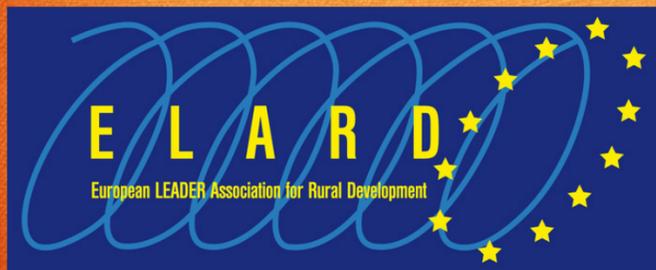
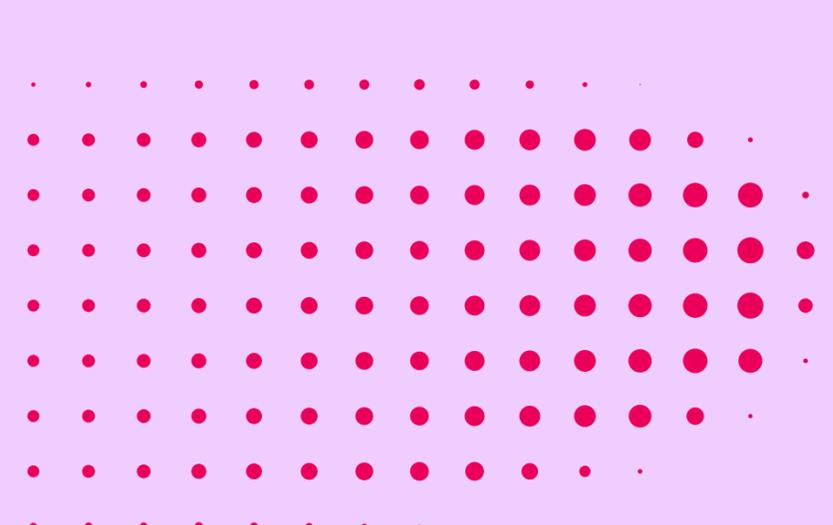




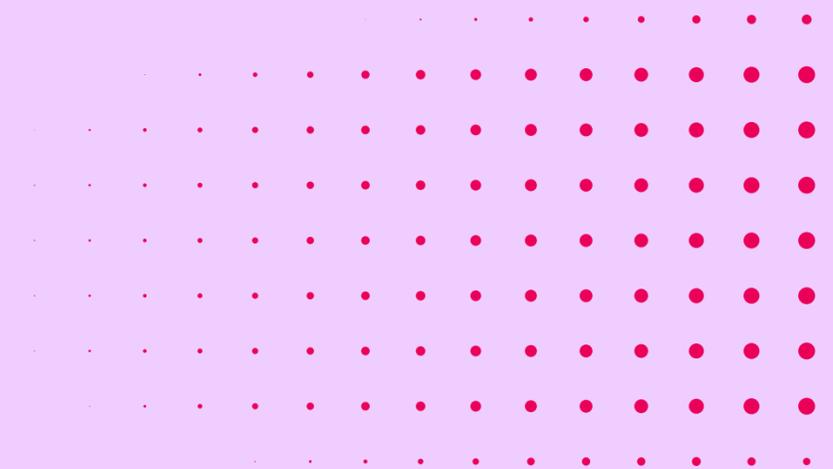
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Empower Youth, Shape Tomorrow.





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INTRODUCTION

ABOUT YOUTH IN LEADER

- Goal: The LEADER Youth Community is a vibrant and dynamic group within the broader LEADER initiative, focused on empowering young people to take an active role in shaping the future of their rural areas.
- Aim: Share ideas, collaborate on projects, and gain the skills to drive positive change.
- The initiative started in June in Finland. You engaged in a large number of reflections and worked on very concrete proposals.
- ELARD is managing this network, together we go From Ideas to Impact.



KEYNOTE SPEECH BY DG AGRI

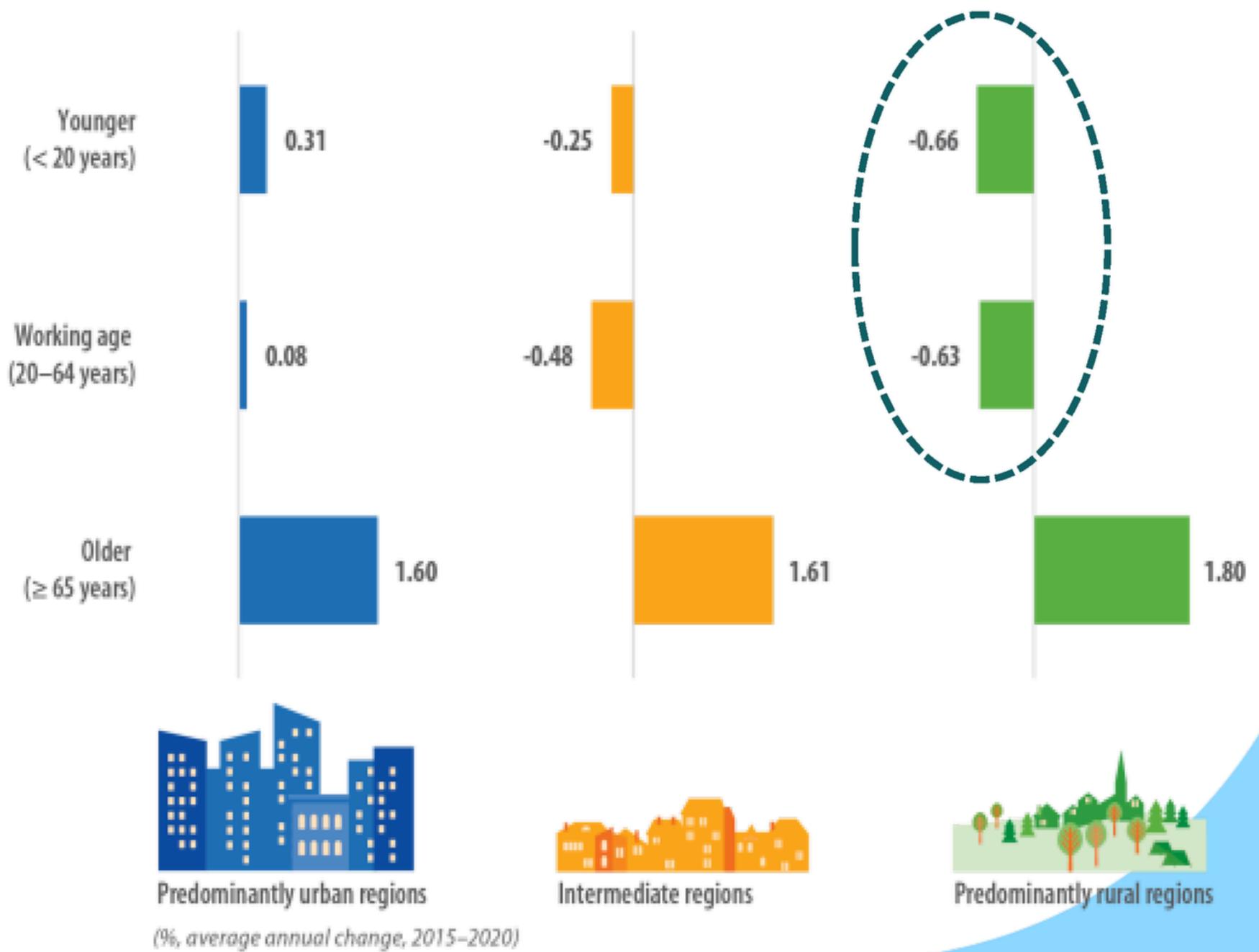


Engaging Youth

María Gafo Gómez-Zamalloa
DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Demography in our rural areas (2015-2020)

How has the EU's population developed?





RURAL SURVEY....

How many young people participate in LAG's decision-making bodies?

- 4%
- 9%
- 19%

- 2407 young people participate in LAG's decision-making bodies out of 27.002 people in total (data collection ongoing)

The first monitoring data confirms: **we need more young people in LEADER!**

Member State	Number of LAGs	Total number of persons in LAGs decision making bodies	Number of young people in LAGs decision making bodies	Definition of “young” people (years old)
Austria	83	1518	63	Up to 30
Croatia	56	648	198	Up to 40
Czech Republic	50	379	46	Up to 40
Cyprus	4	24	3	Up to 40
Denmark	26	352	34	Up to 40
Estonia	26	222	22	Up to 40
Greece	51	455	68	Up to 40
Finland	53	601	22	Up to 28
Germany	371	8003	839	Up to 40
Hungary	105	982	111	Up to 40
Latvia	27	311	8	Up to 25
Lithuania	49	621	92	Up to 29
Luxembourg	5	37	9	Up to 40
Netherlands	31	359	31	Up to 40
Poland	284	3679	83	Up to 25
Portugal	58	406	0	Up to 30
Sweden	40	698	10	Up to 25



European Court of Auditors (Special report LEADER, 2022):

« The LEADER approach facilitates local engagement but women and young people are underrepresented on local action groups »

Commission's reply to the Court of Auditors (2022):

« The Commission will continue to encourage the Member States to ensure that LEADER local action groups' partnerships are inclusive and in particular that young people, women and less advantaged groups participate in the decision making bodies. This will also be monitored ».

Young LEADER Forum (Finland, June 2024)

Launch Young LEADER Community in the EU!

200 participants, mostly under 30 - intergenerational: seniors to listen
Lively discussions on LEADER, economic, social and green transition
Contacts and networking

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Young LEADER Community hosted by ELARD

Youth in LEADER

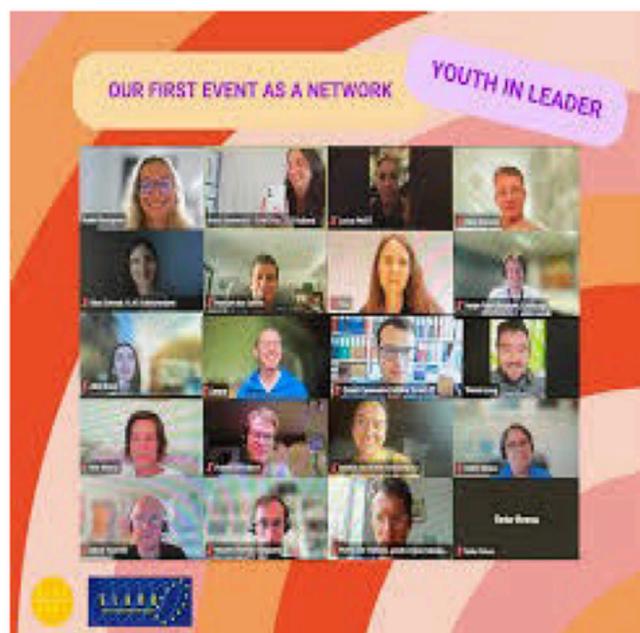
Speak your voice at EU and national fora via representatives!

Propose projects and get funding for them

Engage in decision making in LAGs

Share practices and network

Have fun



Why does young voice and action matter?

Your voice matters.

Don't let anyone silence you.



Because EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) seeks also to facilitate **social, economic, digital and environmental** transition of rural areas via e.g. **LEADER** instrument (with 5 billion EUR funding)

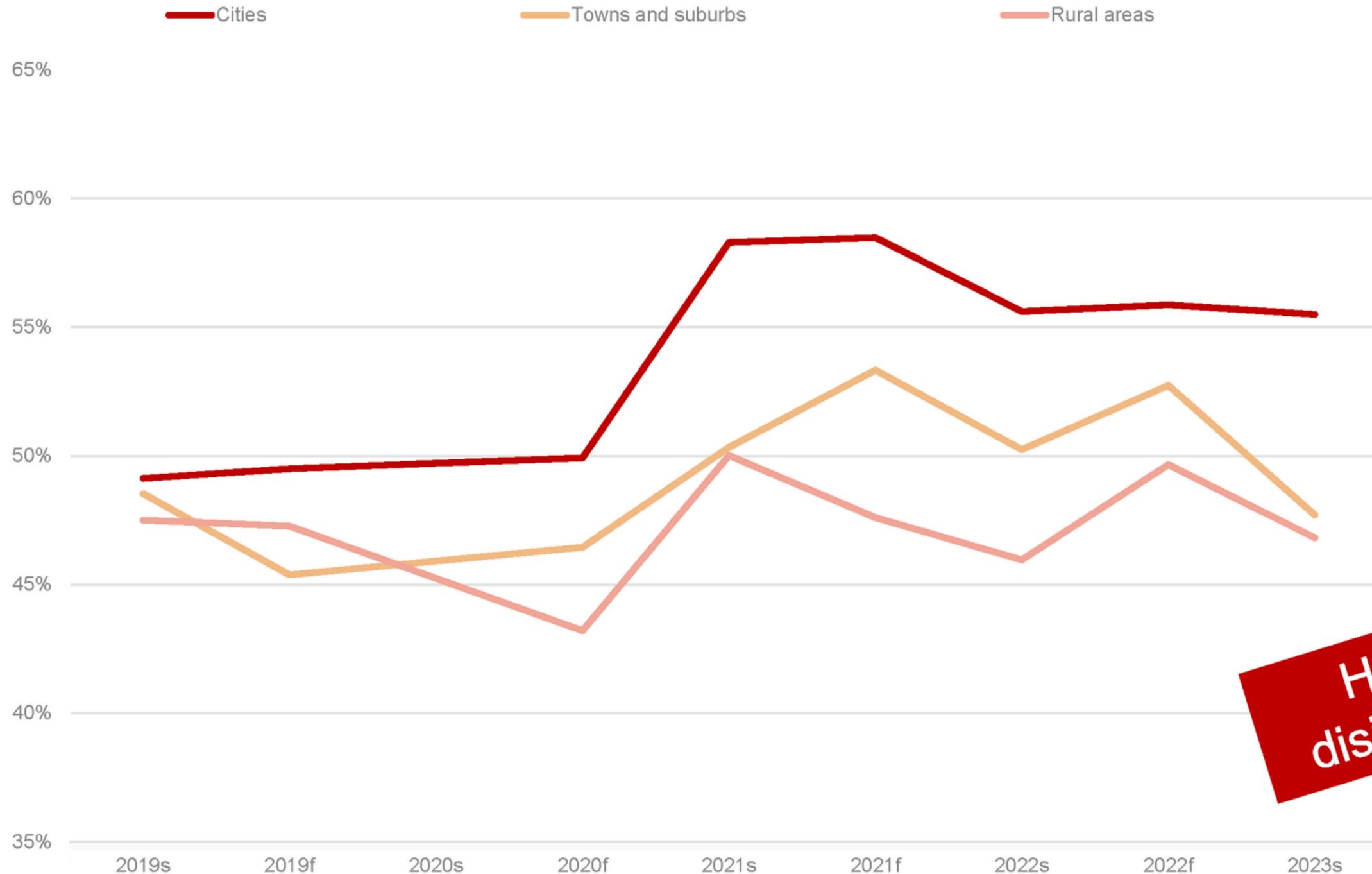
Because **young people** are crucial to development of rural areas as acknowledged in the Long Term Vision for EU Rural Areas

Because **young people** have unique views, values and competencies to bring.

Intergenerational fairness and solidarity as priority of Commission for 2024-29

Demography and democracy go hand in hand

Trust in the EU (Eurobarometer – calculations from Joint Research Center)



Rural residents are more likely to trust local and regional authorities (61%) than their national government (31%) or the EU (47%).

Help us combat targeted disinformation in the rural EU

Youth related (recent) developments

- ✓ **Council conclusions** in preparation on providing local opportunities for young people living in rural and remote areas
- ✓ Commissioner-designate tasked to present a **Strategy on Generational Renewal in agriculture**
- ✓ All Commissioners should organise **annual Youth Policy Dialogue** – the first one within the first 100 days of the mandate
- ✓ **Thematic Group under CAP Network on Gen Z: Leading Generational Renewal in Farming (Q4 2024)**

Some examples of projects financed by the CAP

Good Practice | EU CAP Network
(europa.eu)



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Giovani Dentro - Opportunities and challenges faced by youth in Inner Areas of Italy



Project in Estonia to finance youth initiatives



Youth strategy to tackle rural depopulation in western Finland



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In the footsteps of ancient flavours from the Przewsk region in Poland



A 'happy' entry into French farming



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CHALLENGES FACED BY YOUNG PEOPLE IN RURAL AREAS

Insufficient support
for innovation

Limited representation
in decision-making
processes.

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Restricted access to
higher education, public
transport, culture,
employment, and
housing.

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YOUTH COOPERATION AND GOOD EXAMPLE

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Overview of community management



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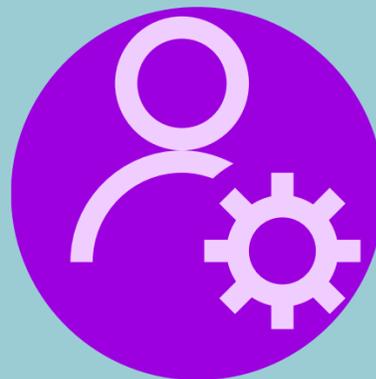
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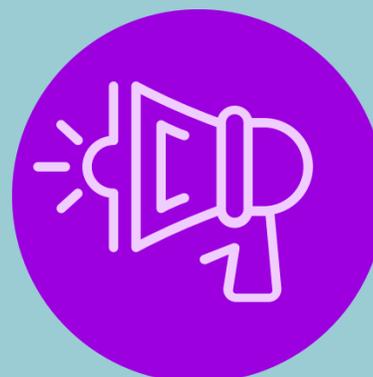


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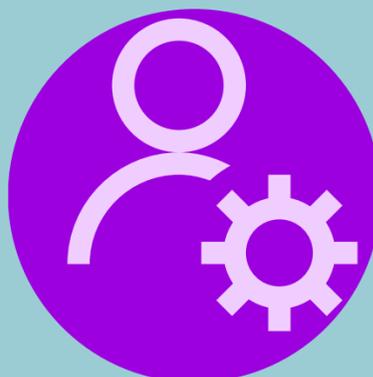
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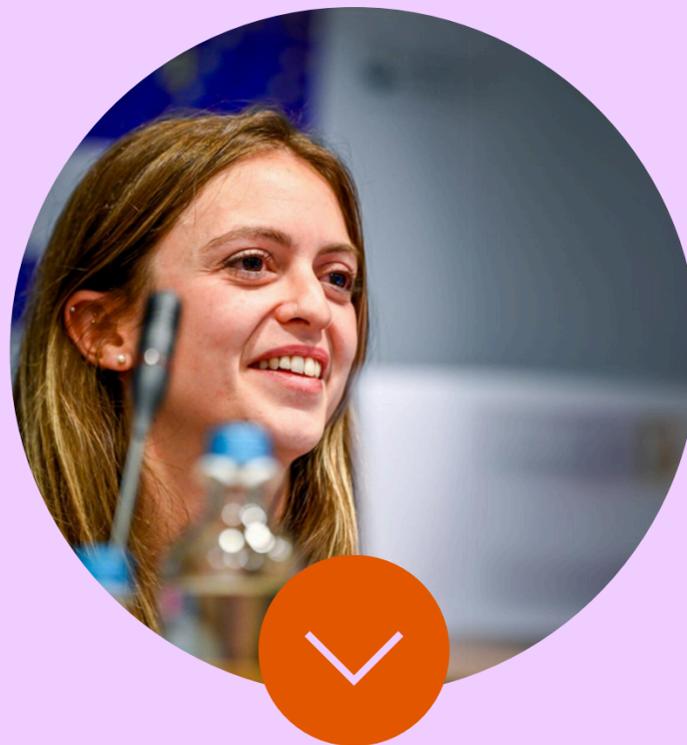
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ENGAGE IN THE NETWORK





Thank you!

