RURAL PACT

Good Practice Webinar

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** > **What makes rural communities resilient and prepared?** Francesco Mantino, Research Director, CREA – Council for Agricultural Research and Economics, Italy Questions & Answers > **Local climate adaptation, preparedness and energy resilience: supporting community action** Petya Pishmisheva, EU Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy 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**

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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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