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Agenda Rural de Catalunya



Implementation of the Rural Vision & Pact: The value for LEADER



CATALAN RURAL PACT

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Evolution of the Rural Pact in Catalonia and the Role of Leader (LAGs)

European Level

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Participatory process = Long Term Vision for Rural Areas

10 shared goals to face rural needs

Action Plan = 30 actions implemented by 14 European commission departments

Rural Observatori

Engagement of citizenship, stakeholders and public entities = RURAL PACT

RURAL PACT SUPPORT OFFICE

Regional Level (Catalonia)

1

Participatory process 2021

7 challenges to face rural needs = RURAL AGENDA

Action Plan = 60 actions to work in a 3 edge Governance (explain later)

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Rural Atlas (2022) and Rural Observatori (since 2017)

Engagement of citizenship, stakeholders and public entities = REGIONAL RURAL PACT

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RURAL PACT SUPPORT OFFICE (Oficina tècnica Agenda Rural de Catalunya)

LAGs and LEADER involvement

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Main role in the organisation. Big capacity calling and engaging local actors

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Important role during the drafting review process

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Main role to answer rural needs (Cooperation projects and Local Development Strategies and Leader philosophy)

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Important role = Local DATA

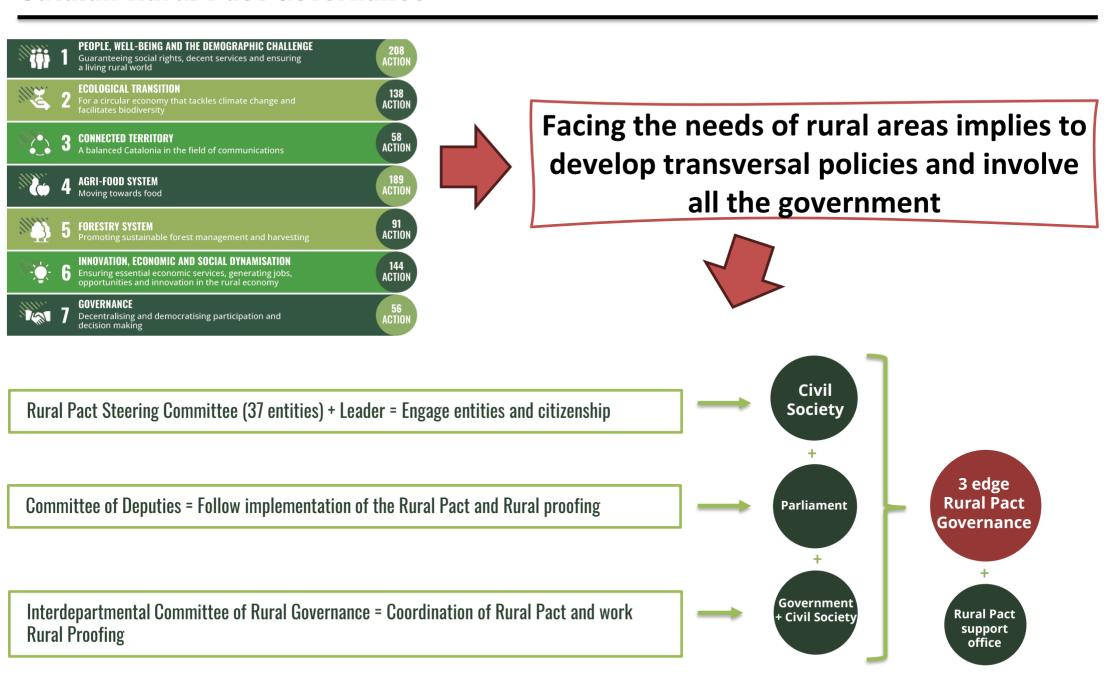
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Main role engaging local stakeholders and multilevel governance

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MAIN ROLE
CATALAN LEADER NETWORK

Catalan Rural Pact Governance



Final thoughts and recommendations

- ✓ The Long Term Vision of Rural Areas and the Rural Pact are the perfect European scenario to encourage Rural Pacts at a Regional Level.
- ✓ The **regional level is the appropriate level** to give a real answer to rural needs collected in Rural Pacts.
- ✓ Involving the Leader (LAGs and Regional Networks) in the building process of Rural Pacts guarantees the engagement of local stakeholders and the implementation of a multilevel governance.
- ✓ **Cooperation projects** of Leader are a **key tool** to exchange knowledge and experience BUT it needs an **harmonization in Europe** to make it more efficient.
- ✓ Encourage regional Rural Pacts by funding and recognizing social activators as it is the Leader in Catalonia.

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THANKS!

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