



# Rural Pact Coordination Group Declaration

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# The Rural Pact building blocks

## Rural Pact Support Office (including national experts)

since December 2022

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## Rural Pact Coordination Group

since June 2023



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- > Informal group steering the Rural Pact process
- > Three-year mandate

## Rural Pact community platform

since June 2023

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# Rural Pact Coordination Group mandate

Acting as a network of institutions and organisations, the group will be responsible for:

- > Exploring **ways to develop the Rural Pact further** for its different types of participants, by agreeing on activities to be taken by the group members or Pact participants, and themes to address.
- > **Engaging and encouraging their stakeholder groups or partners to become members of the Rural Pact** and disseminate information about the EU rural vision and activities the Rural Pact members are taking.
- > **Monitoring the commitments to action** of Rural Pact members at their level of governance.
- > Evaluating **progress towards the objectives of the Rural Pact** and, ultimately, the **ten shared goals of the rural vision**.
- > **Suggesting events or tasks to be organised** under the Rural Pact or subjects to be addressed in communications to the Rural Pact community **by the Rural Pact support office**.

# Rural Pact Coordination Composition

## Public authorities



- Committee of the Regions (NAT and COTER)
- Trio of presidencies of the Council
- CEMR
- METREX

## Civil Society



- European economic and social committee (NAT and ECO)
- Networks steering the European Rural Parliament (ELARD, ERCA, PREPARE)
- EUROMONTANA
- Ruralité environnement développement
- ECOLISE
- Smart Village Network
- Rural Youth Europe

## Businesses



RURAL TOUR  
SME United  
DIESIS Network

## Individuals



- European Parliament (COMAGRI & COMREGI)

## Academic and R&I



- Rural NEET Youth Network
- European Rural development Network
- Natural Resource Institute Finland
- Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (Rural UOC Network)
- University College Dublin

# Declaration on the future of rural areas and rural development policy in the EU – main messages

Rural Pact Coordination Group (Dec 2024)

The **Declaration** calls for a strong shift in future policies to ensure the sustainability and resilience of EU's rural areas in the long run, suggesting:

- > **Increased and streamlined funding for rural areas** through a compulsory minimum allocation to rural areas from all post-2027 EU funds and a **better resourcing of community-led, place-based approaches**, such as LEADER and Smart Villages;
- > **Enhanced coordination** among relevant administrative bodies at all governance levels, **compulsory implementation of the Rural Pact model**, including multi-fund and multi-stakeholder coordination, and guidance and training for the **implementation of 'rural proofing'**;
- > **Capacity building for local actors**, including on access to funding, **tailored interventions** reflecting the diversity of rural areas and their particular needs, and extended use of data to inform evidence- and result-based future policies.



# Declaration on the future of rural areas and rural development policy in the EU - Structure

## Rural Pact Coordination Group (Dec 2024)

- > Strategic proposal for the post-2027 rural policy framework
- > Collective response to the questions in the EC report on 'the EU rural vision: key achievements and ways forward'
- > Available in 24 EU languages





# Thank you!



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