy tools to ensure **institutional, governance and integrated support** for rural areas?
- ▶ How to improve the **availability of policy-relevant rural statistics and data**, without increasing the administrative burden?

Ways forward - Opportunities for debate

- 9th Cohesion forum (11-12 April 2024)
- Rural Pact coordination group (16 April + November 2024, spring 2025)
- Joint technical workshop 'Solidarity and rural communities' (16-17 May 2024)
- Two Rural Pact policy labs (September, December 2024)
- The next Rural pact conference (Spring 2025)
- EU CAP Network events
- Strategic Dialogue on the future of EU agriculture (January to summer 2024)



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Steps

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2

Take action contributing to the vision & share it with us

Form:

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/TheRuralPactCommitmentCanvas>

