

# The Rural Pact building blocks

## Rural Pact Support Office (including national experts)

since December 2022

### Get in touch with the RPSO

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## Rural Pact Coordination Group

since June 2023



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- > Informal group steering the Rural Pact process
- > Three-year mandate

## Rural Pact community platform

since June 2023

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# Rural Pact Coordination Composition

## Public authorities



- Committee of the Regions (NAT and COTER)
- Trio of presidencies of the Council
- CEMR
- METREX

## Civil Society



- European economic and social committee (NAT and ECO)
- Networks steering the European Rural Parliament (ELARD, ERCA, PREPARE)
- EUROMONTANA
- Ruralité environnement développement
- ECOLISE
- Smart Village Network
- Rural Youth Europe

## Businesses



RURAL TOUR  
SME United  
DIESIS Network

## Individuals



- European Parliament (COMAGRI & COMREGI)

## Academic and R&I



- Rural NEET Youth Network
- European Rural development Network
- Natural Resource Institute Finland
- Universitat Oberta de Catalunya (Rural UOC Network)
- University College Dublin

# Declaration on the future of rural areas and rural development policy in the EU – main messages

Rural Pact Coordination Group (Dec 2024)

The **Declaration** calls for a strong shift in future policies to ensure the sustainability and resilience of EU's rural areas in the long run, suggesting:

- > **Increased and streamlined funding for rural areas** through a compulsory minimum allocation to rural areas from all post-2027 EU funds and a **better resourcing of community-led, place-based approaches**, such as LEADER/CLLD and Smart Villages;
- > **Holistic approach and enhanced coordination** among relevant bodies at all governance levels **needed !!!, compulsory implementation of the Rural Pact model**, including multi-fund, multi-policy and multi-stakeholder coordination, and guidance and training for the **implementation of 'rural proofing'**;
- > **Capacity building for local actors**, including on access to funding, **tailored interventions** reflecting the diversity of rural areas and their particular needs, and extended use of data to inform evidence- and result-based future policies.



# Declaration on the future of rural areas and rural development policy in the EU - Structure

## Rural Pact Coordination Group (Dec 2024)

- > Strategic proposal for the post-2027 rural policy framework
- > Collective response to the questions in the EC report on 'the EU rural vision: key achievements and ways forward'
- > Available in 24 EU languages





# Local Development in CZ: CLLD



LAGs are important actors in building **resilient, competitive, and sustainable communities**—communities with wellbeing—and through their activities, they contribute to balancing living conditions *everywhere* in the Czech Republic (which is in line with the goals of **cohesion policy** and is key to **regional development** in the Czech Republic).

LAGs are key actors in implementing **social inclusion agendas** in small municipalities and remote areas, and they serve as **knowledge-based entities and innovation brokers**. It is important to strengthen both the horizontal and the vertical flow of information and scaling of Innovations.

# Local Development in CZ: CLLD



The **multi-sectoral** nature of LAGs and their **synergistic effects** lead to **greater efficiency** in the use of resources—which is especially important given that funding will be more limited.

This is made possible thanks to the **multi-fund financing of CLLD**—continuation in the 2028+ programming period is **essential**, as it represents good practice for the EU. (*Czech Republic as a flagship in multifund CLLD is fully ready to share the good practice, advocate, and cooperate on the preparations.*)

Moreover, the **integrated approach** should become a **fundamental** principle, automatically applied in the implementation of cohesion policy.

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