



# Setting the scene on the LTVRA: The Rural Pact and the place of housing in the rural vision

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# Housing as a priority on EU's agenda

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Millions of young people and families struggle to find affordable housing throughout Europe.

We urgently need to address this, supporting Member States to address structural drivers and unlocking public and private investment for affordable and sustainable housing.

President Ursula von der Leyen 17 September 2024





# The long-term vision for EU's rural areas

#### **Communication** from the EC (June 2021)

#### Stronger

Empowered communities Access to services Social innovation

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### **Prosperous**

Diversification of economic activities

Sustainable food production

# Connected

Digital connectivity Transport links and new mobilities

#### Resilient

Resilience to climate change Environmental resilience Social resilience

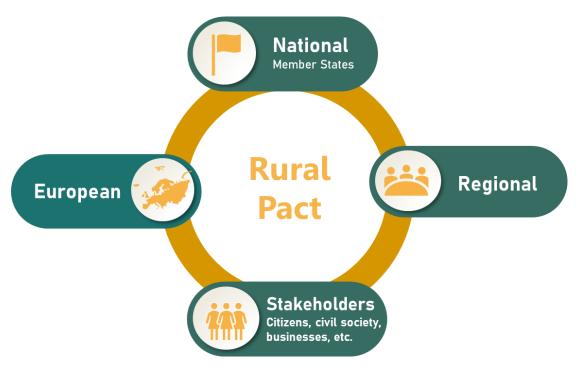
# **Shared goals for 2040**



- Update of the rural action plan in 2025
- Strengthening the Rural Pact

# 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.

# Three objectives



Amplifying the voice of rural areas and bringing them up in policy agendas



Networking, collaboration & mutual learning



**Commitments to act** 

# **The Rural Pact Community Platform**



A growing online rural community with a focus on rural revitalisation

#### What do we offer?

- **Connect** with peers
  - Join the **Community Groups** 
    - Get inspired from **good practices** 
      - Receive invitations to participate in events
        - Be informed from <u>publications</u>, <u>news</u> & <u>events</u>
          - **Commit** to act for rural areas
            - Receive the monthly <u>newsletter</u>





# Commitments to act for the rural vision



# Voluntary actions for better rural areas

## Why act?

> Contribute to better rural futures – become a rural champion

## Why submit an action as a commitment?

- Gain recognition by the Rural Pact community give pan-European visibility to your action
- Inspire others to take action and learn from rural champions
- Bring up key rural needs, demonstrate the power of rural action, and influence political agendas

#### Who can submit a commitment?

> Everyone, either in individual or organisational capacity

#### **Get started!**









# Thank you!

**Join the Rural Pact Community and online platform** 

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