

# Rural Pact Conference

15-16 June 2022



# The vision and its shared goals

**Stronger**

- Empowered communities
- Access to services
- Social innovation

**Connected**

- Digital connectivity
- Transport links and new mobilities

**Prosperous**

- Diversification of economic activities
- Sustainable food production

**Resilient**

- Resilience to climate change
- Environmental resilience
- Social resilience



Shared goals for 2040

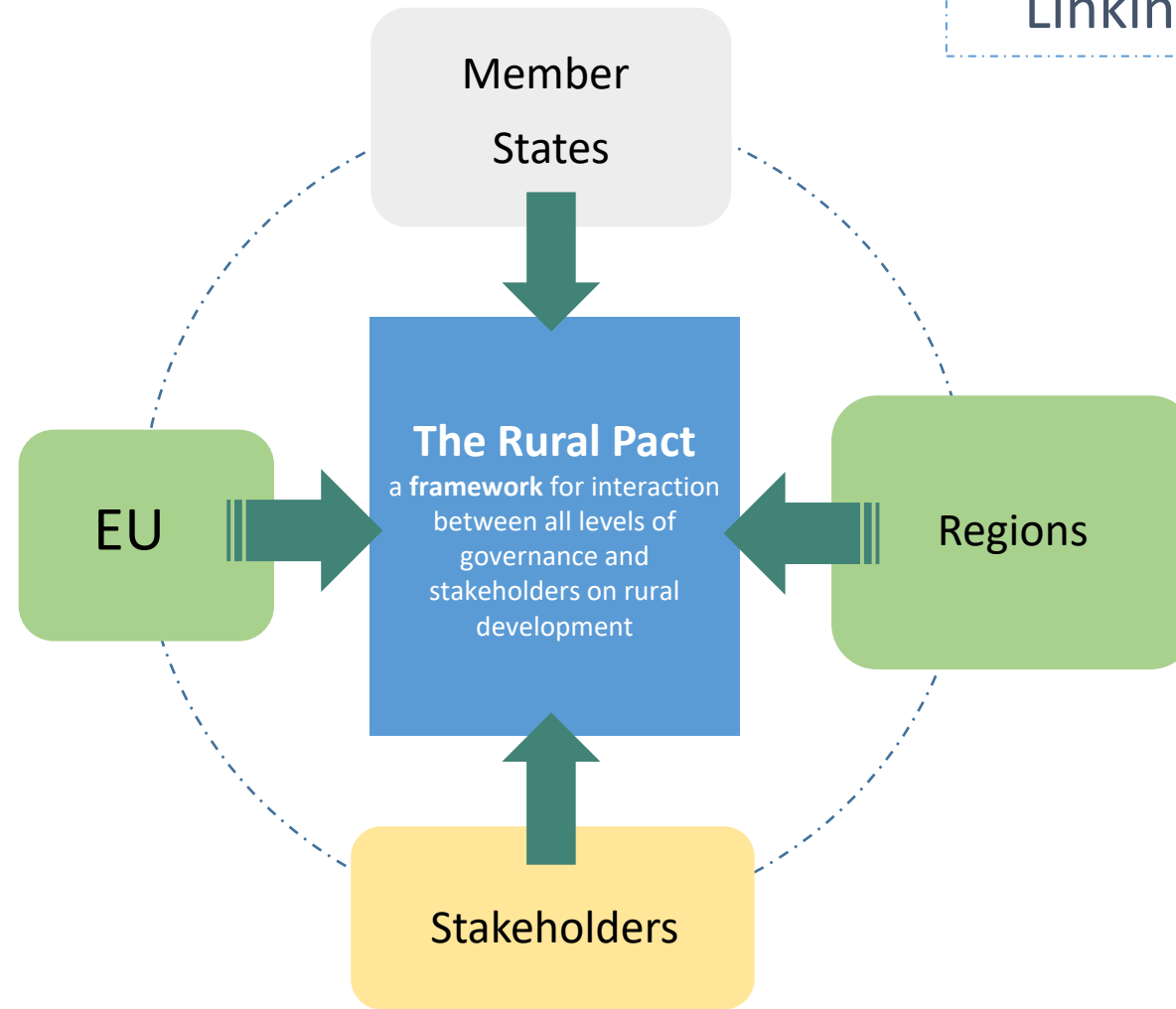


Rural action plan + Rural Pact

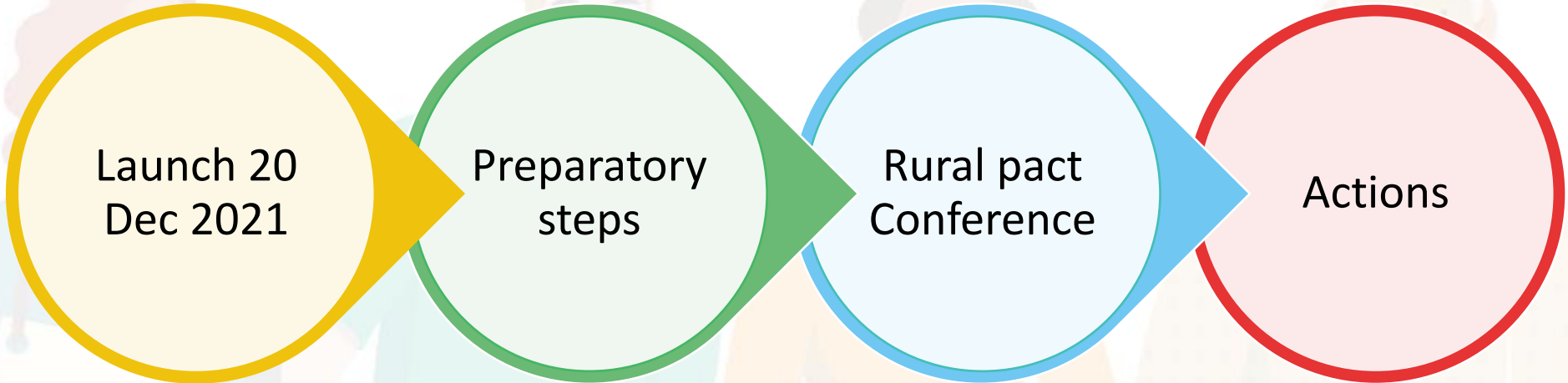


# The Rural Pact

Participatory Process  
Linking with CoR and Networks



# Rural Pact



# Rural Pact Conference Programme

G100 El Hueco (ES)  
Equivalency check (DE)

**DAY1 – 15 June 2022**

Pre-events - Collecting inputs and outcomes of preparatory discussions

	<i>Welcome coffee</i>		
9:00-10:30	<b>The national dimension of the Rural Pact</b>	<b>The local and regional dimension of the Rural Pact</b>	<b>Inputs from local communities and stakeholders</b>
	<i>Networking coffee</i>		
11:00-12:30	<b>Revitalising rural areas</b>	<b>Combining funds to achieve the vision's goals</b>	<b>What evidence for better rural policies?</b>
	<i>Networking Lunch</i>		

What data for rural proofing? (FI)

Strengthening multi-level and participatory governance for rural areas

14:00-14:45	<b>High-level opening</b>
14:45-15:45	<b>Cooperating across departments and governance levels</b>
	<i>Networking coffee</i>
16:15-17:15	<b>Empowering local communities and engaging stakeholders in building the future of rural areas</b>
17:15-18:00	<b>High-level stakeholder panel: shaping the Rural Pact together</b>
	<i>End of 1st day – Networking cocktail</i>



# Rural Pact Conference Programme

DAY2 – 16 June 2022

Achieving the rural vision shared goals across policy fields

Looking at various policies from a rural lens!

Welcome coffee			
	Stronger rural areas	Connected and prosperous rural areas	Resilient rural areas
9:00-10:30	Rural youth as leaders of change	The digital transformation of rural areas	Community driven sustainable energy action in rural villages
10:30-11:00	Networking coffee		
11:00-12:30	Rural research and innovation ecosystems <small>social innovation, cultural heritage, creative industries and startup villages</small>	Sustainable mobility solutions to connect rural areas with urban centres	Services for socially resilient and welcoming rural communities
Networking Lunch			
13:30-15:00	Place-based approaches for rural development: LEADER, CLLD, Smart Villages	Social economy, boosting resilience and the twin transition in rural areas	The strategic role of rural areas for climate and food security
Networking coffee			
15:30-16:15	Actions, ideas and commitments for the work programme (reporting from the break-outs)		
16:15-17:00	High-level roundtable: the Rural Pact as a way forward		
17:00-17:15	Conclusions		

Commitments on rural proofing?



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## *Expectations for rural proofing*

- **Commitments** to work on rural proofing mechanisms at national and regional level **using TG results!**
- **Commitments** to improve data and statistics on rural areas
- Proposals to cooperate further on this

# Rural Pact Conference

- **Registration to the conference now open**
- **Rural Pact Community is still open for registration**
- **Survey on the Rural Pact launched 16 May for community members**





# Thank you for your attention

