POLICY ACTION LAB

AGENDA

Bringing the Rural Pact closer to citizens

22 May 2024

Venue: Le Plaza Hotel Brussels, Bld Adolphe Max 118-126, 1000, Brussels, Belgium

Timing	Agenda items
09.30 – 09.45	**Welcome and framing the day** > **Opening words** Colin Scicluna, Head of Cabinet of Dubravka Šuica, European Commission's Vice-President for Democracy and Demography > **Introduction to the day** Pascale Van Doren, Rural Pact Support Office
09.45 – 10.45	**Setting the scene for localising the seven ingredients of the Rural Pact** > **Key achievements and way forward for the Rural Vision and the Rural Pact** Alexia Rouby, DG AGRI **What is the Rural Pact, and the seven ingredients at national and regional levels.** Urszula Budzich-Tabor, Rural Pact Support Office > **Illustrative examples of local level expression of the Rural Pact:** o **The Landscape Charter to mobilise rural stakeholders and plan action in Prioratp** Sergi Mendez, Consell Comarcal del Priorat & Pere Sala, Observatorio del aisaje (Spain) o **Fostering territorial cohesion through a dedicated instrument in Pays Vallée du Loir** Bruno Weber Regnier, PETR Pays Vallée du Loir (France) o **The Italian Inner area strategy supporting local action** Mirta Sutter, LAG Montagnappennino (Italy)

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10.45 – 11.15	**Networking Coffee**
11.15 – 12.30	**Rural Pact Laboratory (Session 1): Understanding how the Rural Pact can be translated at local level** Presentation of further examples of how the objectives of the Rural Pact can be implemented locally. <u>Group discussion</u> > How can the Rural Pact objectives become reality in different local context? > How would the Rural Pact add value at local level?
12.30 – 13.45	**Lunch Break (Buffet)**
13.45 – 15.00	**Rural Pact Laboratory (Session 2): Making the Rural Pact happen at local level** <u>Group discussion</u> > What are the key elements/ingredients/conditions for a Rural Pact to become a reality locally? > What policies, initiatives or approaches can be helpful to achieve this?
15.00 – 15.20	**Networking Coffee**
15.20 – 16.05	**Co-creating conclusions and proposals** Report back of outcomes from group discussions <u>Stakeholders' panel:</u> > What needs to be done to ensure the elements/ingredients/conditions are in place for local action to contribute to the Rural Pact objectives? Panellists: o Vanessa Halhead (European Rural Community Alliance) o Lidija Pavić-Rogosić (European Economic and Social Committee) o Michael Schmitz (Deutscher Landkreistag/CEMR) o Maria Teresa Valera Cortinas (Government of Castilla-La Mancha, ES)
16.05 – 16.30	**Comments from Keynote listener & closing remarks** > **Key takeaways from the day** Keynote Listener: Sari Rautio, Member of the Committee of the Regions & the High-Level Group on the Future of Cohesion Policy > **Next steps** Pascale Van Doren, Rural Pact Support Office > **Closing words** Antonia Gámez Moreno, DG AGRI and Wallis Vanderbrock-Goelen, DG REGIO (tbc)

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