



4th meeting of the Rural Pact Coordination Group

8 November 2024

Online

Agenda

Timing	Agenda items
09.30 – 9.45	<p>Welcome and introduction to the day</p> <p>Radim Sršen, RPCG Chair and Edina Ocsko, Vice-Chair</p>
09.45 – 11.30	<p>RPCG actions to be taken in the new European political context</p> <p>Moderation: Radim Sršen, RPCG Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Latest policy developments on the rural areas in the new political context. Overview by the European Commission Nicola de Michelis, acting Deputy Director General at DG REGIO Mario Milouchev, Director at DG AGRI Ricard Ramón i Sumoy, Deputy Head of Unit at DG AGRI > Presentation and discussion of the final draft of the RPCG Declaration towards the future of rural policies Edina Ocsko, RPCG Vice-Chair > Open floor: Reactions from RPCG members to the Declaration <u>Questions</u> • What is your overall feedback / impression on the Declaration? • Do you have any suggestions for final refinement(s) of the Declaration? • What will be the process in your organisation to approve the Declaration?
11.30 – 11.45	Virtual coffee break
11.45 – 12.45	<p>Main views and positions for the future of rural areas in European Union</p> <p>Moderation: Edina Ocsko, Vice-Chair RPCG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > RPCG members’ contribution to the Strategic Dialogue Spyros Papadatos, Rural Youth Europe Thibaut Guignard, European Leader Association for Rural Development (ELARD) <p>RPCG members’ contributions for the future of rural areas in European Union</p>

- > **How programming integrating Leader and participatory local development approaches for post-2027 could contribute to a better implementation of the long-term vision for rural areas in the EU?**

Thibaut Guignard (ELARD)

- > **Strengthening the European Rural Politics in the Legislative Framework 2028-2034 of the European Committee of the Regions (CoR)**

Michael Schmitz, Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)

- > **Towards a greater involvement of Member States, Regions and Civil Society actors in the implementation of the Long-Term Vision for the EU's Rural Areas**

Lidija Pavić-Rogošić, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

- > **Open floor: Additional contributions and reactions from RPCG members**

Questions

- Do you see any specific points that should be retained in the Declaration?
- In addition to the opinions and positions presented, are there any other ideas or contributions /perspectives that you would like to mention in the context of the RPCG work?

12.45 – 13.45

Virtual Lunch Break

13.45 – 14.15 Rural Pact Conference 2025: Contribution from RPCG members

Moderation: Edina Ocsko, Vice-Chair

- > **Overview presentation of the Rural Pact Conference (Background information)**

Enrique Nieto, Rural Pact Support Office

Open floor: Questions and clarifications

14.15 – 15.15 Shaping the activities of the Rural Pact and seeking for synergies between RPCG and RPSO

Moderation: Radim Sršen, RPCG Chair

- > **Overview of RPSO recent actions and presentation of the AWP 2025**

Pascale Van Doren, Rural Pact Support Office

Questions

- Do you have any suggestions regarding the RPSO AWP Year 3 strategic approach and the suggested themes?

- > **Overview of RPCG actions implemented and planned in support of the LTVRA and the Rural Pact**

Pascale Van Doren, Rural Pact Support Office and RPCG members

- > **First ideas for the promotion of the Declaration**

Edina Ocsko, RPCG Vice-Chair

Questions

- How could you foresee the use and dissemination of the Declaration as part of future (advocacy) activities, events or communication campaigns within your organisation?
- Which other specific activities you foresee to influence future policies/ discuss these on the ground with your stakeholders, aligned with your role in the Rural Pact and the Rural Pact Coordination Group?

15.15 – 15.30

Virtual coffee break



15.30 – 15.45 Next steps & end of the meeting

> **Synthesis of next actions decided and RPCG responsibilities**

Radim Sršen, RPCG Chair
Edina Ocsko, RPCG Vice-Chair

- Follow-up actions on the Declaration
- RPCG involvement in the Conference

