

Rural Vision Week: Imagining the future of Europe's rural areas

22-26 March 2021

Draft Agenda

Timing 	Agenda Items
DAY ONE: Monday 22 March 2021	
09:00 – 17.00	Virtual marketplace (<i>Multimedia content/Networking opportunities</i>)
14:00 – 15:00	High level opening plenary (<i>web streamed</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dubravka Šuica, European Commission, Vice President for Democracy & Demography • Janusz Wojciechowski, European Commissioner for Agriculture • Maria do Céu Antunes, Minister of Agriculture, Portugal • Doug O'Brien, President National Cooperative Business Association, USA
15.00 – 15.15	<i>Virtual coffee break</i>
15.15 – 16.45	Working plenary: Building a Long Term Vision (<i>web streamed</i>)
16.45 – 17.00	Wrap-up of Day One (<i>web streamed</i>)

DAY TWO: Tuesday 23 March 2021 (09:00 – 17:00)	
09.00 – 17.00	Virtual marketplace (<i>Multimedia content/Networking opportunities</i>)
09.15 – 10.45	Workshop 1: Green rural futures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Promoting the transition to a fair, green and climate neutral future</i>



10.45 – 11.15	Networking time
11.15 – 12.45	Workshop 2: Digitally-led innovative rural futures <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Harnessing digital opportunities and creating innovative solutions for the future</i>
12.45 – 13.45	Networking time
13.45 – 15:15	Workshop 3: Fair and inclusive rural futures <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Building open, vibrant and welcoming rural communities</i>
15.15 – 15.30	Networking time
15.30 – 17:00	Workshop 4: Farming and food productions' role in building resilient rural futures <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Developing successful farming, food and shorter land-based value chains</i>

DAY THREE: Wednesday 24 March 2021 (09:00 – 17:00)

09.00 – 17.00	Virtual marketplace (<i>Multimedia content/Networking opportunities</i>)
09.15 – 10.45	Workshop 5: Strong and dynamic rural-urban partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Forging mutually beneficial relationships and interdependencies between rural and urban areas</i>
10.45 – 11.15	Networking time
11.15 – 12.45	Workshop 6: Vibrant rural areas <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Finding smart solutions to demographic changes, infrastructure needs and services' provision</i>
12.45 – 13.45	Networking time
13.45 – 15:15	Workshop 7: Diverse and resilient rural areas <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Building back better for a sustainable rural future</i>
15.15 – 15.30	Networking time
15.30 – 17:00	Workshop 8: People, policy, practice – proofing and implementing a new rural reality <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Fostering inclusive governance mechanisms which will provide rural communities with the resources and tools for realising their full potential</i>

DAY FOUR: Thursday 25 March 2021 (09:00 – 16:30)

09.00 – 13.00	Virtual marketplace (<i>Multimedia content/Networking opportunities</i>)
09.00 – 09.45	Fringe workshops/events
10.00 – 10.45	Fringe workshops/events
10.45 – 11.15	Networking time
11.15 – 12.00	Fringe workshops/events
12.15 – 13.00	Fringe workshops/events
13.00 – 15.00	Networking time
15.00 – 16:30	Award ceremony- Rural Inspiration Awards 2021 (<i>web streamed</i>)

DAY FIVE: Friday 26 March 2021 (09:00 – 13:00)

09.00 – 13.00	Virtual marketplace (<i>Multimedia content/Networking opportunities</i>)
10.00 – 11.30	Working plenary – Bringing it together (<i>web-streamed</i>)
11.30 – 11.45	Virtual coffee break
11.45 – 13.00	High level closing plenary – Key Rural Vision Week messages (<i>web-streamed</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrique Garcilazo, Head of Regional and Rural Policy Unit, OECD • Elisa Ferreira, European Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms • Janusz Wojciechowski, European Commissioner for Agriculture • Dubravka Šuica, European Commission, Vice President for Democracy & Demography