Rural Pact of Catalonia

3-4 November 2026

Generalitat de Catalunya

Historical context of the Rural Pact of Catalonia



European Rural Agenda

Agenda 2000

Inspired

May 2022

Rural Agenda of Catalonia (participatory process 2020-2021)

Governance System

- **Civil society =** Steering Commission
- **Regional Government =** Interdepartmental Commission for Rural Governance
- **Regional Parliament =** Represented by members of Parliament (Rural Proofing)

Rural Agenda Action 876: Approval and implementation of the Rural Municipalities Statute

July 2025

Rural Municipalities Statute



European Rural Pact (coordination and collaboration)

December 2021

The Honourable Minister Ordeig signs the European Rural Pact in Brussels



Accession to the European Rural Pact

November 2025

Accession commitments:

1. Strengthen governance
2. Coordinate with Europe
3. **Establish a rural-proofing mechanism**
4. **Implement the Rural Municipalities Statute**
5. **Draw up the Rural Pact of Catalonia**

Government Agreement approving the Rural Pact of Catalonia. 2026

Rural Pact of Catalonia 2026-2030

The Rural Pact of Catalonia: framework and scope

WHAT THE RURAL PACT OF CATALONIA IS

- Government commitments to be implemented during the period 2026-2030, linked to the Rural Agenda of Catalonia and the Statute of Rural Municipalities.
- Putting the Rural Agenda into practice through concrete, actionable measures with an impact across the territory.

WHAT THE RURAL PACT OF CATALONIA IS NOT

- It does not replace the Rural Agenda of Catalonia.
- It is not the full implementation of the Rural Municipalities Statute.

Key features of the Rural Pact of Catalonia

TIMEFRAME

2026-2030

Implementation period of the Rural Pact of Catalonia.

COMMITMENTS

71 commitments

Projects, programmes, actions and other public policies for rural areas that are being implemented or developed by the departments of the Government of Catalonia.

EACH COMMITMENT INCLUDES

A common structure

- Objective
- Implementation details
- Expected timeline
- Links to the Rural Municipalities Statute and the Rural Agenda

Rural Pact of Catalonia commitments by axis

1 People, well-being and demographic challenges

23 commitments

Guarantee social rights, quality services and vibrant rural areas.

2 Ecological transition

5 commitments

Towards a circular economy that addresses climate change and promotes biodiversity.

3 A connected territory

7 commitments

A well-connected Catalonia with balanced transport and digital connectivity.

4 Agri-food system

8 commitments

Towards food sovereignty.



7 Governance

14 commitments

Decentralise decision-making and broaden democratic participation.

6 Innovation, economic and social dynamism

6 commitments

Ensure essential economic services, new employment opportunities and innovation in the rural economy.

5 Forestry system

8 commitments

Promote sustainable forest management and the sustainable use of forest resources.

Examples of commitments from axes 1 to 4

Axis 1. People, well-being and demographic challenges

Improve and renovate public education facilities in rural municipalities through additional investment tailored to their specific needs.

Axis 2. Ecological transition

Modernise irrigation networks managed by irrigation communities to improve water efficiency and climate resilience.

Axis 3. A connected territory

Deploy mobile citizen service offices to improve access to public services and administrative procedures in rural areas.

Axis 4. Agri-food system

Implement Catalonia's Agricultural Generational Renewal Strategy to support young farmers and farm succession.

Examples of commitments from axes 5 to 7

Axis 5. Forestry system

Promote the forest bioeconomy to support sustainable forest management, employment and economic activity in rural areas.

Axis 6. Innovation, economic and social dynamism

Support local shops and essential services in rural municipalities through the Arrel Programme.

Axis 7. Governance

Ensure a three-tier governance model for the Rural Agenda through cooperation between civil society, the Government of Catalonia and the Parliament of Catalonia.



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