



GOOD PRACTICE WEBINAR

AGENDA



Rural youth participation in policymaking

24 April 2024

Tentative Timing	Draft agenda items
09.00 – 9.10	Welcome and introduction to the day <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Outline of the event objectives and agenda Patricia Martínez, Rural Pact Support Office
9.10 – 09.45	Setting the scene: EU initiatives to foster rural youth participation <ul style="list-style-type: none">> The Long-term vision for EU's rural areas and youth Marina Royo de Blas, European Commission, DG AGRI> EU Youth Strategy 2019-2027: engaging, connecting and empowering young people Charalambos Papaioannou, European Commission, DG EAC> Rural Pact Community Group: Youth in rural areas - Empowering the next generation Alessandro d'Alsazia LAG 'Meuridania' Questions & Answers
09.45 – 10.30	Learning from inspirational projects and practices <ul style="list-style-type: none">> The Scottish Rural and Islands Youth Parliament Aimee Spence, 'Scottish Rural Action'> Mainstreaming youth participation in Sweden Annie Linsemark, LAG 'Halland' and ELARD> European Rural Youth Parliament Iulia Fatu, LAG 'Napoca Prolissum'> Give Way to Youth! Latvian youngsters engage in decision making Linda Medne, Latvian '4H' youth organisation Questions & Answers
10.30 – 10.45	Virtual coffee break
10.45 – 11.15	How to enhance youth participation in policymaking?





Panel debate and exchange with rural youth representatives and policymakers

- > **Hannah Downey, Rural Communities Policy Manager, Scottish Government**
- > **Matías Rubio, President of 'La Bardal' and member of the 'Advisory Council on Youth' of the Council of Europe**
- > **Carla González, Rural Youth Ambassador 'Fundación Galicia Europa'**
- > **Karen Vandeweghe, European Commission, DG EAC**

11.15

Transition to the group discussions

11.15 – 12.15 How to enhance youth participation in policymaking?

Group discussions

Discussions will address practical questions to take stock of main concerns, exchange experiences and to draw solutions, ideas for action and recommendations on the following areas:

- > **Group 1. Creating youth-friendly spaces through place-based initiatives**
- > **Group 2. Facilitating meaningful participation: bridging youth and policy-makers**
- > **Group 3. Empowering local youth voices - advocating for rural perspectives at national and European institutions**

12.15 – 12.30

Virtual coffee break

12.30 – 12.45 Reporting back from group discussions, plenary discussion

12.45 – 13.00 Closing Remarks

- > **Spyros Papadatos, 'Rural Youth Europe'**