



ERP-Gathering Kielce

Number of the workshop: 7

Name of the workshop: **A Rural Agenda**

Our responses to challenges:

Challenges:

- To have ERP position on rural agenda
- Recognition of rural parliament
- European policy for rural areas

Public and collective gatherings as rural parliament to set priorities and agenda, making space for discussion among stakeholders for a participatory approach and boost the energy

Better use of National rural networks as gatherings for discussions, conclusions, recommendations to go one step further

Holistic approach to rural development: it does not concern only agriculture, but also ecology, economy, access to service, digital... The measures needs to reflect all these aspects

Rural stakeholders must push together for the development of policies

Discussion on the structuring of EU funding among different actors at National and European level, also in order to overcome the dicotomy among urban and rural.

ERP must push the EU to adopt a European Rural Agenda as a European policy for Rural Area. The action of the Members States and National governments should follow this unique policy

Our three proposals for governments & EU

Allowing and facilitating the access of villages and small citites to structural and social funds, e.g. on cohesion. Simplification and less bureaucracy

Use cohesion funds for rural development and give a higher percentage for LEADER

Boosting the cooperation between Rural and Region basing on the experience at EU level



Good ideas, practices, processes

National Rural Agendas must be really concrete (e.g. 181 measures in France) and must support the practical implementation of initiatives.

France: referent in each Ministry about rural development for a holistic approach and a monitoring of the implementation of Rural Agenda

Giving the voice and boosting issues from National level through Rural Parliament

Open question: New dedicated funds or multi-fund approach for Rural Agenda?