



Resilient rural communities: strengthening preparedness through climate adaptation and energy resilience

26 November 2026

Agenda

Timing (CEST)	Agenda items
09.30 – 09.40	Welcome and introduction to the day > Outline of the event objectives and agenda Rural Pact Support Office
09.40 – 10.20	Setting the scene: Strengthening rural resilience through climate adaptation, energy resilience and local capacities Two opening presentations will provide an overarching perspective on rural resilience and highlight how communities can strengthen their preparedness and capacity to respond to climate-related risks and energy vulnerabilities. > What makes rural communities resilient and prepared? Expert keynote presentation Questions & Answers > Local climate adaptation, preparedness and energy resilience: supporting community action EU Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy (tbc) Questions & Answers
10.20 – 10.30	Virtual coffee break
10.30 – 11.20	Round 1 - Parallel thematic exchanges: Rural resilience and preparedness in practice Two parallel break-out sessions exploring inspirational examples and practical approaches to climate adaptation and preparedness for climate-related risks and strengthening energy resilience, including the role of community capacities, cooperation and collective action in reducing vulnerabilities and strengthening preparedness. Tentative break-out sessions: > Climate adaptation and preparedness for climate-related risks > Strengthening energy resilience



11.20 – 11.30

Virtual coffee break

11.30-12.20

Round 2 - Parallel thematic exchanges: Rural resilience and preparedness in practice

The two thematic exchanges are repeated with the same speakers and good practice examples, allowing participants to take part in both thematic discussions.

12.20 – 12.45

Conclusions and closing remarks

> Key lessons for strengthening rural resilience and preparedness and

Facilitated concluding exchange bringing together thematic experts and networks to highlight key lessons from the discussions on climate adaptation and preparedness for climate-related risks, and strengthening energy resilience.

Questions & Answers

> Closing remarks



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