



# “Making the Rural Pact happen in Member States” **Policy Briefing**

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# Objectives



**Explain how the European Rural Pact can be implemented in practice at the national or regional level in different Member State contexts:**

- ▶ Put the Rural Pact higher on policy agendas and mobilise action
- ▶ Provide practical examples and tips

## **Targeting:**

- ▶ National and regional public authorities
- ▶ National-level advocacy organisations



# The seven "ingredients"



**Amplify the voice of rural areas and bring them up in policy agendas**



**Networking, collaboration & mutual learning**



**Commitments to act**

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1

**Mechanisms to engage rural communities**



The rural parliament in Latvia

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2

**Dedicated service for rural matters & political leadership**



Finland's Rural Policy Council  
'Our Rural Future' in Ireland

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3

capacity building, support and networking a broad array of stakeholders



NRN involving and building capacity of rural stakeholders in Sweden

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& mutual learning

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4

Forward- looking vision with a holistic strategy & action plan



Programme France Ruralités



5

Rural proofing and data systems



Impact assessment of government legislative proposals



6

Governance, horizontal & vertical coordination



Combating rural depopulation in Castilla-La Mancha



7

Mechanisms to coordinate the allocation of funding and ensure synergies



Rural Development Concept in Czechia

# Quotes



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It is time that the Long-Term Vision for Rural Europe is not only adopted, but implemented. For this we need a change of minds, more appreciation of rural areas, as well as **place-based approaches and more trust in the local people**. We should go away from policy silos and look at rural areas in a **comprehensive way**.

Lidija Pavić-Rogašić,  
EESC member, ODRAZ – Sustainable Community  
Development (HR)



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Looking at the geography of discontent, we need to stop talking and start acting!  
The Rural Pact and initiatives such as rural proofing need to happen **not only at EU but also Member State, regional and local levels**. A **holistic approach is needed, with less bureaucracy**.

Radim Srsen, Deputy Minister for Regional Affairs (CZ) and Chair of the Rural Pact Coordination Group



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Facing rural challenges implies the development of **transversal policies that involve all the levels of government**. In Catalonia, the Rural Pact was the result of a participatory process, and its governance involves **civil society, government and parliament**.

Albert Puigvert, Association of Rural Initiatives in Catalonia (ES)





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