



COMMITMENT TO THE RURAL PACT for public authorities

The **Regional Government of Castilla-La Mancha**, represented by Mr Emiliano García-Page Sánchez, President of Castilla-La Mancha, commits to the Rural Pact to support the 10 shared goals of the long-term vision for the EU's rural areas. These objectives summarise the common aspirations of EU rural communities and stakeholders in rural areas by 2040.

The Regional Government of Castilla-La Mancha thus formally commits to the Rural Pact by engaging to work towards:

- Promoting the Rural Pact and the Rural Vision through the principles of action and measures established in **Law 2/2021, of May 7, on Economic, Social, and Tax Measures against Depopulation and for the Development of Rural Areas in Castilla-La Mancha**, ensuring access to opportunities and public services regardless of place of residence, and in line with the objectives of the Rural Pact.
- Strengthening and improving the **Strategy against Depopulation in Castilla-La Mancha 2021–2031** during the mid-term review being carried out in 2025, with the goal of attracting and retaining population in rural areas, as well as its political alignment with the Rural Pact.
- Continuing incorporating a **Demographic Impact Report** in legislative processes and strategic planning, in order to identify and assess the different effects and outcomes of a regulation or public policy in sparsely populated and depopulation-risk areas, with the aim of establishing measures to adapt them to the fight against depopulation.
- Continuing including in the regional budgets a **Demographic Impact Assessment** that makes it possible to identify and accurately quantify the spending allocated to active policies to combat depopulation and ensuring both transparency and accountability.
- Drawing up **Urban and Rural Development Agendas (ADUR**, for its name in Spanish) in rural areas affected by depopulation, incorporating their respective action plans, in collaboration with Local Action Groups and through the corresponding public participation process.
- Improving governance and give greater voice to rural areas, continuing energizing the **Regional Council for Rural Development and Against Depopulation**, actively



participating in the governance structure of the Regional Strategy against Depopulation.

- Maintaining a **network of continuous healthcare service points**, to ensure that any population center in the region is located less than 30 minutes away from them, 24 hours a day. Likewise, we will maintain a **public school** in those towns where at least four students are enrolled in early childhood and primary education.
- Guaranteeing the **care and support of elderly people** living in rural areas with home-based and proximity services such as home care or advanced tele-assistance, and when it is not possible to remain in their home, a residential care facility will be guaranteed within 40 km of their home, so that elderly people can remain in their environment and avoid uprooting.
- Continuing the **implementation of on-demand transport** in sparsely populated rural areas of the region, in order to improve local connectivity, reduce the isolation of small settlements, and facilitate access to healthcare, education, commerce, banking, or other means of transport.
- Continuing incorporating **positive incentive criteria** and providing higher-intensity aid in rural areas affected by depopulation to facilitate business establishment and encourage entrepreneurship. Likewise, we will support the creation and consolidation of the figure of the "**Rural Entrepreneur**," providing them with the necessary backing from the Regional Administration.
- Continuing applying **differentiated taxation** that benefits individuals, businesses, and entrepreneurship in sparsely populated and depopulation-risk areas.
- Launching **social awareness campaigns** to highlight the value of life in rural areas and to publicize the economic, social, and fiscal incentives set out in Law 2/2021, promoting sustainable rural development throughout Castilla-La Mancha.

The commitment is hereby signed by Mr José Luis Martínez Guijarro, Vice-President of Castilla-La Mancha on behalf of the Regional Government of Castilla-La Mancha.



Mr José Luis Martínez Guijarro
Vice-President of Castilla-La Mancha

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This document is hereby issued on 05 November 2025, recognising the commitment of the Regional Government of Castilla-La Mancha to the Rural Pact and its objectives.