

Group 3

What is your role at the LOCAL level to address each of these actions?



Action 1  
Clear statement of strong (and real) political will and commitment

RP = top-down and bottom-up, too	(DE) equivalency check - crucial from local aspect as step 1/basic necessity	more commitment needed - not only implement decisions from other levels	implementing EU Directive re "public buildings (e.g. criteria for minimum no of bicycle parking spaces not so relevant to rural...)
RIA for every EC proposal is mandatory, but content/correctness?	sensitise higher levels to rural proofing for local level	improve contact between EU and local level (most committed to RP) to help sensitise national level?	dealing with "thinking from election to election" - RP made obligatory in RIA at EU level? For EU-funded OPs?
mandatory application of RP for EU-funded programmes	national level endorsement / not only symbolic - the aspect of resources	local commitment - from what kind of community (urban actors should also understand added value)	the "language" - changing from institutional/technical to local/clear
integrate understanding of rural-urban linkage			



Action 2  
Establish a positive, shared vision of rural areas

the "language" - changing from institutional/technical to local/clear	need to increase interest at local level - EU-level inspiration/promotion/Rural Pact?	involvement in Rural Pact?
rural stakeholders have local 'stories' to tell, e.g., LEADER projects	emphasise socio-economic benefits for all - people not feeling left behind	urban = moving further, rural = how to catch-up, common interest?



Action 3  
Establish clear and coordinated roles and responsibilities

balance between small and large municipalities - inequality within local level?	challenge = multi-level governance	good network of local NGOs
unequal access to resources even at local level	methodological workshops for different levels of government	making commitments real - not only exercise on paper
local awareness of opportunities from RP	rural - not only agriculture or sparsely populated areas	achieve balance and appreciation of diversity of the "local rural"
		local authorities involved in how policies can be implemented

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Action 4  
Develop a clear template and guidance and robust accompanying evidence



Action 5  
Establish clear monitoring and evaluation mechanisms



Action 6  
Longer-term work in support of rural proofing

