

**Decision of the Romanian Chamber of Deputies to adopt the
Opinion on the Communication to the European Parliament, the Council, the European
Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions
A long-term Vision for the EU's Rural Areas – Towards stronger, connected, resilient and
prosperous rural areas by 2040**

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Supports the European Commission's long-term vision for rural areas of the European Union towards stronger, connected, resilient and prosperous rural areas by 2040 and believes that a sustained effort is needed at EU level to adapt rural infrastructure as quickly as possible to demographic change, especially the ageing of the population.

Highlights that the diversification of production and the encouragement of reintroduction into culture of traditional species contributes to the economic resilience of rural areas and supports the maintenance of biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Underlines the need to pay more attention to rural areas less exposed to culture and the restoration of cultural landscapes in order to harness the full range of talent and diversity in our societies and promote favourable and attractive housing conditions, and the need for the implementation of the European Union Rural Action Plan and its regular updating to continuously aim at reducing administrative and bureaucratic burdens, which are critical for rural areas.

Recommends encouraging industrial processing close to the place of agricultural production, thus contributing to diversifying economic activity in rural areas and creating new jobs, encouraging non-formal education to reduce the educational performance gap between urban and rural areas, encouraging the development of modern and innovative technologies and solutions, and developing a roadmap for the coordinated implementation of programs aimed at respecting and promoting children's rights in rural areas that are difficult to reach or remote.