



RUMRA

*Intergroup “Rural, Mountainous and remote areas” : One of the
E.M.R objectives*



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The Operational objectives of the RUMRA intergroup

- to request the Commission to produce a white paper on realities and changes in rural territories within the EU in view to have a realistic information able to serve as a basis for reflection on the future policy for rural territories;
- to expand the range of experiences and the participation of all the actors to build an appropriate architecture of 2020-2026 programming period;
- to redefine a specific rural development policy in line with a common agricultural policy to be rebuild for the 2020-2026 programming period.



Guiding principles of the Intergroupe RUMRA

The stakes of the Intergroup RUMRA :

- inclusive growth, territorial cohesion and integrated development
- To work for an explicit recognition of rural territories, with their diversity, as poles of development and innovation, in a balanced relationship with the urban poles. Recognizing rural territories, in their diversity, as poles of development and innovation and not only as natural and agricultural spaces is an essential condition to meet the objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy and specially the inclusive growth.
- Territorial cohesion is not just a core value of the EU, but it is a key condition in order to live well throughout the European Union. It must include all EU territories in their diversity, whether isolated, mountainous or facing urban sprawl. All EU citizens deserve, and it is a fundamental right, a fair access to a good quality of life, with access to jobs, information, health and transport services, clean energy sources,...



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The strategic objectives of the Intergroup RUMRA

- To make aware of the added value of an integrated territorial approach and to address, in an transversal approach, rural issues within the European Parliament as these are currently scattered between various Committees (AGRI, REGI, ENVI, ITRE, EMPL,...)
- To reduce the gap between rural, mountainous and remote areas towards the urban ones, by developing the potential of these territories in the economic, social, environmental and inclusion fields and by turning disadvantages into opportunities
- To further improve social, economic and technological inclusion of all rural territories and their inhabitants in the spirit of the Europe 2020 Strategy and in a positive relationship towards the urban poles



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- To highlight initiatives of these territories in the economic, social, environmental and inclusion fields
- To listen to and share the concerns of citizens and businesses in these areas, in order to ensure that rural issues are addressed structurally and consistently at the EU policy level on a fair and balanced approach



working thematic of the Intergroupe RUMRA

- **Integrated rural development: Added value, resource and financing for rural integrate development**
(MEP Andrieu - Association RED)
- **RURBAN – urban and rural interrelations**
(MEP Bogovic - Association RED)
- **Climate change and energy**
(MEP Bresso - Association FREE, RED)



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- **Living nowadays in rural areas**
(MEP Ali, MEP Rados - Association Euromontana – RED)
- **Agriculture and territorial quality products**
(MEP Dorfmann - Association Euromontana)
- **Ultra peripheral and remote regions**
(MEP Manscour – Association RED)



PROPOSED ACTIONS

- To call for a White Paper by the European Commission on rural realities in the European Union, taking into account the specificities of rural, mountainous and remote territories.
- To continue with the RURBAN parliamentary initiative devoted to rural-urban interrelations.
- To launch a major work on the future of the rural territories in the E.U., with the organization of thematic seminars and in relation with other intergroups.





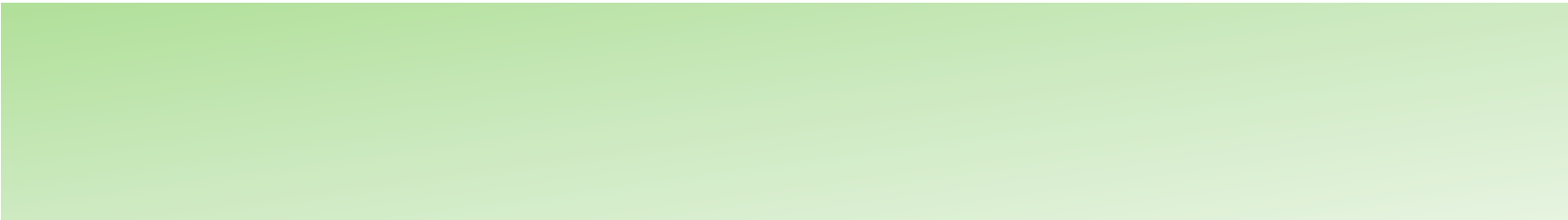
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What is a white paper ?

- Commission White Papers are documents containing proposals for Community action in a specific area. In some cases they follow a Green Paper published to launch a consultation process at European level. When a White Paper is favourably received by the Council, it can lead to an action programme for the Union in the area concerned.(examples : on Services of General Interest in 2004 and on a European Communication Policy in 2006)
- Les livres blancs publiés par la Commission sont des documents contenant des propositions d'action communautaire dans un domaine spécifique. Ils s'inscrivent parfois dans le prolongement de livres verts dont le but est de lancer un processus de consultation au niveau européen. Lorsqu'un livre blanc est accueilli favorablement par le Conseil, il peut alors mener à un programme d'action de l'Union dans le domaine concerné (exemples : sur les services d'intérêt général en 2004 et sur une politique de communication européenne en 2006)



1 - Quel contenu ?

- Un état des lieux sur les réalités, les potentiels et les difficultés dans les territoires ruraux
 - Economie et emploi
 - Qualité de vie – environnement - paysage
 - Services de base (eau,..), santé, sécurité
 - Culture et loisirs
 - Vie sociale et vieillissement
 - Energie
 - Infrastructures (TIC,..) et mobilité
 - Patrimoine
 - Pratiques de développement,...



2 - Quel contenu ?

- Les objectifs de l'U.E. sont-ils rencontrés à travers ce bilan?
 - cohésion territoriale et équilibre rural - urbain
 - Croissance inclusive - mobilisation de tous les potentiels: *la charte des droits fondamentaux valorisée*
 - égalité des citoyens
 - infrastructures opérationnelles – conditions du développement
 - ...



3 - Quel contenu ?

➤ Pistes d'action en perspective 2020 – 2030 – Principes et orientations

- Politiques intégrées
- Gouvernance multi-niveaux
- Approche de développement local intégré
- Politiques spécifiques
 - Internet à haut débit pour tous
 - Multiservices
 - Produits d'origine
- ...



Quel contenu ?

- Des chapitres à enrichir par :
 - les travaux des sous-groupes
 - les contributions des membres de l'Intergroupe RUMRA,
 - le Mouvement Européen de la Ruralité et ses partenaires



