

Rural areas and communities in the post-2027 EU budget and policies

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Draft Agenda

Timing (CET)	Draft agenda items
09.30 – 09.50	Welcome and introduction to the day > Welcoming words High-level representative of the European Commission (tbc) > Introduction to the day Rural Pact Support Office
09.50 – 11.10	New EU policy framework post-2027: what implications for rural areas? > European Commission proposals post-2027 and support foreseen for rural areas European Commission (tbc) > Main messages emerging from the Rural Pact Conference Representative from the Rural Pact Coordination Group (tbc) > Keynote speaker: Opportunities and risks for rural areas > Initial reactions from co-legislators (European parliament, EU Council)
11.10 – 11.40	Coffee break
11.40 – 13.00	Making post-2027 EU policies fit for purpose for rural people > Engaging with rural communities: How can the new policies deliver positive results in rural areas? • Stakeholder panel with representatives of rural organisations and consultative bodies > Maximising benefits of the post-2027 policy framework through an integrated approach to rural development • Panel with public authorities: Exchange on opportunities and risks to deliver in rural areas and reflections on potential actions in Member States

- Recognising Member States and regions committing in the Rural Pact (tbc)

13.00 – 14.15

Lunch Break

14.15 – 15.30

Engaging in dialogue on the place of rural areas in post-2027 EU policies

Interactive session: Group discussions to build recommendations and identify actions that community members can take to participate and strengthen the voice of rural communities in the policy dialogue about the post-2027 proposals:

- Which elements of the European Commission proposals can bring particular challenges or opportunities for rural communities?
- How can the Rural Pact support policymakers and stakeholders in ensuring the voice of rural areas is heard in the policy debate at EU, national and regional levels?

15.30 – 16.00

Coffee break

16.00 – 17.00

Co-creating conclusions and proposals

- > Report back of outcomes from group discussions
- > Key takeaways for action by the Rural Pact Coordination Group

Closing remarks

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

