

ENRD Thematic Group | Rural Revitalisation

Supporting the design of the rural revitalisation platform

Agenda

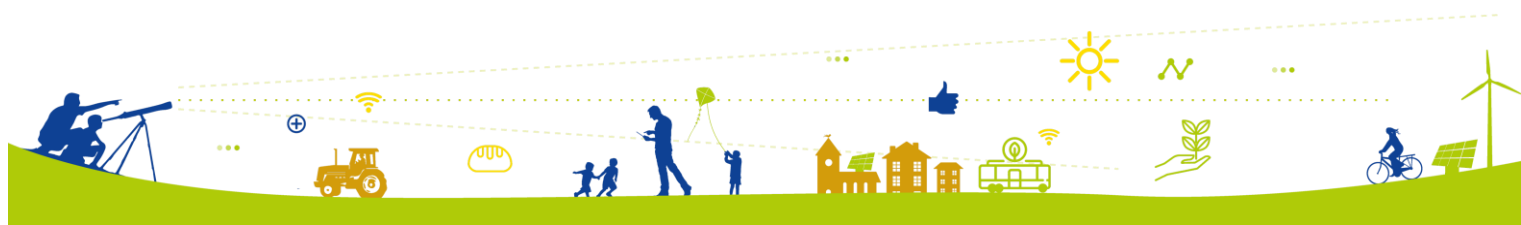
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The European Commission put forward the [vision](#) for rural areas by 2040 in June 2021. It proposes a number of actions, flagships and tools with the ambition to drive the revitalisation of rural areas, including the setting-up of a Rural Revitalisation Platform that should be a one-stop-shop for rural communities, project holders and authorities to collaborate.

The first meeting of the ENRD Thematic Group (TG) on Rural Revitalisation provided a space for exchange on the key enabling factors that support rural revitalisation, with particular attention to those rural areas affected by population loss, ageing and a lack of economic opportunities. Also, TG members started a reflection on the needs and expectations for the future Rural Revitalisation Platform and the elements it should contain to provide a distinct added value to that of existing tools.

Aims of the meeting

- To share views and feedback on the TG working document that includes a tool to support the design of rural revitalisation policies;
- To build recommendations on the key elements and features to help shape the future rural revitalisation platform for rural stakeholders in areas affected by population loss, ageing and a lack of economic opportunities; and
- To explore the potential contribution of the Thematic Group and its members to the Rural Pact Conference on 15-16 June 2022.



Indicative Timing 🕒	31 March 2022 Agenda Items
09.30 - 09.45	Welcome and introduction
09.45 - 10.30	Thematic Group tool to support the design of rural revitalisation policies <i>Presentation of the draft tool and feedback received by Thematic Group members.</i> <i>Plenary discussion: How to maximise the use of the tool?</i>
10.30 – 11.30	Exploring the needs and expectations from rural stakeholders in areas suffering from rural depopulation for the rural revitalisation platform <i>Reflection from rural actors taking action in areas suffering from population loss, ageing and a lack of economic opportunities.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sara Bianchi, Southern Sparsely Populated Areas network (SSPA), Spain. ● Angela Cvjetkovic, LEADER Network, Croatia. ● Juha-Matti Markkola, National Rural Network, Finland. <i>Plenary discussion</i>
11.30 - 11.45	Virtual Break
11.45 – 13.00	Reflections on how the Rural Revitalisation Platform can best support local actors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Setting the scope for the Rural Revitalisation Platform, Alexia Rouby, DG AGRI. <i>Group Discussion:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensuring access to information & knowledge - Creating a virtual space to meet & exchange - Connecting with all funds, initiatives and actors
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 - 15.00	Reporting back and shaping the recommendations of the Thematic Group <i>Panel Discussion: Recommendations for the design of the Rural Revitalisation Platform.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anita Selicka, Latvian Rural Forum, Latvia. ● Michael Fischer, National Rural Network, Austria. ● Emilija Stojmenova, Rural Digital Innovation Hub, Slovenia.
15.00 – 15.30	Contributing to the Rural Pact Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introduction to the Rural Pact Conference, Alexia Rouby, DG AGRI. <i>Plenary discussion: how the TG and its members could contribute to the Conference</i>
15.30 - 16.00	Next steps

