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National Rural Pact event

Rural areas in France after 2027: Designing an integrated response to the needs of rural territories

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Draft Agenda



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Tentative timings	Agenda Items
09.00 – 9.30	Registration and welcome coffee
09.30 – 10.15	Welcome and introduction to the day > Welcoming words • Mr Henri Auffret, Director of the National Agency for Territorial Cohesion (ANCT), France (to be confirmed) • Mr Hugo Almeida, Head of Unit, DG AGRI, European Commission • Mr Romain Bonhomme, Regional Councillor, Grand Est Region, France > Introduction to the day Rural Pact Support Office
10.15 – 11.00	Setting the scene: integrated approaches as opportunities for rural areas > Rural areas as a space of opportunities in France > Integrated approaches for rural areas in the post-2027 EU policy framework and the NRPPs European Commission > Learning from other EU countries on the implementation of integrated national strategies
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee break
11.30 – 13.00	Designing future integrated policies for rural areas in France > Implementation of France Ruralités: Lessons Learnt and Next Steps National Agency for Territorial Cohesion (ANCT), France > Rural Pact, Grand Est Region Mr Romain Bonhomme, Regional Councillor, Grand Est Region, France Stakeholders Roundtable: “How to design future integrated policies for rural areas in France” • Ms Patricia Andriot, Commissioner for the Vosges Mountains, National Agency for Territorial Cohesion (ANCT), France • Mr Yves Auffret, Head of Department, Department for Governance and Management of the Common Agricultural Policy, Ministry of Agriculture, Agri-Food and Food Sovereignty, France • Mr Philippe Cichowlaz, Deputy Secretary-General, General Secretariat for European Affairs, France • Association of French Regions (Régions de France) – to be confirmed
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch

14.00 – 15.30	Group discussions – How to enhance the availability of quality services and infrastructure in rural France? > Group 1 - Rural areas where life is good: access to healthcare and housing > Group 2 - Better-connected rural areas: sustainable and smart mobility > Group 3 - Thriving rural areas: community-building through local initiatives
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break
16.00 – 17.00	Conclusions, recommendations and next steps Report back from the group discussions Panel with stakeholders • Ms Monique Poulot, Scientific Committee of France Ruralités, France • Mr Eric Krezel, Honorary Mayor of Ceffonds (Haute-Marne), Co-Chair of the Europe Committee of the Association of Rural Mayors of France (AMRF) • Ms Camille Subra, Head of Partnerships, BougeTonCoQ!, France • Ms Elyse Lebreuilly, Secretary-General, LEADER France
17 :00 – 17 :30	Closing remarks > Next steps Rural Pact Support Office > Closing words Mr Yves Auffret, Head of Department, Department for Governance and Management of the Common Agricultural Policy, Ministry of Agriculture, Agri-Food and Food Sovereignty, France