

ERP-Gathering Kielce

Number of the workshop:11

Name of the workshop: **Meeting challenges**

Our responses to challenges:

Challenges:

- Capacity for cooperation /language barriers
- Depopulation
- Covid19- movement from cities to rural areas
- High prices of inputs for farmers
- Youth leaving the rural areas
- Transport & access

Responses:

- Youth council, youth NGO, youth centre (PL, LV, AT)
- Creating platform for networking and cooperation (PL, LV, AT)

Our three proposals for governments & EU

1. give voice & resources to rural youth (at local, regional, national & EU-level)
1. invest in better public transport & sharing (car sharing etc.), bicycle lanes
2. support smart village development
3. support & improve online education -> access to the rural areas (in national languages too!)
4. tax benefits for rural businesses
5. special housing programmes targeting rural youth

Good ideas, practices, processes

- promoting a positive image of the countryside/ rural areas