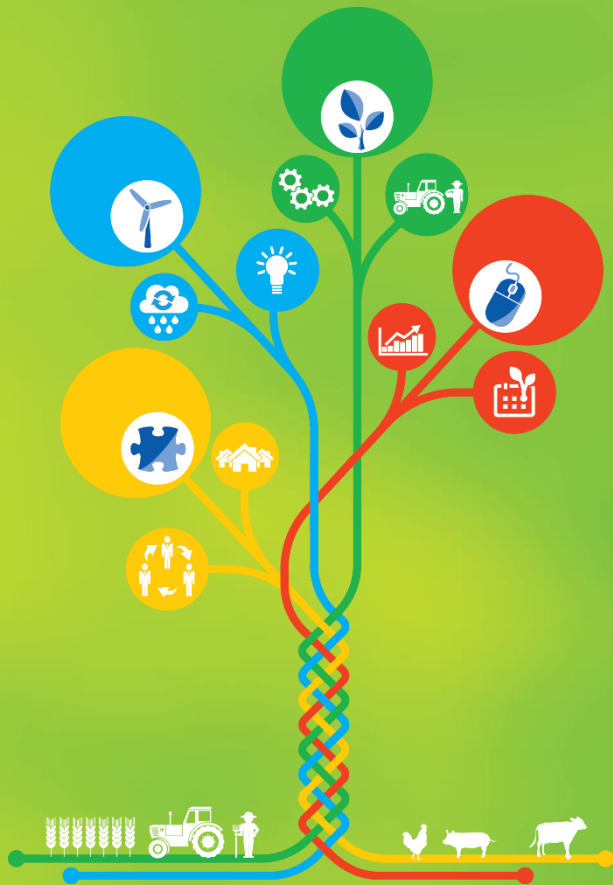




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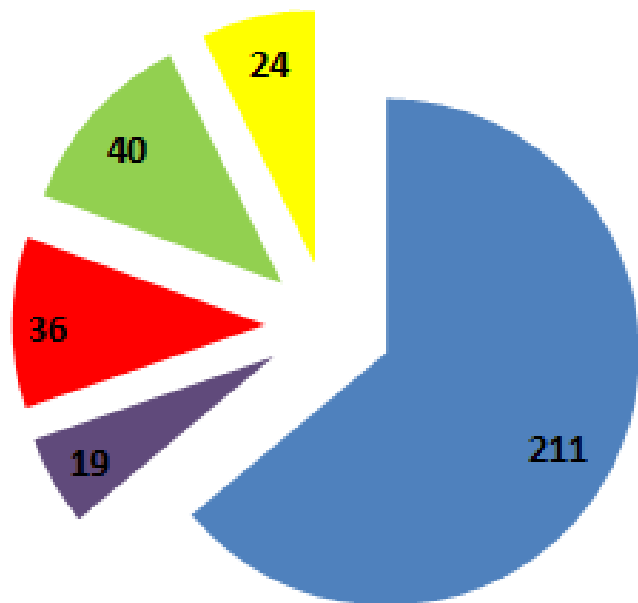
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Cork 2.0 Participants



31% Agricultural value chains

21% Environmental Organisations

28% Territorial Stakeholders

18% Research and knowledge providers

(Court of Auditors, CDG (RD, CAP, DP); ENRD, EIP + Wild Card)

■ Speakers/Moderators/VIPs

■ Participants

■ Commission (AGRI, BUDG, ENV, CLIMA, MARE, EMPL)

■ Project holders

■ Media



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Day 1:

1. Institutional representatives
2. **Four parallel sessions**
3. Walking dinner and photo exhibition (migrants)

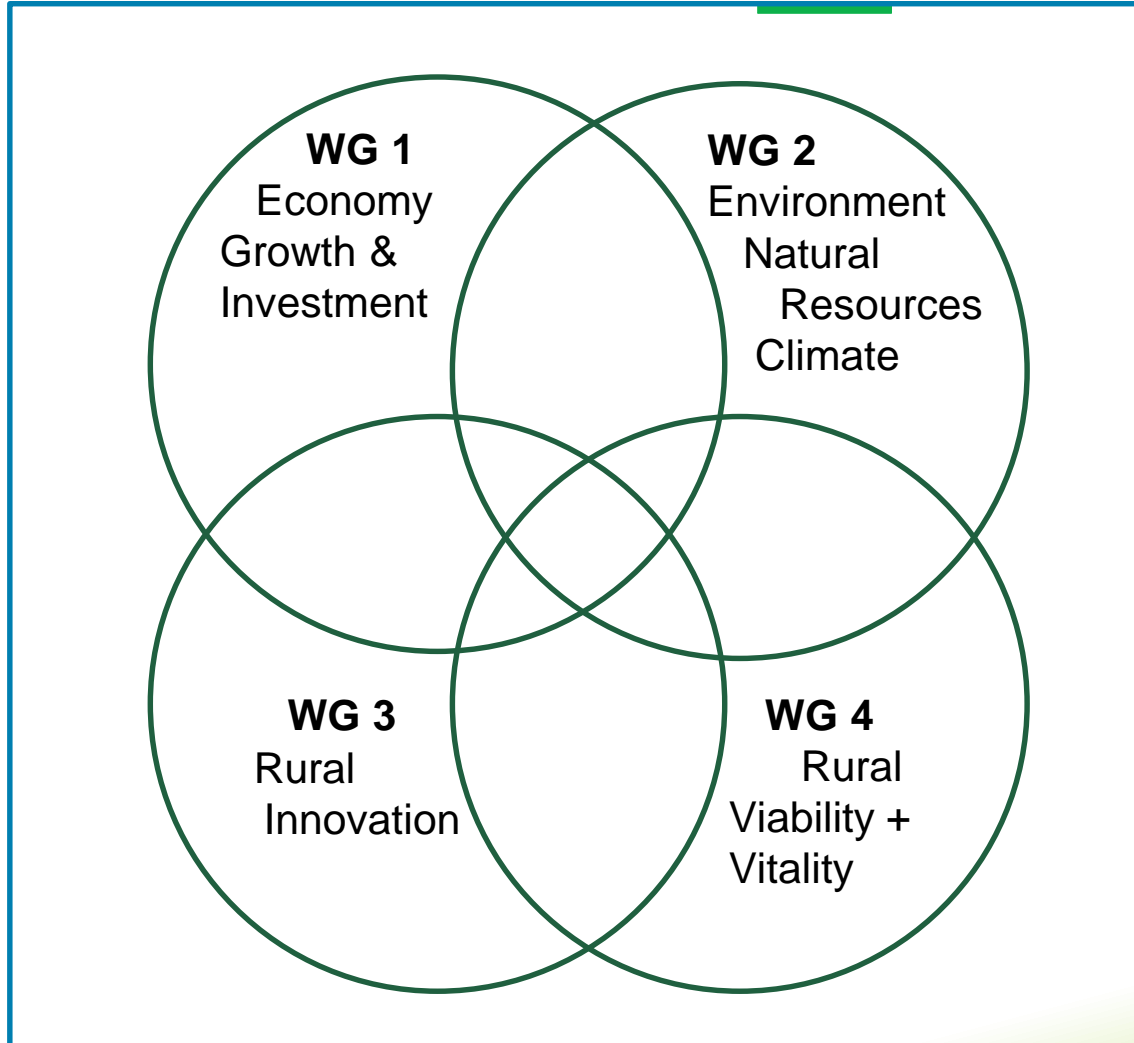
- Market Place (display of rural projects) -

Day 2:

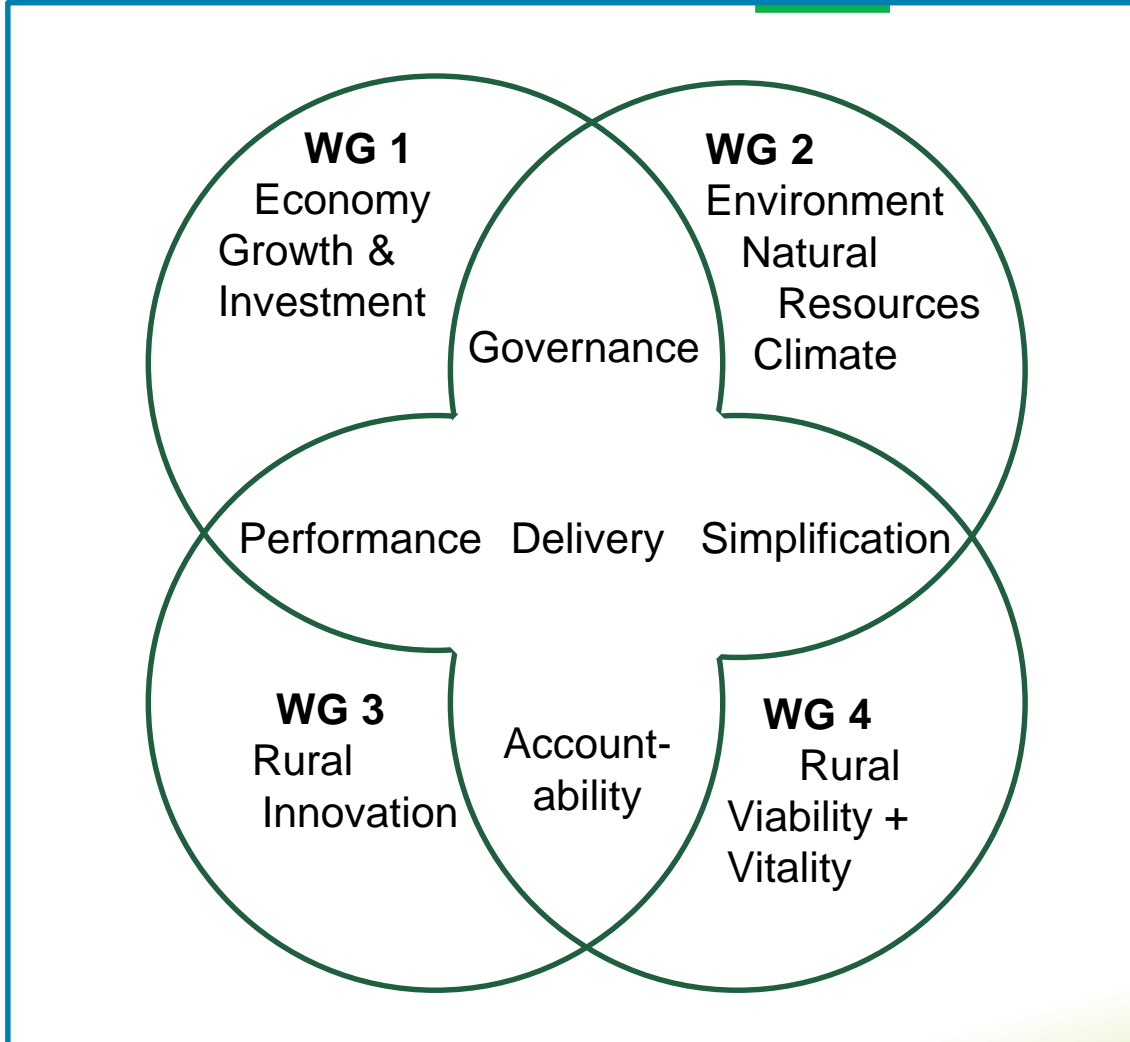
1. **Four parallel sessions (continued)**
2. Panel on alternative delivery mechanisms
3. **Stakeholder feed-back to plenary**
4. **Presentation of the Cork Declaration**



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1. Identify key issues, topics, opportunities



2. Identify main drivers and bottlenecks



Feed into drafting group



Plenary discussion of WS conclusions and then-



The Cork 2.0 Declaration- A Better Life in Rural Areas

Conclusions

We the participants of the Cork 2.0 European Conference on Rural Development urge the policy makers of the European Union:

- Increase public awareness of the potential of local services and resources in rural areas in wide range of economic, social and environmental challenges and opportunities benefiting all European citizens.
- Invest in the identity of rural communities, the renewal of local growth and business and social attraction for people in the countryside throughout the different stages of their lives.
- Build on this investment and further develop the agricultural and rural policy towards a multi-sectoral, service and product approach. Invest in partnerships and networking under objectives to work on the public and economic infrastructure.
- Systematically review value chains and sectoral policies through a rural lens, considering potential and actual products and services, innovation, rural and urban and development programs, which will bring into the environmental benefits of rural areas and communities.
- Support these different programmes and incorporate the values and opportunities into future public development.



Innovation (point 7)

- Access to appropriate technology for all sizes of farms and businesses
- Social innovation – not just technological innovation
- More emphasis on advice, learning, peer to peer, cooperation and exchange
- Align research agendas to rural needs and ensure transfer



Governance, delivery, accountability (Points 8-10)

- Strengthen capacity along delivery chain
- Build on LEADER and EIP-Agri to roll out bottom up and locally led initiatives
- Common framework based better targetting
- More use of financial instruments
- Greater integration with other policies.
- Build trust among stakeholders.
- Proportionality and simplicity of requirements and sanctions
- Greater role for stakeholders in assessing performance



The Cork 2.0 Declaration



Conclusions

- **Improve public awareness of the potential of rural areas and resources** to deliver on a wide range of economic, social, and environmental challenges and opportunities benefiting all European citizens;
- **Invest in the identity of rural communities**, the potential for rural growth and to make rural areas attractive for people to live and work in throughout the different stages of their lives;
- **Build on this momentum and further develop the agricultural and rural policy** towards a result-oriented, simple, and flexible approach, based on partnership and reflecting Union objectives as well as the needs and aspirations on the ground;
- **Systematically review other macro and sectorial policies through a rural lens**, considering potential and actual impacts and implications on rural jobs and growth and development prospects, social well-being, and the environmental quality of rural areas and communities;
- **Support this 10-point programme and incorporate its vision and orientations into future policy development.**





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Thank you for your attention!



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