National Rural Pact event

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

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Best Western Premier Hôtel de la Paix, Reims (France)

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 • Mr Hugo Almeida, Head of Unit, DG AGRI, European Commission • Mr Romain Bonhomme, Regional Councillor, Grand Est Region, France > **Introduction to the day** Mr Pawel Krzeczunowicz, 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** Ms Monique Poulot, Professor Emerita at Paris Nanterre University and Member of the Scientific Council of France Ruralités, France > **Integrated approaches for rural areas in the post-2027 EU policy framework and the NRPPs** Ms Alexia Rouby, DG AGRI, European Commission > **Insights from Ireland's experience in implementing an integrated approach: the "Our Rural Future" strategy** Ms Amy O'Sullivan, Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht, Ireland
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 Rémi Chambrier, European and International Affairs Director, Centre-Val de Loire Region, France

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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** • Rural and peasant housing project, Terres de Liens, France > **Group 2 - Better-connected rural areas: sustainable and smart mobility** • Solidarity-based mobility in rural areas, Mr Thomas Galarneau, Familles rurales, France • Examples of Shared Mobility Initiatives in Rural Areas Across Europe, Mr Sergio Cordeiro, The Mobility Factory, the Netherlands > **Group 3 - Thriving rural areas: community-building through local initiatives** • Rural Bio Noisette project, Mr Vincent Turpinat, Est Creuse Association, France • "New places, New Connections" programme, Mr Arnaud Bonnet, ANCT, France >
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 Marie Bellon, Europe Committee of the Association of Rural Mayors of France (AMRF) • Mr Christophe Brochot, Co-founder, BougeTonCoQ!, France • Ms Elyse Lebreuilly, Secretary-General, LEADER France
17 :00 – 17 :30	**Closing remarks** > **Next steps** Mr Pawel Krzeczunowicz, 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

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