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# **Financing the integrated development of rural areas**

**Room VMA 1  
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**19 March 2018** | European Committee of the Regions | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. | **VMA 1**

**An event co-organised by the European Committee of the Regions' NAT commission  
and the Rurality-Environment-Development network**

## **Financing the integrated development of rural areas**

**A goal that lies at the heart of the need for social, economic and territorial  
cohesion: the EU budget in perspective**

**Proposal for a cross-funding initiative for rural development to support the European Rural Agenda**

*The European Union is facing many challenges. These are not only social, economic and environmental in nature, but also political, with the European elections coming up in 2019.*

*At the end of June 2017 the Commission published a reflection paper on the Future of EU Finances. What with Brexit and its budgetary implications, as well as the emergence of new priorities (defence, security, counter-terrorism, migration), traditional policies could raise questions.*

*Among the many challenges facing the European Union in the future, a better territorial balance is naturally one of the main concerns for local and regional authorities, which note that:*

- *the 7<sup>th</sup> Report on Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion in Europe still shows a significant development delay between urban and rural areas;*
- *poverty is more pronounced in rural areas than in urban areas;*
- *the sense of abandonment in rural areas translates into growing euroscepticism in these areas.*

*The European Committee of the Regions and the Rurality-Environment-Development network feel that genuine commitments need to be made regarding the development of rural areas in Europe. That is the reason why they are dedicating a conference to the issue of funding for future development policy.*

*How should we fund development policy in rural areas so that they can continue to contribute effectively to the EU's ambitions?*

9.30 - 10 a.m. Registration and coffee

10 a.m. Introduction

**Ossi MARTIKAINEN (FI/ALDE)**, Chair of the NAT Commission

**Gérard PELTRE**, President of the Rurality-Environment-Development network (RED) and the European Countryside Movement (ECM)

## 1. The contribution of structural policies to rural development

- **Rural development and the second pillar of the CAP:** a relationship that should be maintained and strengthened in the future, maintaining a balance between the development of agricultural and non-agricultural activities.

**Mihail DUMITRU**, Deputy Director General, DG AGRI, European Commission

- **The development of rural areas in social and territorial cohesion policy:** developing a more balanced approach that could underpin the dynamism and the resilience of rural and/or peripheral areas as a part of managed urban development

**Normunds POPENS**, Deputy Director General, DG REGIO, European Commission

- **The European Pillar of Social Rights:** taking social realities into account in all areas, including rural areas

**Andriana SUKOVA**, Director at the DG EMPL, European Commission

- **Towards a rural development policy supported by a cross-funding initiative**

**Franc BOGOVIC (SL/EPP)**, Member of the European Parliament and Vice-President of the Parliament's RUMRA Intergroup

→ **Debate on the cross-cutting nature of rural development in European policy**

1 - 2.30 p.m. Lunch break

## 2. How can the principle of cross-funding lead to a cross-funding initiative for rural development?

- **Advantages of a community-led local development approach for integrated local and rural development**

**Lidija PAVIC-ROGOSIC**, Director of the Movement for Sustainable Community Development in Croatia and member of the EESC study group on the benefits of community-led local development

- **Ambitions and opportunities for the Spanish national network at the start of the new programming period**

**Felipe GONZALEZ DE CANALES**, President of the Community Development Institute

- **Funding solutions for balanced rural development - the peri-urban dimension**

**Helyn CLACK**, President of the PURPLE network

- **The development of rural areas in Spain**, observation of the social and territorial cohesion policy

**Carmen QUINTANILLA**, Deputy and President of AFAMMER

→ **Discussion**

with NAT members, participants, and partner organisations of the European Countryside Movement

3.30 p.m.

## Conclusions

**Guillaume CROS (FR/PES)**, Vice-President of the Regional Council of Occitanie, rapporteur for the European Committee of the Regions opinion on "The CAP after 2020"

**G rard PELTRE**, President of the Rurality-Environment-Development network (RED) and the European Countryside Movement (ECM)

## Practical arrangements

*Simultaneous interpreting in French-English-German-Spanish*

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