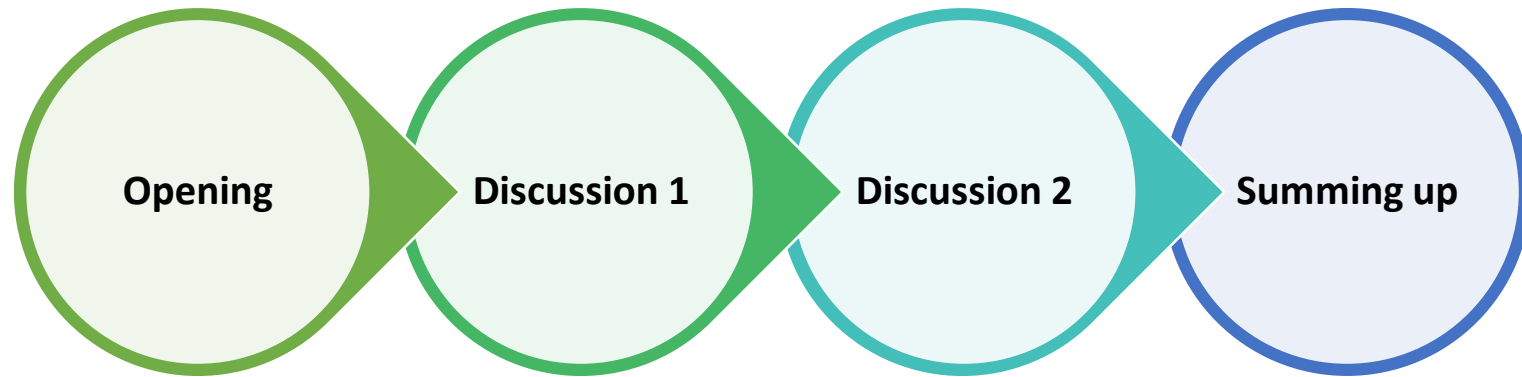


LEADER Thematic Lab on Youth and Depopulation "Zooming in"

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- **Agenda**
- **Youth, depopulation & ENRD**
- **Your feedback**
- **In focus today**



Set the scene,
“zooming in” –
the main
question
(9:15-10:45)

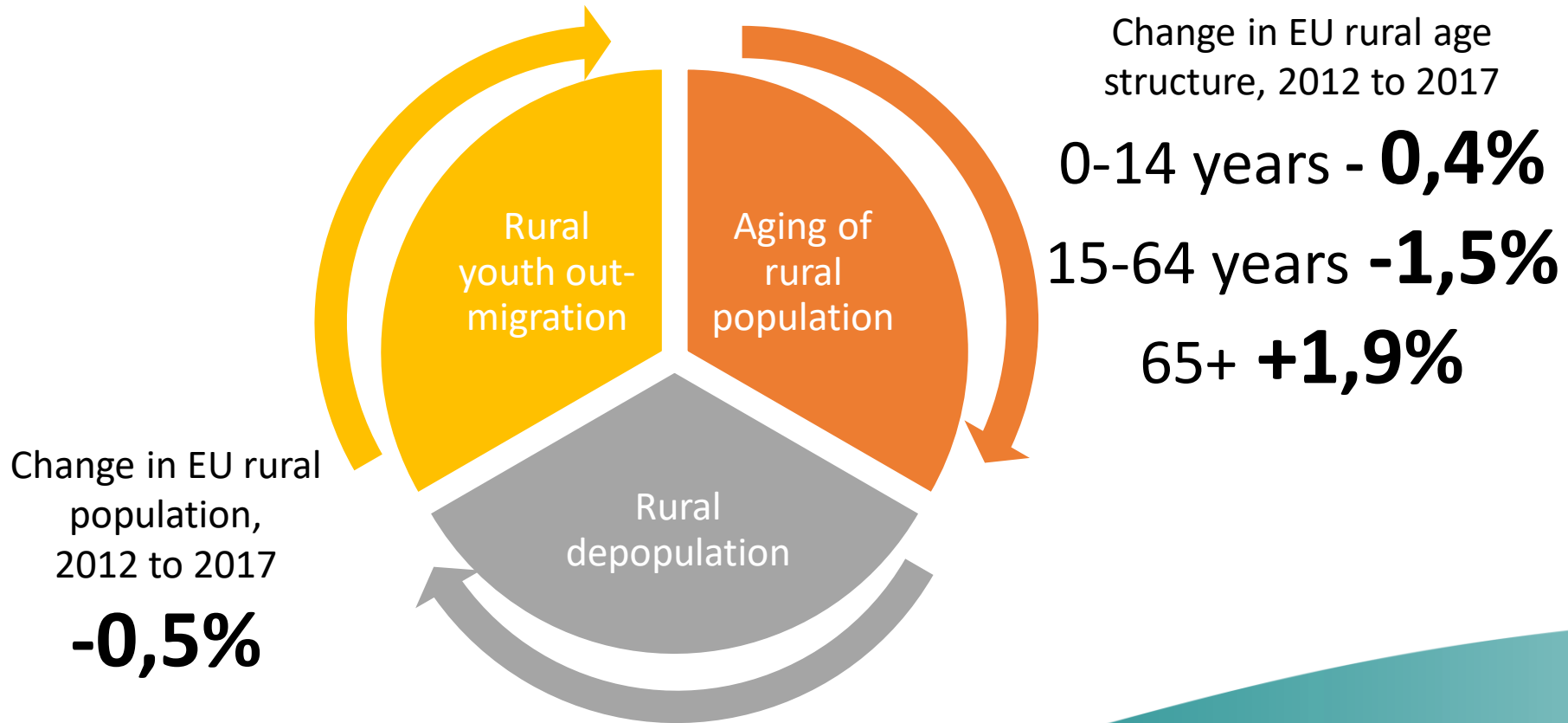
Diagnosis –
issues, needs,
awareness,
LEADER
(11:15-12:15)

Success factors
for the next
programming
period
(13:30-15:00)

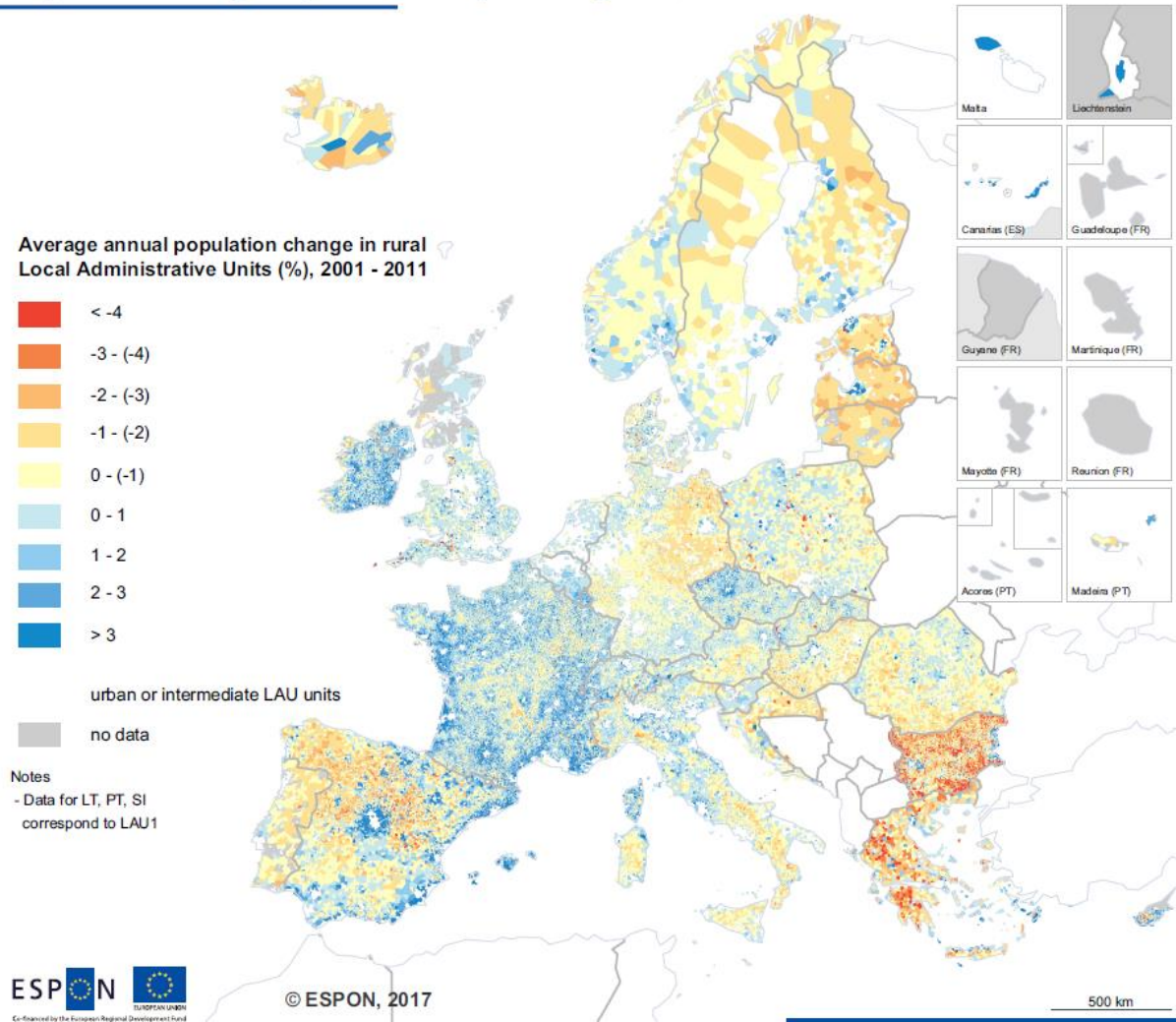
Summing up,
communication
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Why addressing rural youth and depopulation?

General trends:



Population change in predominantly rural regions, 2001-2011



Source: www.espon.eu

ENRD lessons learned: Youth

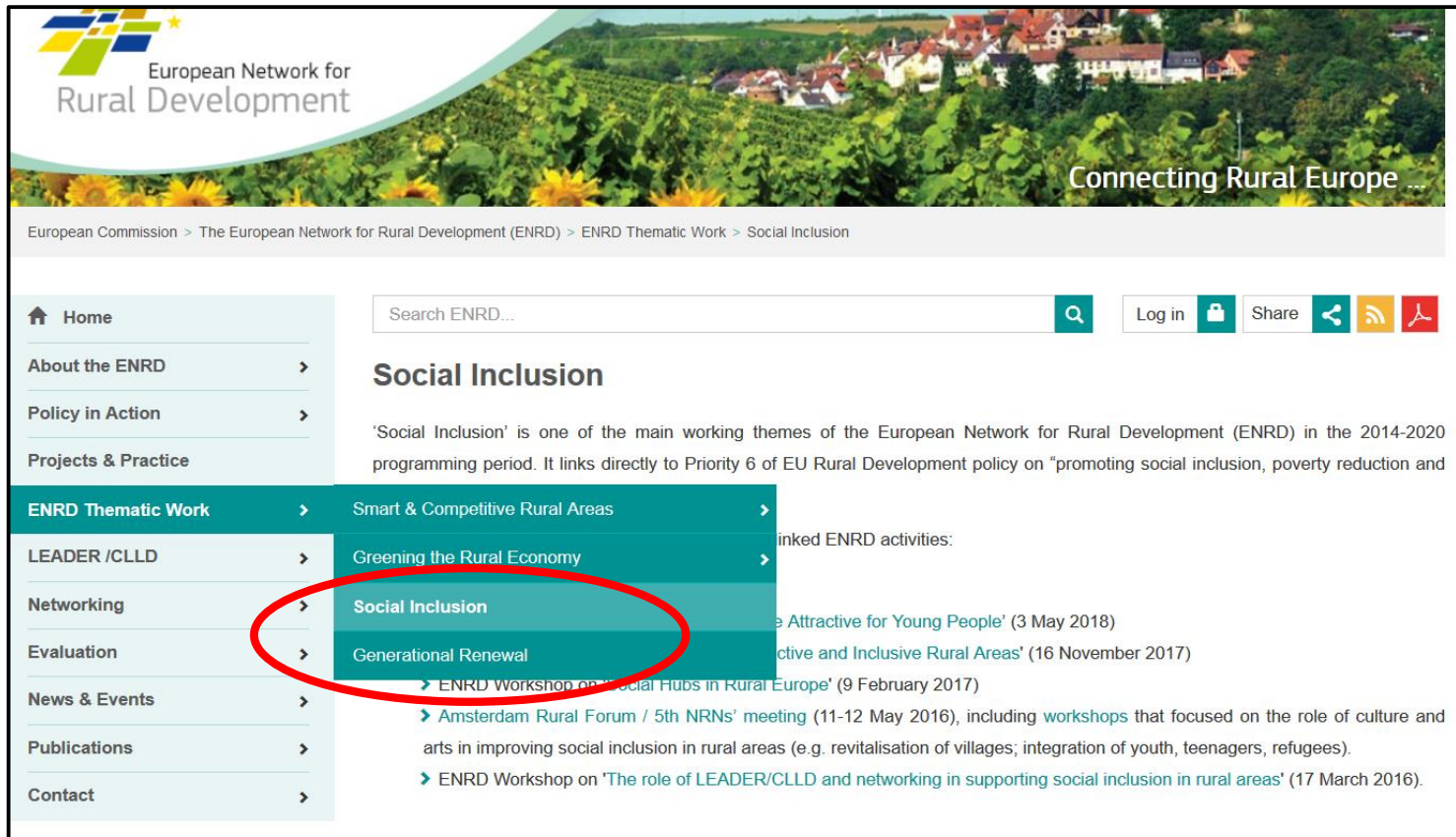
Rural young people - dynamic, active and well-educated - BUT need for enabling environment to develop their ideas and projects...

- **enthusiastic people** working for the LAGs
- focus on the **preparatory stage of youth actions**
 - advice and better information on funding,
 - advance funding,
 - streamlining/digitalising/simplifying applications
- **networking**

ENRD lessons learned: Depopulation

- **Features**
 - North-South, East-West
 - Mitigation vs. Adaptation Policies
- Momentum for **strategic approaches**
 - Involving **local actors/communities** in decision-making
 - Addressing real needs through **interventions fit to the purpose**
- Coordination of **different EU funding instruments** (above all: EAFRD, ERDF, ESF)
 - EU funds are only complementary to national resources

- Dedicated web sections at www.enrd.eu



The screenshot shows the ENRD website interface. The top navigation bar includes the ENRD logo and the text 'Connecting Rural Europe ...'. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: 'European Commission > The European Network for Rural Development (ENRD) > ENRD Thematic Work > Social Inclusion'. A search bar is present with the text 'Search ENRD...'. A sidebar on the left contains a menu with the following items: Home, About the ENRD, Policy in Action, Projects & Practice, ENRD Thematic Work, LEADER /CLLD, Networking, Evaluation, News & Events, Publications, and Contact. The 'ENRD Thematic Work' menu is expanded, showing sub-items: Smart & Competitive Rural Areas, Greening the Rural Economy, Social Inclusion (highlighted with a red circle), and Generational Renewal. The main content area is titled 'Social Inclusion' and contains the following text: 'Social Inclusion' is one of the main working themes of the European Network for Rural Development (ENRD) in the 2014-2020 programming period. It links directly to Priority 6 of EU Rural Development policy on "promoting social inclusion, poverty reduction and...'. Below this text, there are several links to related activities, including 'ENRD Workshop on Social Hubs in Rural Europe' (9 February 2017), 'Amsterdam Rural Forum / 5th NRNs' meeting (11-12 May 2016)', and 'ENRD Workshop on The role of LEADER/CLLD and networking in supporting social inclusion in rural areas' (17 March 2016).

ENRD Resources on Rural Youth

- **Events**

- [‘Generational Renewal through Rural Development’](#), January 2017
- [‘Making Rural Areas More Attractive for Young People’](#), May 2018
- [‘Attracting Young Farmers and Fostering Generational Renewal in Rural Areas’](#), December 2018
- [‘Generational Renewal: Attracting Young Farmers and Entrepreneurs in Rural Areas’](#), February 2019

- **Factsheets**

- [How to support the social inclusion of young people in rural areas?](#)
- [Supporting youth in the EU: overview of policy instruments and funds](#)

- **EAFRD Projects Brochure**

- [Youth and Generational Renewal](#)

ENRD Resources on Depopulation

- **Events**

- [‘Vibrant rural areas: Rural Jobs’](#), November 2019
- [‘Combating rural depopulation’](#), May 2019

- **Factsheets**

- [Summary of the projects](#)
- [Summary of the strategies and initiatives](#)
- [Factsheet on rural jobs](#)

Your feedback

Your experience

- Focus on young farmers and generational renewal (RO)
- Youth included in all LEADER projects – starting with planning (EE)
- „Keeping Talent in Twente” (NL)
- Consulting local governments on youth participation in local decisions (DE)
- A toolkit of participation methods „Familiendorf” (DE)
- Putting worker/citizen wellness at the center of local development (IT)
- National study REDPOBLAR – analyzing the rural environment in a positive way (ES)

Issues to discuss

- Capacity building for integrated sustainable development in rural areas: entrepreneurship education and cultural heritage creative management for rural development.
- Tackling depopulation - inclusive growth and succession planning for community resilience
- Methods on making rural areas more attractive to youth
- Depopulation/out-migration: affordable housing, community-led housing models and new business start-ups
- Youth and depopulation, Community infrastructure, SMEs, Skills, Role of the Creative industries
- Innovative solutions for keeping youth in the rural areas.

In focus today

(How) can **LEADER**

**be effective in
addressing**

**youth and
depopulation
issues?**

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