



Rural Pact in my country: Latvia

9 June 2026

Hybrid – Online and Torņu iela 11, Riga

Draft Agenda

Timing CEST	Agenda items
12.30 – 13.00	Registration and welcome lunch
13.00 – 13.15	<p>Welcome and introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Outline of the event agenda Miķelis Grīviņš, Rīga Stradiņš University > Outline Introduction to the European Rural Pact and thematic initiatives Anita Seļicka, Latvian Rural Forum
13.15- 13.50	<p>Setting the national context for rural development in Latvia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Implementation, opportunities and challenges of rural development activities implemented within a framework of CAP SP and beyond Liene Jansone, Deputy Secretary of State, Ministry of Agriculture of Republic of Latvia > Key findings on the rural territories and cohesion from the mid-term evaluation of Regional Guidelines 2021-2027 and latest analyses Ilze Oša, Deputy Secretary of State, Ministry of Smart Administration and Regional Development > Opportunities for rural areas coming from National and Regional Partnership Plans Silvia Nanni, European Commission, Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural development
13.50 – 14.40	<p>Learning from European experiences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > The Finnish multi-level governance system for integrated rural policy: the Rural Policy Council Hilkka Vihinen, Deputy Secretary General, Finland's Rural Policy Council > Castilla La Mancha: revitalizing rural areas through an integrated strategy and rural proofing Leticia Abarca Velencoso, Project Officer, Regional Office of Castilla-La Mancha to the EU <p>Questions and answers</p>
14.40 – 15.25	Panel discussion on key takeaways and next steps

- > **Pēteris Vilks**, Deputy Director of the State Chancellery for State Development and Intersectoral Management, Department of Interdepartmental Coordination, State Conciliary
- > **Mārtiņš Cimermanis**, Chairman, Latvian Rural Consultation and Education Centre
- > **Raivis Bremšmits**, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Economics
- > **Gints Kaminskis**, Chairman of the Latvian Municipalities Union

15:25-15:30 **Closing remarks**

Miķelis Grīviņš, Rīga Stradiņš University

15:30-16:30

Coffee and networking for in person participants

