



Territorial development for the green transition: Harnessing the potential of rural communities

19 September 2024 (Online)

Agenda

Timing	Agenda items
09.00 – 9.30	Welcome and introduction to the day <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Welcoming word Taru Haapaniemi, Member of Cabinet of Janusz Wojciechowski, DG AGRI, European Commission> Introduction to the day Enrique Nieto, Rural Pact Support Office
09.30 – 10.30	Setting the scene: Challenges and opportunities in the green transition for rural communities <ul style="list-style-type: none">> The rural vision fostering place-based action in the green transition Silvia Nanni, DG AGRI - European Commission> Addressing challenges & seizing opportunities in the green transition for rural communities Jose Enrique Garcilazo, OECD <p><u>Policy Panel:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Laura Liepina, DG AGRI - European Commission> Achille Hannoset, DG ENER - European Commission> Saskia Onnink, DG ENV - European Commission
10.30 – 10.45	Virtual Coffee Break



10.45 – 12.00

Session 1: Understanding how to harness the potential of rural communities to benefit from the green transition

Stakeholders' experiences and participatory group discussions on the following topics and questions:

Group 1: Bioeconomy

- > [BE-Rural](#): Bio-based strategies and roadmaps for enhanced rural and regional development, Horizon project. Jenny Tröltzsch, Ecologic Institute
- > [MainstreamBIO](#), Horizon Europe project. Leonidas Parodos, Qplan International

Group 2: Energy Communities

- > Lessons from [Rural Energy Community Advisory Hub](#) (RECAH). James Roscoe, Ricardo Energy & Environment
- > Telheiras Energy Community, Portugal. Miguel Macias

Group 3: Water

- > Balanced management of water resources along the Hungarian-Romanian border. Csaba Vaszko, Bihor-Kis-Sárrét Catchment Community
- > The river contract Alto Guadiana Menor – A territory united for water. Anabel Rodríguez & Antonio Román, LAG Altiplano Granada (Spain)

Questions

- What are the key opportunities for rural communities to benefit from the green transition, and what challenges are they facing?
- What are the best ways to harness the potential of rural communities in the green transition?

12.00 – 13.00

Lunch Break

13.00 – 14.15

Session 2: Enhancing territorial development tools for the green transition

Stakeholder reflections & participatory group discussions on the following topics and question:

Group 4: LEADER/CLLD

- > Iwona Lisztwan, DG AGRI - European Commission
- > "Wooden Phoenix" bioeconomy project. Barbara Florjančič, LAG Loško Pogorje (Slovenia)

Group 5: Smart Villages

- > Maria-Christina Makrandreou, DG AGRI - European Commission
- > Stanz smart village. Friedrich Pichler (Austria)

Group 6: Cohesion policy tools for integrated territorial development

- > Merja Haapakka, DG REGIO - European Commission
- > Stefan Kah, European Policies Research Centre of the University of Strathclyde (UK)
- > ITI in a non-urban area. Aristotelis Stagkikas, Epirus Development Agency (Greece)
- > Addressing environmental issues through an ITI. Aquiles Marreiros, Regional Programme Algarve 2030 (Portugal)
- > The use of an ITI in rural areas in Piamonte. Marco del Fiore, Politecnico di Torino (Italy)
- > Multifunded LAG launches green education financed by Cohesion Policy. Markéta Dvořáková, Brdy-Vltava LAG (Czechia)

Question

- What is needed to support rural communities' actions in the green transition through improved financing, delivery systems and enhanced territorial tools?
- What are the key areas for improvement to effectively support rural communities in the green transition?



14.15 – 14.30

Virtual Coffee Break

14.30 – 15.30

Co-creating conclusions and proposals

Report back of outcomes from group discussions

Stakeholder panel: What are the main takeaways on enhancing territorial development tools so rural communities benefit from the green transition?

- > Maria-Christina Makrandreou, DG AGRI - European Commission
- > Iwona Lisztwan, DG AGRI - European Commission
- > Merja Haapakka, DG REGIO - European Commission
- > Hartmut Berndt, LEADER Network of Germany
- > Edina Ocsko, Smart Villages Network
- > Stefan Kah, European Policies Research Centre of the University of Strathclyde (UK)

15.30 – 16.00

Closing remarks

- > **Next steps**
Pascale van Doren, Rural Pact Support Office
- > **Closing words**
Gaëlle Marion, Head of Unit B.2 Environmental Sustainability, DG AGRI - European Commission

