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** Patricia Martínez Sáez, 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** • **Climate adaptation and preparedness for climate-related risks** > **Water+Land+Schap: local coalitions strengthening flood and drought resilience in rural Flanders** Els Belmans, Flemish Land Agency (VLM), Belgium > **Working with communities for safer territories: Pombal's approach to climate resilience and preparedness** Claudia Costa, Municipality of Pombal, Portugal.

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- **Strengthening energy resilience**

> **Häradsbäck Safety House: community-led preparedness and energy resilience in rural Sweden**
Mette Adolfsson, Härlunda Utveckling, and Hans-Olof Nilsson, Parkudden Teknik, Sweden

> **La Tonenca: cooperative energy solutions for resilient and inclusive rural communities**
Pau Pañella Vilamú, Local Energy Agency of Osona, Spain

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** Nadège Seguel, FEDARENE – European Federation of Regions and Energy Agencies Laura Valdés Sánchez, Ecoserveis, Rural Pact Community Group co-coordinator on energy transition in rural areas > **Closing remarks** Patricia Martínez Sáez, Rural Pact Support Office Marie Lambert, DG AGRI, European Commission

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