



Introduction & Agenda of the day

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Policy Lab 'Enhancing policy coordination for vibrant rural areas'

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The Rural Pact – a space to work together

Objectives



Amplifying rural voices and bringing them higher on the political agenda

Policies



Structuring and enabling networking, collaboration & mutual learning

Capacities



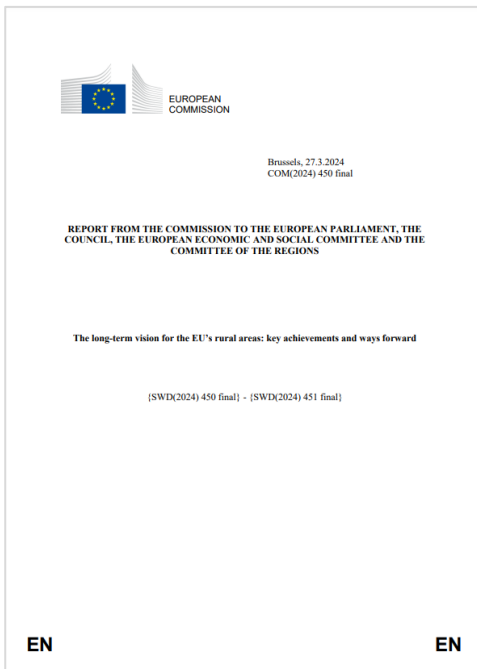
Encouraging and monitoring voluntary commitments to act for the vision

Action

Policy Lab (today) – your voice is important!

Why are we here?

The long-term vision for the EU's rural areas: **key achievements and ways forward**



11 Questions to be considered for **post-2027 rural policies**:

**Policy
coordination**

**Monitoring
resources**

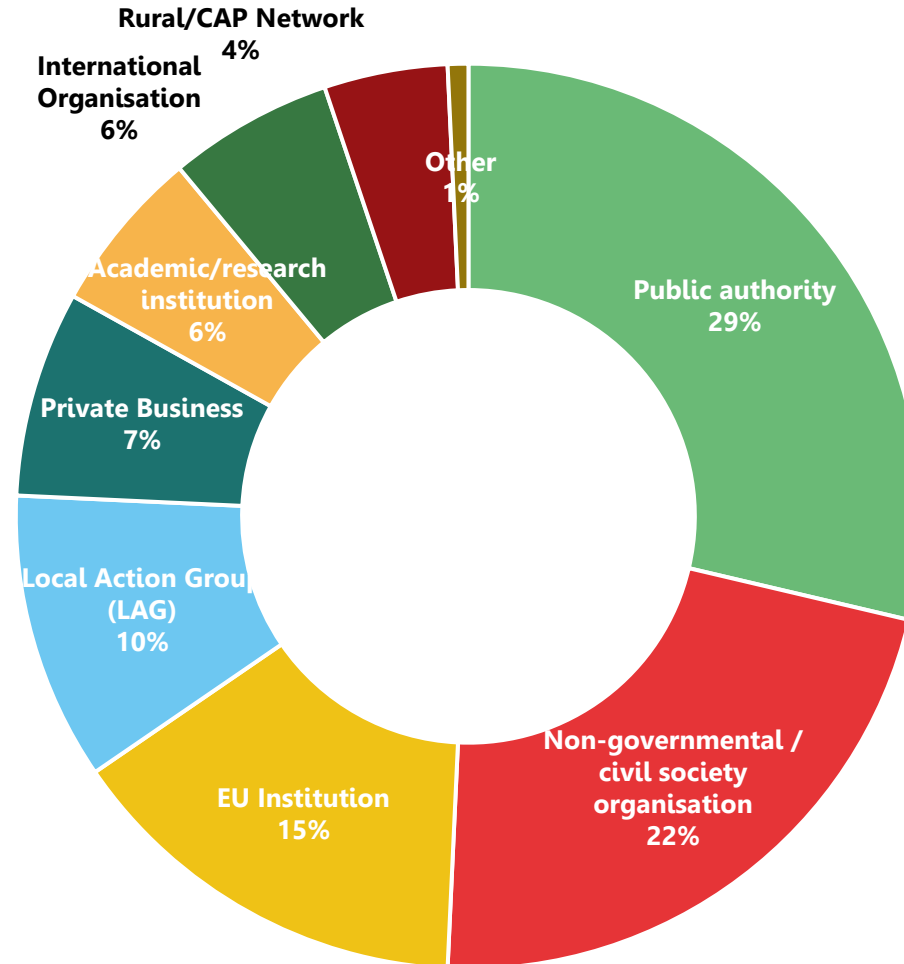
- ▶ What are the best policy tools to ensure institutional, **governance and integrated support** for rural areas at all levels?
 - At EU level, would turning the rural vision into a strategy have added value in terms of meaningful actions on the ground?
 - How can the EU further help Member States, regions and local communities develop national and regional rural strategies and action plans?

- ▶ How to improve the **monitoring and assessment of the resources** targeted to rural areas and communities from the different EU funds and programmes?



Who is here today?

- ▶ More than **25 speakers** + experiences from all participants
- ▶ **24 EU MS + other non-EU countries**



Agenda (morning)

9.30 – 09.45

Welcome and introduction to the day

09.45 – 10.45

Setting the scene: Integrating EU policies at EU and Member State levels

- ▶ Keynote presentation
- ▶ Experiences from Member States



Coffee break (30 min)

11.15 – 12.30

Fostering integrated approaches to rural policies at national/regional levels: lessons learned and ways forward

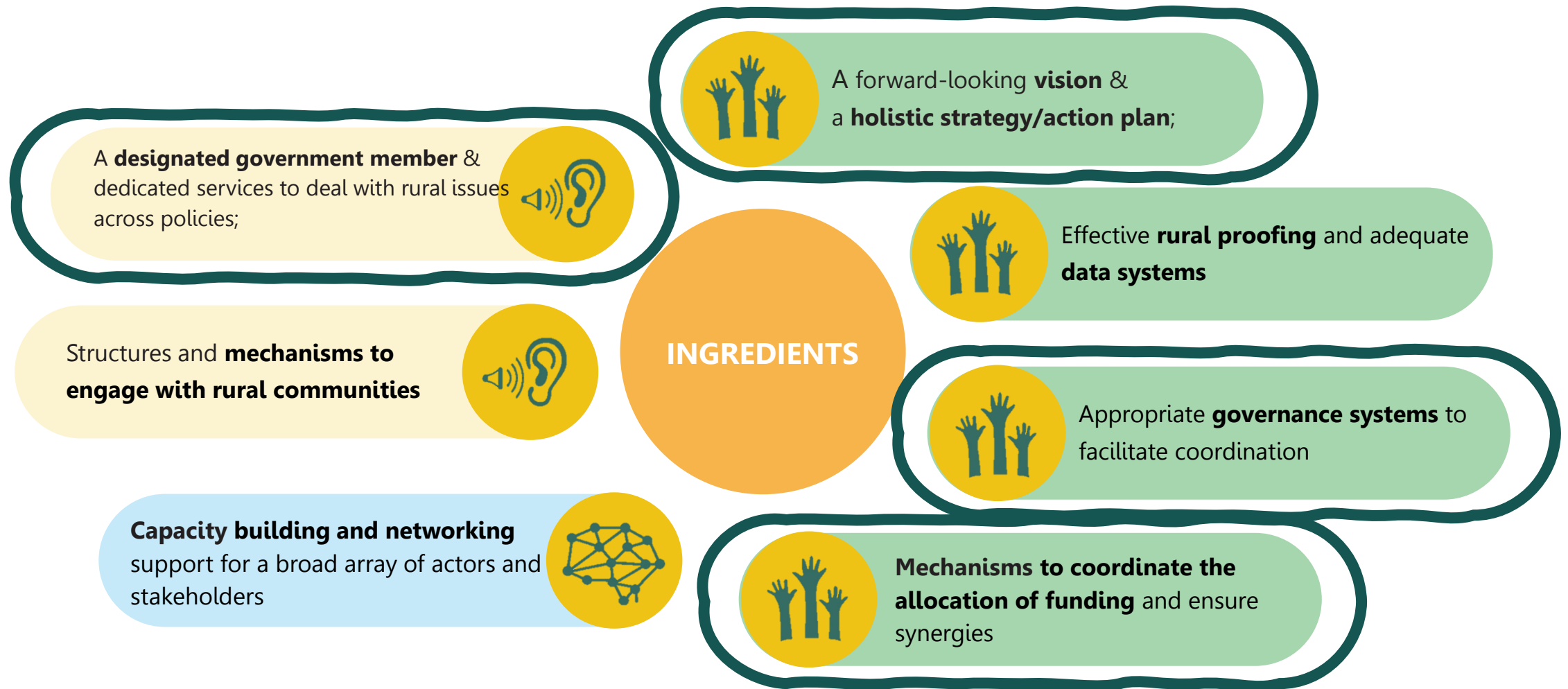
Group Discussion

- ▶ Challenges and lessons from existing strategies or action plans for rural development
- ▶ Recommendations on how the EU can help Member States and regions



Lunch break (1 hour)

Integrating rural policies



Policy Briefing on 'Making the Rural Pact happen in Member States'

https://ruralpact.rural-vision.europa.eu/publications/making-rural-pact-happen-member-states_en#section--resources

Available in 24 EU languages

Agenda (afternoon)

13.45 – 14.15

Challenges of monitoring funding in rural areas

- ▶ Learnings from the study on funding for EU rural areas
- ▶ Perspectives of monitoring EU funds in rural areas

14.15 – 15.00

Ensuring availability of information without increasing administrative burden

Group Discussion

- ▶ What kind of information would be needed and how to collect it?
- ▶ Improving monitoring system without increasing administrative burden



Coffee break (20 min)

15.20 – 16.30

Co-creating conclusions and proposals

Closing remarks



Thank you!

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