



Introduction

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Rural Pact Conference 'From vision to action: Empowering rural areas for the future'

Château du Biez (Belgium)

16-17 September



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)

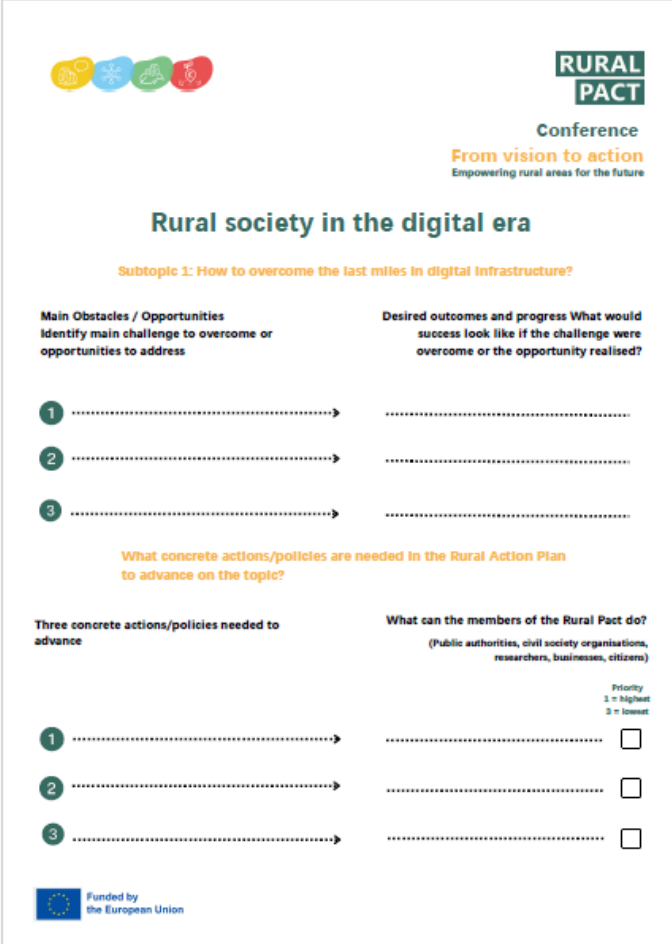
Mini group discussions

- ▶ How to design appropriate **tools** (including LEADER/CLLD) to empower local communities?
- ▶ How can **local authorities** promote bottom-up approaches?
- ▶ How to enhance resilience of local communities to **crises**?
- ▶ How to foster **voluntary** and community action?
- ▶ How to better empower regions with **special needs** and constraints?

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", and the subtopic is "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)	Priority 1 = Highest 3 = Lowest
1		☐
2		☐
3		☐

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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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