

Rural proofing: looking at policies through the rural lens

12 June 2025

Webinar - Online

Draft agenda

Timing (CET)	Agenda items
09.30 – 10.00	Welcome and introduction to the day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Welcoming words & overview of rural proofing at EU level European Commission > Work of the Polish presidency of the Council of the EU on rural proofing (tbc) Representative of Polish presidency of the Council of the EU (tbc) > Introduction to the day Rural Pact Support Office
10.00 – 11.00	Setting the scene: How can rural proofing improve policies? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > The role of rural proofing to improve policies Keynote speaker > Rural proofing as a key element of an integrated rural strategy developed with EU technical support: example from a Member State > Panel discussion Exchange among representatives of Member States/regions at different stages of progress on rural proofing. <p>Moderator: Rural Pact Support Office</p>
11.00 – 11.15	Virtual coffee break
11.15 – 12.30	A strategic approach to rural proofing (Round 1) <p><u>Group discussions</u> Interactive session presenting examples from Member States & regions, followed by discussion in groups on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What should be rural proofed in priority? • Which governance and structures are needed for rural proofing? • When to rural proof policies? • What is expected as a result of the rural proofing process?

12.30 – 13.30

Lunch Break

13.30 – 14.45

Putting rural proofing into practice (Round 2)

Group discussions | Presentation of useful tools and approaches developed by European projects or initiatives, followed by a group discussion on:

- **Who** should be involved in rural proofing?
- **How** should the process be organised?
- **How** to address data limitations?

14.45 – 15.00

Virtual coffee break

15.00 – 15.45

Co-creating conclusions and proposals

- > Report back of outcomes from group discussions
- > Keynote listener (tbc)
- > Final discussion

16.15 – 16.30

Closing remarks

- > **Next steps**
Rural Pact Support Office
- > **Closing words**
European Commission (tbc)

