Community Group for Action

Expression of Interest Form

# Introduction

The process for the creation of a **Community Group for Action** within the Rural Pact Community Platform commence with the **Expression of Interest (EoI)** submitted by the interested Coordinator(s) for the Group through the dedicated form included in Section 3 of this document. Only members of the Rural Pact Community Platform can express interest to create a Community Group for Action.

Through the EoI form, the Coordinator(s) submit detailed information that will help in the creation fo the group, and which includes:

* General **information from the Coordinator(s),** including relevant experience in the key area of focus and interest for the group, motivation to create the group as well as links with existing networks and potential future members.
* **Description of the context** outlining the needs, challenges, opportunities in the specific area of focus proposed for the Community Group.
* **Objectives and main purpose of the community**, indicating contribution to the ambitions of the Rural Vision and the Rural Pact;
* **Main expected outcomes** from the community which can guide the collective work of the members. It may include concrete activities and actions that are aimed to be implemented with / by the community (e.g. commitment to participate in collaborative activities, sharing of intelligence, or disseminating of outputs, delivering training and development opportunities, sharing best practices or policy recommendations, delivering activities and events to increase the reach of membership through multistakeholder events or awareness raising activities that can be established, producing relevant publications, etc).
* Membership, outlining the **targeted stakeholders for the community**, their role(s) for community members, including principles for participation and benefits of being involved.
* The submission of the EoI form for the creation of a Community Group is the starting point for a dialogue between the coordinators and the Rural Pact Support Office (RPSO) and relevant services of the European Commission until the final acceptance of the proposal and official launch of the Community.

# How to use the Expression of Interest Form

The potential Community coordinator(s) should fill in the Expression of Interest Form presented in section 3 of this document and send it attached by email to the Rural Pact Support Office: [info@rural-pact.eu](mailto:info@rural-pact.eu).

* The Rural Pact Support Office together with the relevant services of the European Commission will analyse the information and get back to the applicant with a decision. In the case of a positive decision, the information provided in the form will be used to inform and communicate about the group.

# The Expression of Interest Form

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| Section 1: General information from the Coordinator(s) | | | | |
| **Name(s) of the organisation(s)** |  | | | |
| **Member State(s)** |  | | | |
| **Name(s), Last Name(s), organisation & emails of main interlocutor(s) for the community** | Name | Last Name | Organisation | email |
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| **Email address** | Please insert email addresses of the Coordinator(s) for contact | | | |
| **Description of the collective experience of the coordinating organisation(s)** | *Describe the relevance experience of the organisation with regards the focus proposed for the Community Group for Action.*  Description (Maximum 150 words.): | | | |
| **Proposed name for the Community Group for Action:** | *Please, indicate the proposed name for the Community for Action.*  The Community Group for action on…. | | | |
| **Main language for the group** | *Please, indicate the main vehicle language for the exchange within the group*  Language: | | | |
| **Thematic focus of the community (Selection from a list of themes)** | **Stronger Rural Areas**  Demography  Democracy and participation  Governance  Buildings  Research and innovation  Access to services  Housing  Spatial planning  LEADER/CLLD  Smart and start-up villages  Education and training  Youth  Sports, Culture and leisure  **Connected Rural Areas**  Digital infrastructure  Digital technologies  Transport and mobility  Rural-urban linkages | | **Resilient Rural Areas**  Energy  Climate  Nature and environment  Soil health  Land use  Women  Social inclusion  Migrants  Health and care  **Prosperous Rural Areas**  Entrepreneurship  Social economy  Tourism and heritage  Employment  Bioeconomy & circular economy  Forestry  Agriculture & food  Value chains | |
| Any other: Please specify | | | |
| **Section 2:** **Description of the context** | | | | |
| **Needs, challenges & opportunities related to the areas of focus proposed for the community** | *Please, describe the main needs, challenges and opportunities related to the thematic focus of the Community.*  Description (More than 150 words): | | | |
| **Section 3: Objectives and main purpose of the community** | | | | |
| **Proposed objectives for the Community Group** | *Please, insert the objectives in bullet points. The handbook on how to create Community Group for Action provide examples of objectives.*   * Insert Objective 1 * Insert Objective 2 * Insert Objective 3 * Insert Objective 4 * Please add if necessary | | | |
| **Contribution to the Rural Vision** | *Please tick the box of the relevant objectives of the Rural Vision*  **Attractive spaces, developed in harmonious territorial development**, unlocking their specific potential, making them places of opportunity and providing local solutions to help tackle the local effects of global challenges.  **Engaged in multi-level and place-based governance**, developing integrated strategies using collaborative and participatory approaches, benefitting from tailor-made policy mixes and interdependencies between urban and rural areas.  **Providers of food security, economic opportunities, goods and services for wider society**, such as bio-based materials and energy but also local, community-based high-quality products, renewable energy, retaining a fair share of the value generated.  **Dynamic communities focusing on well-being**, including livelihoods, fairness, prosperity and quality of life, where all people live and work well together, with adequate capacity for mutual support.  **Inclusive communities** of inter-generational solidarity fairness and renewal, open to newcomers and fostering equal opportunities for all.  **Flourishing sources of nature**, enhanced by and contributing to the objectives of the Green Deal, including climate neutrality, as well as sustainable management of natural resources.  **Fully benefiting from digital innovation** with equal access to emerging technologies, widespread digital literacy and opportunities to acquire more advanced skills.  **Entrepreneurial, innovative and skilled people**, co-creating technological, ecological and social progress.  **Lively places equipped with efficient, accessible and affordable public and private services**, including cross border services, providing tailored solutions (such as transport, education, training, health and care, including long-term care, social life and retail business).  **Places of diversity**, making the most out of their unique assets, talents and potential. | | | |
| **Contribution to the Rural Pact** | **Amplifying rural voices** and bring them higher on the political agenda  Structuring and **enabling networking, collaboration & mutual learning**  **Encouraging and monitoring** **voluntary commitments** to act for the vision. | | | |
| **Section 4: Main expected outcomes from the Community** | | | | |
| **Main expected outcomes** | *Describe the concrete outcomes to be achieved by the Community Group (in bullet points). The handbook on how to create a Community Group for Action provide examples of potential outcomes.*   * Insert outcome 1 * Insert outcome 2 * Insert outcome 3 * Insert outcome 4 * Please add if necessary | | | |
| **Membership** | *Describe the targeted stakeholders relevant to be part in the community, their role(s) for community members, and benefits of being involved (more than 150 word).*  Description (More than 150 words): | | | |