



Territorial instruments (LEADER/CLLD, Integrated Territorial Investments, and Smart Villages): lessons for the future

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Draft agenda

Timing (CET)	Agenda items
09.00 – 09.15	<p>Welcome and introduction to the day</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Outline of the event objectives and agenda Rural Pact Support Office > The long-term vision for the EU's rural areas and integrated territorial development instruments European Commission
09.15 – 10.00	<p>Setting the scene: lessons learned on integrated territorial development instruments for rural areas</p> <p>Expert presentations on the current implementation of ITI, CLLD, and Smart Village instruments and approaches</p> <p>Questions & Answers</p>
10.00 – 10.05	Transition to break-out sessions
10.05 – 11.15	<p>Learning from experiences to shape the future</p> <p>Parallel break-out sessions to explore inspirational examples on the use of integrated territorial instruments and exchange on best ways to overcome specific obstacles in order to enhance their implementation in the future.</p> <p>Tentative break-out sessions:*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Integrated Territorial Investments (ITIs): improving uptake and impact in rural areas > LEADER/CLLD > Smart Villages: applying place-based approaches in rural development
11.15 – 11.30	Virtual coffee break



11.30 – 11.45 Reporting back from break-out sessions

Overview of main messages emerging from the break-out discussions

11.45 – 12.45 Lessons learned and recommendations for the future

- > **Integrated territorial instruments in the current and post-2027 EU policy framework**
European Commission

Stakeholder panel discussion: lessons for current and future implementation

A stakeholder panel will exchange views and extract lessons learned on how integrated territorial instruments can be implemented most effectively for the benefit of rural communities. The discussion will focus on practical experiences and recommendations for future implementation, with particular attention to the role stakeholders can play in ensuring their successful delivery.

12.45 – 13.00 Closing remarks

- > Keynote listener: summary of main messages
- > Rural Pact Support Office
- > European Commission

