



High-level Rural Policy Forum

Europe's Rural Future - Responding to rural priorities through integrated national and regional strategies and LEADER

RURAL PACT

3 - 4 November 2026

Naas, County Kildare, Ireland

Draft agenda



Tentative Timing (GMT)	Draft agenda items
02 November 2026	
From 18:00 (tbc)	Shuttle buses from Dublin Airport to the town of Naas
03 November 2026 – Integrated rural strategies at national and regional levels	
09:30 – 10:30	Registration and welcome coffee
10:30 – 11:15	Welcome and high-level opening interventions
11:15 – 12:30	Keynote speakers on integrated rural policies as engines for the future of rural areas <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Enhancing policies for competitive, resilient and sustainable rural areas through integrated national rural strategies> Designing a comprehensive policy response to address rural needs and opportunities in the future NRPPs> Experiences from Member States designing and implementing integrated, national and regional rural strategies
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:15	Panel Debate: How can whole-of-government policy approaches help foster rural attractiveness under future National and Regional Partnership Plans (NRPPs)?
15:15 – 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 – 17:30	Group discussions: Ensuring effective design of integrated rural strategies at national and regional levels <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Group 1: A forward looking rural vision implemented through a whole-of-government strategy and rural proofing> Group 2: Mechanisms to coordinate action and funding across governance levels to deliver innovative, place-based solutions> Group 3: Structures to engage rural communities and civil society with decision makers and build capacities
17:30 – 17:45	Transition to plenary
17:45 – 18:30	Conclusions from Day 1
18:30 – 20:30	Networking dinner
21:00	Shuttle buses from the venue to the town of Naas



04 November 2026 – LEADER/CLLD

08:00	Shuttle buses from the town of Naas to the venue
08:30 – 09:00	Registration and welcome coffee
09:00 – 09:30	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Introduction of the agenda of the day> From Cork 1.0 to today: Navigating integrated rural development with a focus on LEADER/CLLD
09:30 – 10:45	LEADER: A European success story delivering value for rural communities and Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Keynote Speaker: Impact and added value of LEADER in Ireland> Stakeholder Panel: Local stakeholder stories outlining their experience with LEADER and the impact in their territories
10:45 – 12:00	LEADER/CLLD in the future <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Keynote Speaker: LEADER/CLLD in the post-2027 EU policy> Stakeholder Panel: Exchanging views about the future of LEADER/CLLD
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch (combined with the LEADER showcase)
13:30 – 14:15	Panel Debate - Infusing the National-Regional Partnership Plan with strategic rural policy approaches: Conclusions from the Forum and next steps
14:15 – 14:30	Conference close
15:00	Shuttle buses to Dublin Airport



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