



Setting LEADER Cooperation in the context of the Long-Term vision for rural areas

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The long-term vision for EU's rural areas



Rural areas are a formative part of the European economy and cultural diversity.

They are home to hundreds of millions of Europeans who enjoy living and working there. We stand by their side and want Europe's rural areas to flourish.

Europe is investing in rural areas because their prospects are Europe's future.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen
27 March 2024



The rural vision by 2040



LEADER networking

Stronger

Empowered communities
Access to services
Social innovation

Connected

Digital connectivity
Transport links and
new mobilities

Prosperous

Diversification of economic
activities
Sustainable food production

Resilient

Resilience to climate change
Environmental resilience
Social resilience



**Shared goals for
2040**

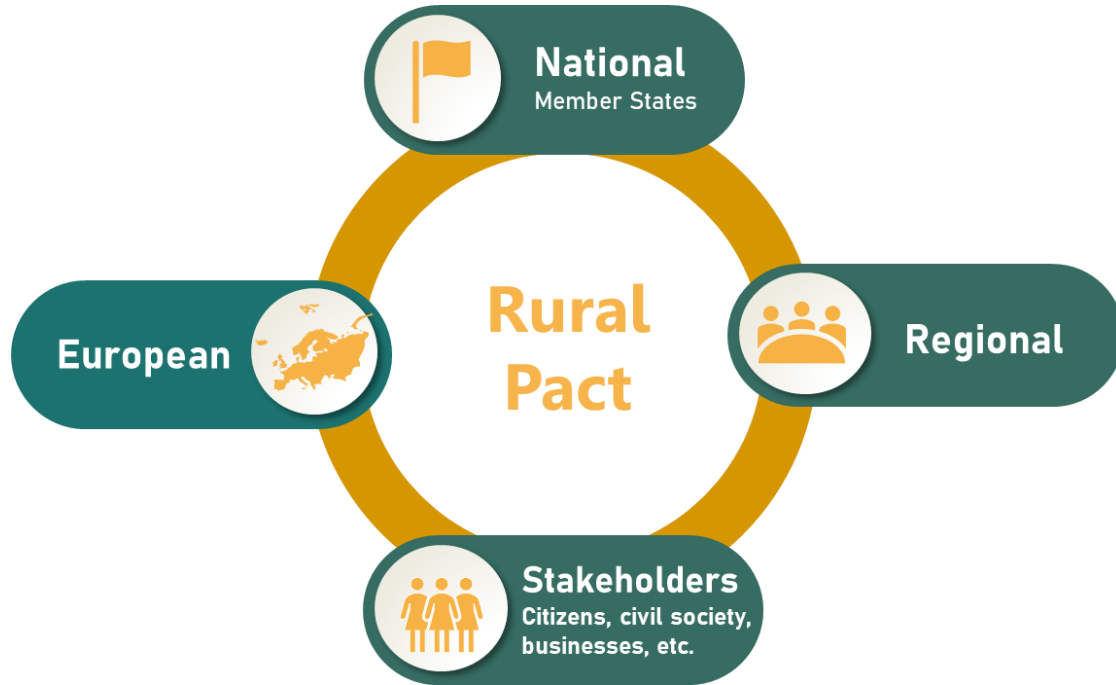


**Rural action plan (EC)
&
Rural Pact (everyone)**

EU policies



The Rural Pact



What is the Rural Pact ?

The Rural Pact is a formal space and framework to boost **cooperation** between national, regional and local governments, civil society organisations, businesses, academics and citizens to act towards the shared goals of the rural vision.

Participatory process

Rural Pact

Proposals from the Rural Pact preparatory group for the Rural Pact conference on 15-16 June 2022

Introduction

With the adoption of the Communication on a Long-term Vision for the EU's rural areas, the European Commission committed to setting-up a Rural Pact. This Pact will contribute to reaching the shared goals of the Long-term Vision for the EU's rural areas but also fits into the EU's broader commitment of implementing the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals and ensuring balanced territorial development.

Following the launch of the Rural Pact Community, in December 2021, over 1000 individuals and organisations have endorsed the shared goals of the rural vision and want to work towards their achievement. This draft is the next step in the Rural Pact process. Drafted by EU institutions and rural stakeholders¹, it outlines the main features of the Rural Pact. Rural Pact Community members were invited to express their views on this proposal in May through a survey. Their feedback was taken on board for the final proposal which was presented at the Rural Pact conference on 15 and 16 June 2022.

Objectives

The Rural Action Plan, which was adopted with the Long-term Vision for the EU's rural areas, represents the European Commission's commitment to acting for rural areas. One of its actions is to propose a Rural Pact, which aims to strengthen multi-level governance for the EU's rural areas. This means that the Pact will engage the European, national, regional and local level, all of which have a key role to play in the future of rural areas, to work together.

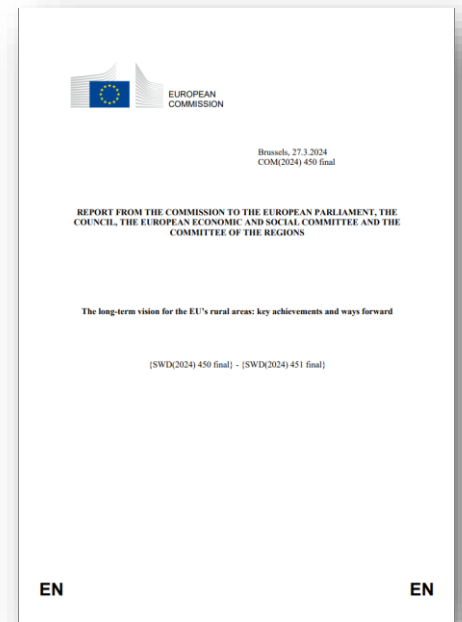
The activities of the Rural Pact could be classified as contributing to three broad objectives:

¹ Presidency of the Council of the EU, the European Committee of the Regions, the European Economic and Social Committee, ELARD, PREPARE and ERCA from the European Rural Parliament, as well as the European Parliament and the European network for Rural Development as observers.

Report on the implementation of the long-term vision for EU's rural areas

1. New evidence under the four action areas
2. Looking back at 30 months of implementation
3. Looking forward
 1. Questions for the future
 - What are the key challenges arising from depopulation, ongoing transitions and structural changes for which EU interventions provide added value?
 - How to enhance financial support for rural areas and communities through EU, national and regional funds, including improving synergies and complementarities between them?
 - What is needed to improve financing, quality of delivery and effectiveness through territorial tools such as CLLD/LEADER?
4. Conclusions and next steps

Report from the EC
(March 2024)



The Rural Pact – Supporting networking for LEADER Cooperation



Community Groups



GROUP
Rural depopulation and repopulation

- European Union
- Demography Housing Youth Stronger Rural Areas
- English



GROUP
Innovating rural public policy

- European Union
- Stronger Rural Areas Connected rural areas Resilient...
- English



GROUP
Rural mobility

- European Union
- Rural-urban linkages Transport and mobility Tourism...
- English

All groups >

Good Practice

20 results

METHODOLOGY

The 'Care OneGoal' project supports the integration of migrant women in Halland, Sweden

A methodology intended to provide training and support to migrant women with finding employment, jointly developed by a LAG and a not-for-profit organisation.



Resilient rural areas, Migrants, ... Sweden



POLICY

Participatory, integrated governance to boost local action in rural Tuscany, Italy

Collaboration between Tuscan LAGs and public bodies through a participatory, multi-sector governance model has achieved synergies between the Italy's National Strategy for Inner Areas (SNAI) and the LEADER programme.



Stronger Rural Areas, Demography, ... Italy



METHODOLOGY

One-stop shop to multiple funding sources for rural areas in Tyrol, Austria

A regional one-stop shop facility – based on good coordination among authorities and Local Action Groups (LAGs) – which helps rural municipalities, businesses, and NGOs to access local, regional, and





Thank you!

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