



Rural housing

20 February 2025

Agenda

Timing	Agenda items
09.00 – 9.10	<p>Welcome and introduction to the day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Outline of the event objectives and agenda Patricia Martínez, Rural Pact Support Office > Setting the scene on the LTVRA: The Rural Pact and the place of housing in the rural vision Haude Blanc, European Commission, DG AGRI
09.10 – 9.50	<p>Setting the scene: EU initiatives to support rural housing, challenges and opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > European Commission housing taskforce Matthew Baldwin, Head of the Housing Taskforce, DG ENER > Housing and energy efficiency in EU rural areas Clara Hormigos Feliu, Joint Research Centre > The New European Bauhaus opportunities for rural housing Laura Hagemann Arellano, Joint Research Centre > Insights from ESPON HOUSE4ALL: Addressing affordable and quality housing challenges in rural areas Martin Gauk, ESPON European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation <p>Questions & Answers</p>
09.50 – 10.25	<p>Developing integrated rural housing strategies</p> <p>Showcasing integrated regional/local initiatives addressing different rural housing challenges.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Public support for housing in France: a focus on rural areas Alexandre Huet, Agence Nationale de l'Habitat, France > Integrated Village Renewal: strategic approaches to rural housing and heritage in Tyrol Diana Ortner and Hannes Lechner, Village Renewal, Government of Tyrol, Austria > Sierra de la Demanda Housing Plan Débora Serrano, LAG AGALSA, Spain <p>Questions & Answers</p>
10.25 – 10.40	Virtual coffee break



10.40 – 11.15

Learning from inspirational projects and practices

Panel presentation and discussion with local examples that help to develop solution for rural housing

- > **KoDörfer (Co-Villages): a sustainable approach to rural revitalisation**
Frederik Fischer, Neulandia, Germany
- > **Renovation and revitalisation of rural social housing in County Cork**
José Ospina and Ana Ospina, Carbery Housing Association, Ireland
- > **Villagehouse project: Unlocking vacant houses for rural revitalisation in Spain**
Ángel Poveda, ADRISS, Spain.

Questions & Answers

11.15

Transition to break-out rooms sessions

11.15 – 12.15

Sharing experiences and drawing lessons and recommendations

Discussions will address practical questions to take stock of main concerns, exchange experiences and to draw solutions, ideas for action and recommendations.

- > **Group 1: Housing renovation and revitalisation through sustainable solutions**
- > **Group 2: Improving rural housing availability and attractiveness through community platforms**
- > **Group 3: Community-led solutions for inclusive rural housing**

12.15 – 12.30

Virtual coffee break

12.30 – 12.50

Reporting back from break-out sessions, plenary discussion

- > **Key listener**

Dr. Stefan Kordel, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany

12.50 – 13.00

Closing remarks

- > **Next steps**
Pascale Van Doren, Rural Pact Support Office
- > **Closing words**
Haude Blanc, European Commission, DG AGRI

