



Rural proofing in the

Vision  
for rural  
areas

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# Long Term Vision for EU's Rural Areas



- **Communication**
- **Staff Working Document with analysis, EU policies and foresight (3 parts)**
- **Synopsis Report of the public consultation**
- **Factsheet**

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# The vision and its shared goals

## Stronger

Empowered communities  
Access to services  
Social innovation

## Connected

Digital connectivity  
Transport links and  
new mobilities

## Prosperous

Diversification of  
economic activities  
Sustainable food production

## Resilient

Resilience to climate change  
Environmental resilience  
Social resilience

# Shared goals for 2040



# The Rural action plan

## RAP-EC



### 9 flagships : (short titles from the Communication)

- ✓ Rural revitalisation platform
- ✓ Research and innovation for rural communities
- ✓ Sustainable multimodal mobility best practices for rural areas
- ✓ Rural Digital Futures
- ✓ Support rural municipalities in energy transition and fighting climate change
- ✓ Climate action in peatland through carbon farming
- ✓ EU mission: A soil deal for Europe
- ✓ Social resilience and Women in rural areas
- ✓ Entrepreneurship and social economy in rural areas.

and  
15 accompanying  
actions

# Implementation of the Action Plan and Rural Pact

## Rural proofing

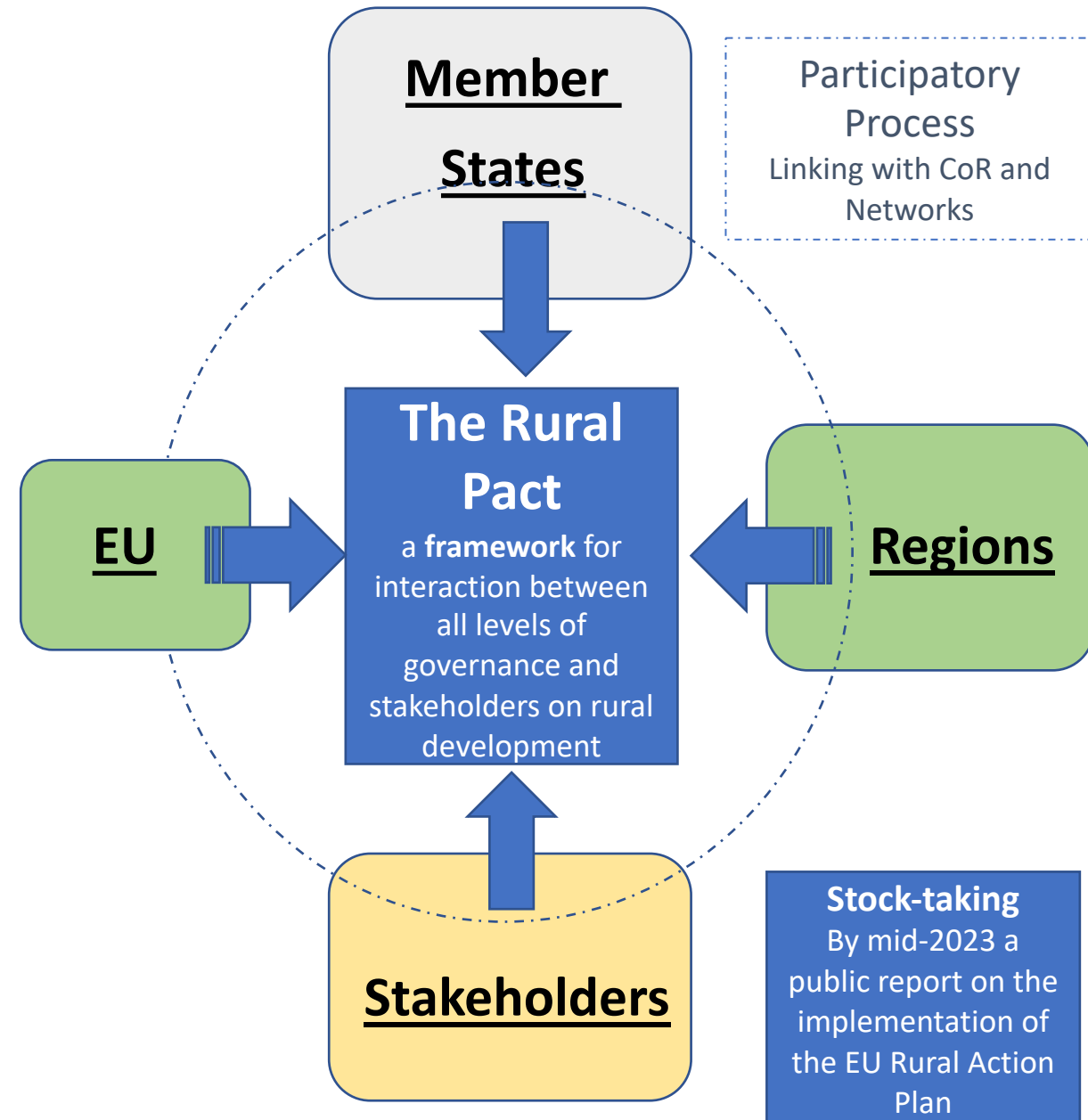
- Review of policies through rural lens
- Cork 2.0 declaration
- Commission Communication on the future of food and farming 2017

## EU Rural observatory

- Centralise data collection on rural areas
- Inform on the relevant initiatives
- Analyse the developments
- => Administrative agreement under preparation with the JRC

## Combination of EU funds

- Toolkit to access to EU Funds for rural areas
- Linking with territorial handbook



### ✓ Why?

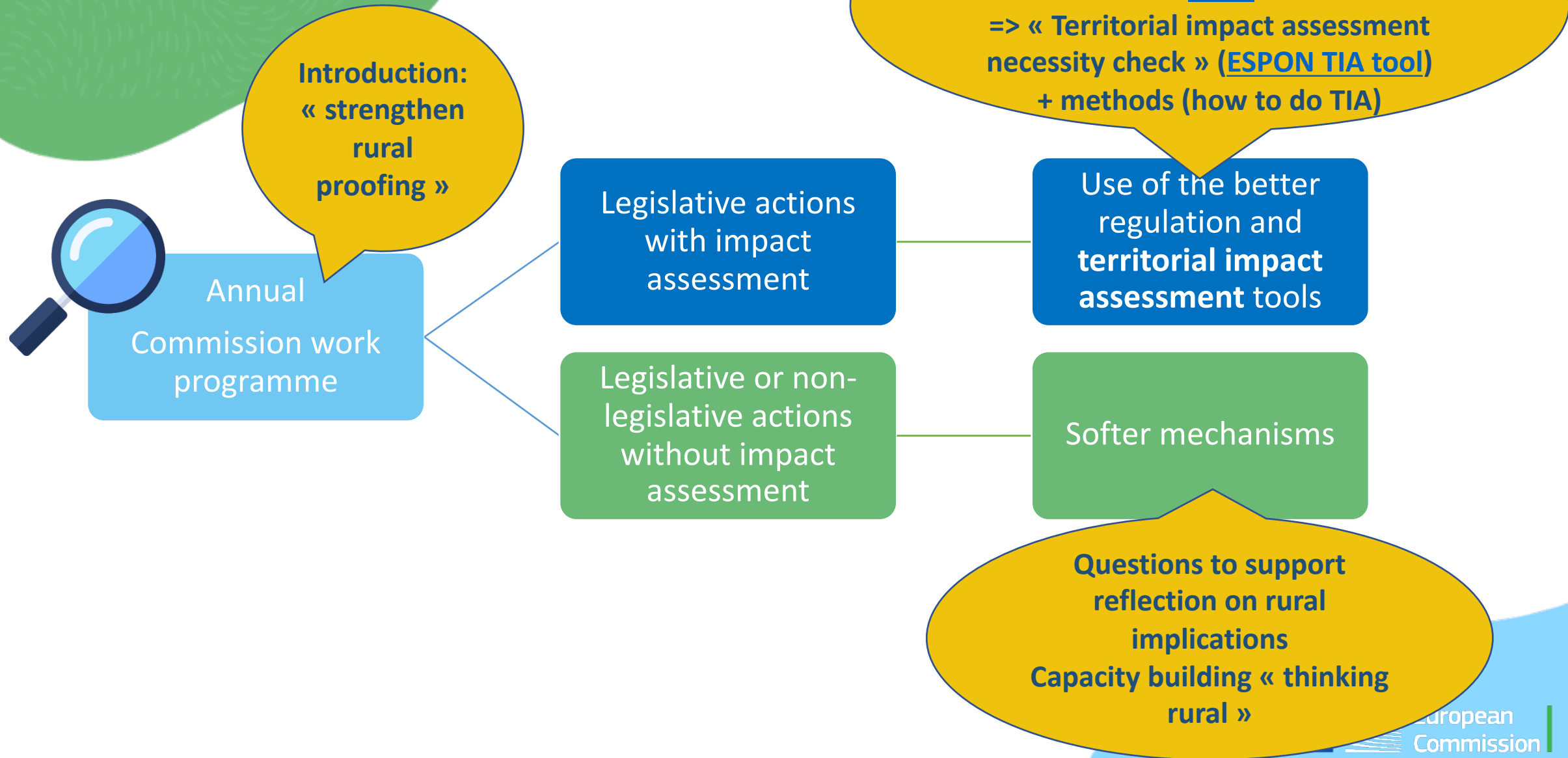
- ✓ **Multidimensional** nature of rural development
- ✓ Treaty: economic, social and **territorial cohesion**
- ✓ =>« ***Need to consider impacts and implications on rural jobs and growth + development prospects, social well-being and equal opportunities for all, and the environmental quality of rural areas*** ».

### ✓ What?

- ✓ Rural proofing mechanism under **better regulation agenda**...
- ✓ ... to assess the anticipated impact of **major EU legislative initiatives** on rural areas
- ✓ Ensure **coherence, consistency and complementarity** between policies
- ✓ Using **territorial impact assessments** and...
- ✓ ... better **monitoring** of the situation of rural areas.

# Rural proofing

## In practice



# Rural proofing

## Supporting data and information

Staff working document

- State of play on 12 chapters (baseline)

EUROSTAT

- Typologies (Degree of urbanisation, Urban rural typology)
- Over 100 indicators

Joint Research centre

- Knowledge centre on territorial policies
- Models

ESPON

- Reports and data on rural development
- Data on various themes

Rural observatory  
(coming soon)

*Among others...*



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- ✓ Communication (non-legislative) from the European Commission  
=> **Commission is responsible and committed**
- ✓ **Inter-service steering group** including all relevant EC departments (“DGs”) coordinated by the **Secretariat general**
- ✓ EC Departments **Agriculture and rural development (AGRI)** and **Regional and urban policy (REGIO)** support colleagues + check delivery (inter-service groups and consultations)
- ✓ **Stock-taking in 2023**

# Next steps

Major interest and expectations on rural proofing

Inter-institutional process



20 Dec. 2021: Launch of the rural pact => Rural Pact conference mid-2022

Inputs from the group presented

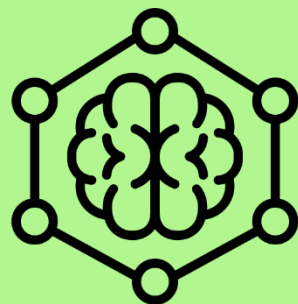
Mid-2023: Evaluation of actions and 2021-2027 programming period

2024: Reflections on 2028-2034

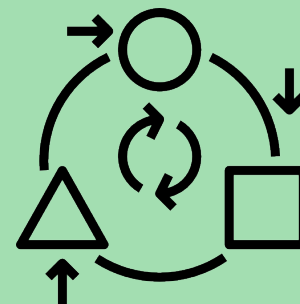
# Rural vision team expectations



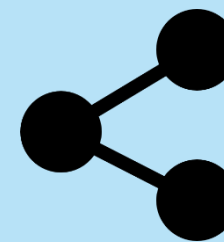
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