



Next steps and activities of the Rural Pact

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Next steps

The screenshot shows the Rural Pact Community Platform interface. At the top, there is the European Union logo and a search bar. Below the header, a navigation menu includes 'Rural Pact', 'Rural revitalisation', 'The platform', 'Act for the rural vision', 'Resources', and 'News and events'. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Events > Anchoring rural areas in the National and Regional Partnership Plans'. Below this, there are tabs for 'View published', 'New draft', 'Delete', 'Revisions', 'Clone', and 'Translate'. The central focus is a large image of a rural village with a white overlay box containing the event title: 'Anchoring rural areas in the National and Regional Partnership Plans'. Below the title, there are tags for 'Rural Pact', 'Rural Revitalisation Platform', 'Stronger Rural Areas', and 'Connected rural areas'. A text block describes the event as a Policy Action Lab organized by the Rural Pact Support Office, aimed at enhancing knowledge about building blocks for rural communities and territories in the 2028-2034 EU budget. An 'Agenda' section includes a download button for an 'Agenda' PDF (258.28 KB). On the right side, there is a sidebar with event details: 'Organised by Rural Pact', dates '05 Jun 2026, 09:00' to '05 Jun 2026, 17:00 CEST', language 'English', location 'Tron Hotel EU - Brussels, Belgium', and format 'In-person'.

- ▶ **Presentations** available on the [website](#)
- ▶ **Participants lists** to encourage networking
- ▶ **Video recordings** of presentations
- ▶ **Highlights Report**

As the 2028-2034 funding period approaches, the Member State institutions responsible for designing the future **National and Regional Partnership Plans (NRPPs)** are reflecting on how to make best use of their resources and of the time available to both develop and negotiate the Plans. They are also reflecting on or have already started to build the partnership of authorities and organisations that should take part in the design, implementation and monitoring of the future plans. This is a good moment to discuss how the plans could best answer rural challenges in the diversity of European contexts and how the partnership principle could be effectively applied to involve rural authorities and

The Rural Pact – a space to work together

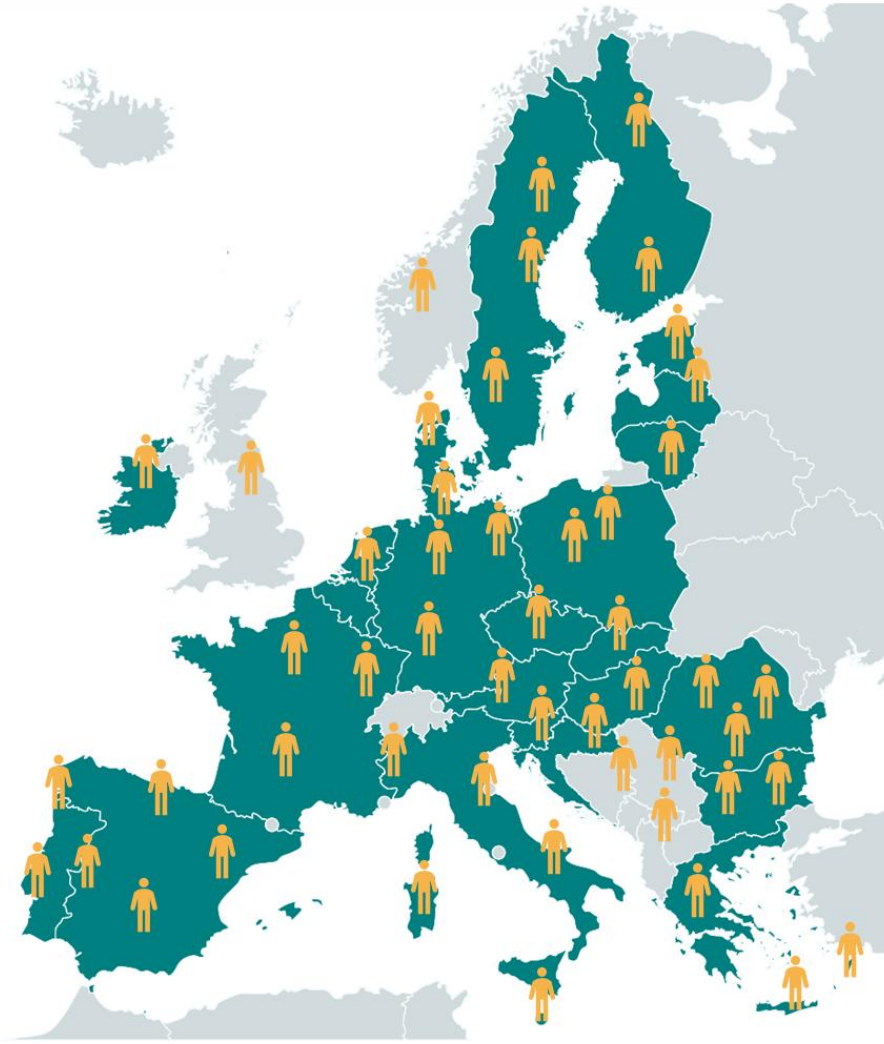
Nearly **4 200** members
27 EU Member States & other
8 Governments committed
13 Community Groups

By 31 May 2026



Community Groups

- Youth
- Energy
- Tourism
- Culture & creativity
- Depopulation
- Innovating rural policy
- Mobility
- Social Economy
- Migrants
- Mountains
- Women
- Smart Villages
- RPCG



Activities in 2026 (Focus)

Two strategic priorities guiding our work in 2026

01



Provide a space for exchange

- ◆ How to respond comprehensively to rural needs
- ◆ Develop integrated strategies for rural areas
- ◆ Inspire future NRPPs with innovative practices

02



Build community capacity

- ◆ Empower Rural Pact members for a proactive role in partnerships created for the design of future NRPPs
- ◆ Drive a comprehensive response to community needs

Rural Pact events

High-level Rural Policy Forum – in person, 200 participants

3 & 4

NOV 2026

Integrated national and regional rural strategies and LEADER

Organised by IE presidency of the Council of the EU



Naas, Ireland



Policy Labs – in person, 100 participants

03

JUN 2026

Anchoring rural areas in National & Regional Partnership Plans



Brussels, Belgium

▶ [More information](#)

Registration closed

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SEP-01 OCT

Boosting the rural economy with the NRPPs



Kotka, Finland



Rural Pact events

National Rural Pact Events

End 2026

TBC

France

TBC

Focus of the event under discussion with national stakeholders



In person, 100 participants



Rural Pact in my country — webinars

09

JUN 2026

Latvia

Integrated national rural strategies in Latvia



Hybrid

19

JUN 2026

Poland

Engaging stakeholders in the NRPP process



Online

H2

2026

Flanders (BE)

TBC

Under discussion with national stakeholders



Online (tbc)

H2

2026

Hungary

TBC

Under discussion with national stakeholders



Online (tbc)

TBC

TBC



Rural Pact events

Good Practice Webinars (online) | Upcoming events

22

APR

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

▶ [More information](#)

Registration closed

10

JUN

Generational renewal in rural businesses: empowering youth, supporting elders

▶ [More information](#)

Registration closed

17

SEP

Unlocking rural competitiveness

Date to be confirmed.

TBC

26

NOV

Rural resilience in a changing world

Date to be confirmed.

TBC



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ANNUAL

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Available in all official EU languages

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Policy Briefing

ANNUAL

Focus in 2026

“How to foster integrated approaches for rural areas in NRPPs”

Available in all EU languages

Expected publication (End December)



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Good Practices Brochure

QUARTERLY

NEW product in 2026

ISSUES IN 2026

- | | |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1 Place-based innovation
Mar 2026 | 2 Housing
Jun 2026 |
| 3 Integrated rural dev.
Sep 2026 | 4 Generational renewal
Dec 2026 |



VISIT

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Region of Catalonia



Region of Opole



Czechia



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