

Enhancing policy coordination for vibrant rural areas

Learning from experience to build a sustainable rural future

28 November 2024

Venue: Le Plaza Hotel, Brussels (Belgium)

Draft Agenda

Timing	Agenda items
09.30 – 9.45	Welcome and introduction to the day <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Welcoming words European Commission (tbc)> Introduction to the day Rural Pact Support Office
09.45 – 10.45	Setting the scene: Integrating EU policies at EU and Member State levels <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Key challenges of integrating rural policies Keynote speaker (tbc)> Stakeholder Panel: Coordinating policy tools at Member State level Panel composed of representatives of Member States/regions that have in place national or regional strategies or action plans to support rural areas in a comprehensive way.
10.45 – 11.15	Networking Break
11.15 – 12.30	Fostering integrated approaches to rural policies at national/regional levels: lessons learned and ways forward <p>Interactive session in working groups:</p> <p><u>Focus</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Analysis of lessons from existing strategies or action plans for rural development.• Identify challenges to put in place integrated rural policies and develop recommendations on how the EU can help Member States and regions.

12.30 – 13.45

Lunch Break

13.45 – 14.15

Challenges of monitoring funding in rural areas

- > Challenges of monitoring EU funding reaching rural stakeholders
- > Perspective from research on monitoring public funding in rural areas

14.15 – 15.00

Ensuring availability of information without increasing administrative burden

Interactive session in working groups:

Focus

- What kind of information would be needed (and at which level) to effectively monitor support to rural areas and inform policymaking?
- How can this information be collected without increasing reporting obligations by beneficiaries (e.g. LAGs, Managing Authorities, etc.)?
- Reflection on the current frameworks of EU information collection and scope for improvement

15.00 – 15.20

Networking Coffee Break

15.20 – 16.15

Co-creating conclusions and proposals

Report back of outcomes from group discussions

- > Key listeners panel: what recommendations for the future EU policy tools can be drawn from the group discussion?

16.15 – 16.30

Closing remarks

- > **Next steps**
Rural Pact Support Office
- > **Closing words**
European Commission (tbc)

