



Introduction

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Questions

- ▶ Identify the main **outstanding needs** and **emerging opportunities** which require focus or attention.
- ▶ Propose **concrete actions / recommendations to update the Rural Action Plan** or contribute to further develop ideas proposed by Commission services, and **advance with the Rural Pact**.

Structure



Inspirational presentations (40 min)



Introduction to mini group discussions (10 min)

Mini break (10min)



Mini group discussions (50 min)



Report back (20 min)

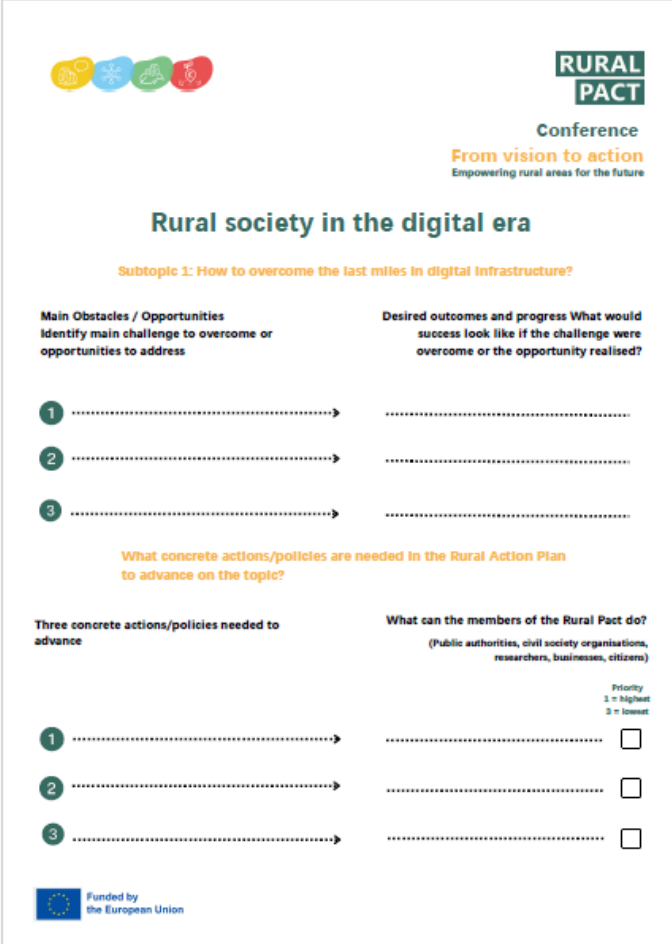
Mini group discussions

- ▶ How to boost **energy communities** including renewable energies in rural areas?
- ▶ How to ensure that vulnerable rural stakeholders have **access to essential energy services**?
- ▶ How to boost **Sustainable Energy & Climate Action Plans (SECAPs)** in rural areas?

Harvest sheet (our collective outcome)

4 main parts to complete:

- ▶ Main obstacles and opportunities (3 Max)
- ▶ Think what is the successful result
- ▶ **IMPORTANT!: Concrete actions and policies needed in the Rural Action Plan to advance**
- ▶ What can the Rural Pact do



The form is titled "Rural PACT Conference" with the subtitle "From vision to action Empowering rural areas for the future". The main topic is "Rural society in the digital era".

Subtopic 1: How to overcome the last miles in digital infrastructure?

Main Obstacles / Opportunities Identify main challenge to overcome or opportunities to address	Desired outcomes and progress What would success look like if the challenge were overcome or the opportunity realised?
1	
2	
3	

What concrete actions/policies are needed in the Rural Action Plan to advance on the topic?

Three concrete actions/policies needed to advance	What can the members of the Rural Pact do? (Public authorities, civil society organisations, researchers, businesses, citizens)
1	 ☐
2	 ☐
3	 ☐

Priority:
1 = Highest
3 = Lowest

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Round 2 (13h30 – 15.45h)

- ▶ **(GD5)** Boosting **innovative and competitive rural economies** and businesses
- ▶ **(GD6)** Ensuring the '**right to stay**' in rural areas
- ▶ **(GD7)** Building **inclusive rural communities**
- ▶ **(GD8)** Driving local prosperity through **bioeconomy**

Tent 2

Tent 1

Castle

Plenary Room



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