

Imagining the future of Europe's rural areas

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Rural Vision Week



Rural communities & the green transition's win-win

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Workshop 1: Green Futures

Benefits of the climate & environmental sustainability transition

Rural communities as the early winners of the transition

- Democratic benefits
 - Re-framing political decision-making
- Economic benefits
 - Re-defining the periphery
- Socio-cultural benefits
 - Quality of life & well-being

The community-led green future of 2040

- A wealth of social innovation and social capital
 - New affluence without increased flows
- Localised and universal provision of basic needs
 - Secure, cohesive and inclusive

What is needed to get to the desirable future?

Step change in the right direction

- Community-centred food sovereignty (including water)
 - Example: Comune di Bagnaia, Tuscany
- Community energy independence (including transport)
 - Example: Ungersheim, Alsace
- Multi-purpose services for the Common Good
 - Example: La Bolina, El Valle, Granada

Thank you

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