

Gathering Kielce

Number of the workshop: 30

Name of the workshop: **Meeting the needs of rural communities**

Our responses to challenges:

- poverty in rural areas
- mainly elderly people live in rural areas
- lack of sufficient income opportunities in rural areas, especially for youth
- Lack of cooperation
- Migration from rural areas
 - Small kids have to live with old generation
 - Transport exclusion/access to school and education
 - housing/small villages do not have enough residents
 - Lack of comfortable life for young people due to lack of infrastructure and services
 - Insufficient waste management in rural areas
 - Long food supply chains/rural producers do not know how to reach direct consumers due to lack of education
 - Lack of identity to local environment and products
 - Lack of secure jobs and income
 - Lack of willingness for social participation
 - Care for elderly people
 - Rural people does not know how to apply grants
 - Lack of specific training programs for youth

Our three proposals for governments & EU

- providing minimum/basic income to those live and produce in rural areas
- diversification of economic activities and extension of LEADER/CLLD implementations
- connection/integration of policies and funds apart from CAP

Good ideas, practices, processes

In Spain: giving incentives to university students who go and invest in rural areas

In Serbia: an NGO organize events for youth in urban areas to visit rural areas that they can know about rural life both problems of rural life, but also opportunities/values of rural areas

In Poland: establishing schools and community centres in rural areas, and two people are employed in community centres

Some people live in rural areas, but employed/work in urban areas. This practice changes the behaviors/attitudes of people.