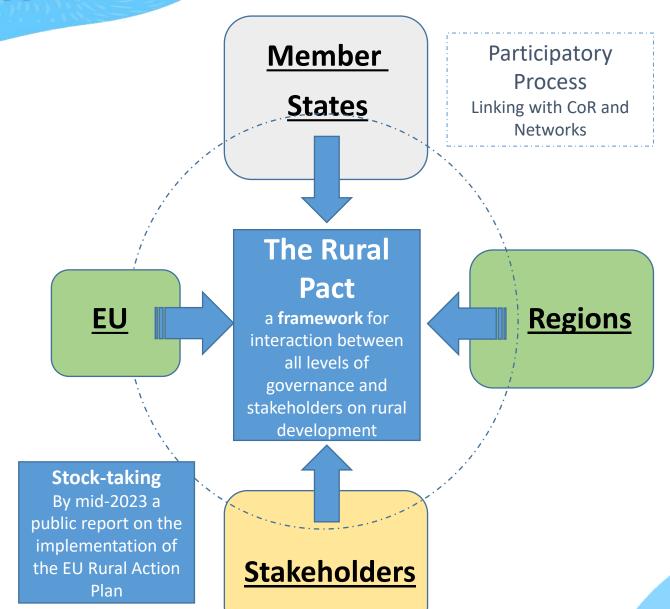
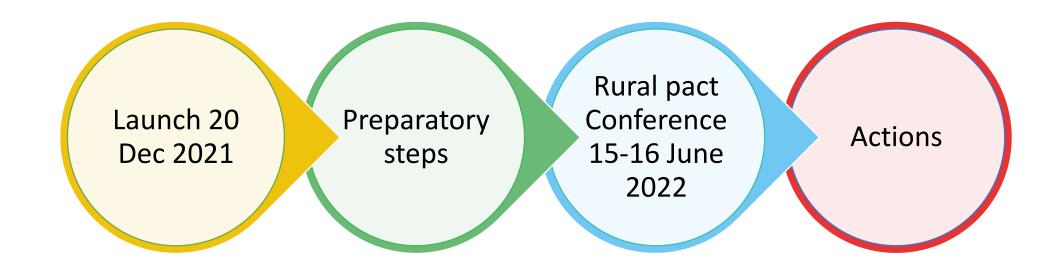


## The Rural Pact





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# The Rural Pact Community

Support the shared goals of the vision for the EU's rural areas

The 10 shared goals outlined in the long-term vision for the EU's rural areas summarise the common aspirations of rural communities and stakeholders for rural areas in 2040 to become:

# Online since 20 December 2021 Your networks can help!

#### About the long-term vision for the EU's rural areas and the Rural Pact

On 30 June 2021, the European Commission adopted its communication "A long-term vision for the EU's rural areas – Towards stronger, connected, resilient and prosperous rural areas by 2040". The communication is people-centred and forms part of the Commission's work on democracy and demography.

The Communication is accompanied by an Action Plan, which outlines the main instruments for investment in rural areas, and puts forward actions th bring all EU policies on-board.

In addition, the Communication introduces a key new initiative, the Rural Pact, which aims to "mobilise public authorities and stakeholders to act on the needs and aspirations of rural residents". These aspirations are described through ten shared goals, which resulted from extensive participatory consultations and stakeholder engagement processes. The Rural pact should be developed with all levels of governance and stakeholders supporting the shared goals of the vision.

We invite you to fill-in this form to express your support - in your personal capacity or in the name of your organisation, see personal details section - for the shared goals and to join the Rural Pact community and take part in the discussion on its development and implementation.

10. Places of diversity, making the most of their unique assets, talents and potential.

□ I support the ten shared goals of the long-term vision for the EU's rural areas and wish to join the Rural Pact

8. Entrepreneurial, innovative and skilled people, co-creating technological, ecological and social progress.

solutions (such as transport, education, training, health and care, including long-term care, social life and retail business).

7. Fully benefiting from digital innovation with equal access to emerging technologies, widespread digital literacy and opportunities to acquire more

9. Lively places equipped with efficient, accessible and affordable public and private services, including cross-border services, providing tailored

I commit to organising or taking part in discussions, within my area or organisation, on the actions we could propose to contribute to the shared goals.

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Community to reflect on how to build the Rural Pact.





# Live!

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### The Rural Pact conference

- iii Wednesday 15 Thursday 16 June



Registration will open soon!



# Conference objectives

- Engage all levels of governance and rural stakeholders in endorsing the goals of the vision and debating on how to reach them.
  - put spotlight on the key role rural areas can play in Europe's future
  - high-level political and grassroots representatives
  - frontrunners to present inspirational examples
- Involve participants in implementing the vision
  - breakout sessions where participants will indicate how they can contribute
  - Identify common interests and areas on which to cooperate
  - building the Rural Pact's work programme
- Increase the visibility of rural areas
  - involving high-level political guests from the European institutions and Member States
  - strengthen the positive potential of rural areas and strategic role for the future of Europe
  - generate buy-in from all levels of governance, to increase the impact of policy in rural areas



# The Rural Pact Prep Group







Rural Pact Preparatory Group













