

# RURALITY ENVIRONMENT DEVELOPMENT

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## Call for a European Rural Agenda policy framework of the post-2020 European policy for rural territories



**« MAKING EUROPE GROW WITH ITS RURAL TERRITORIES »**

**contribution for a European Rural Agenda post 2020**

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In addition to its proposal for a European policy for rural territories after 2020

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- **reiterates its support for the continuation after 2020 of a European agricultural policy** that assumes a mission to support agriculture in all its producing and territorial dimensions. This policy must be supported by an Agricultural Fund which can help farmers to deliver the contributions expected by the society and to commit the necessary investments, especially towards territorial agriculture and farmers in southern countries where climate change and migratory pressure will be felt most strongly;
  - **calls for a genuine European policy for rural territories inspired by our proposal « Making Europe grow with its rural territories »<sup>1</sup>**, to achieve the full potential of all sectors in rural territories.
- The guidelines of this policy must be formulated before the start of the next programming period in a **European RURAL AGENDA**, to be quickly adopted by the European authorities at the highest level.
- This **call for a European rural Agenda** has been praised at the conference « For a European Rural Agenda » co-organized in Brussels in April 19, 2016 by R.E.D. and the Committee of the Regions, with the support of the European Countryside Movement.
- The call got also a favorable response from the European Parliament Intergroup "Rural, mountain and remoted areas" which has made it one of his goals. And several national and regional Ministers have already expressed their support for a European Rural Agenda in response to the initiatives taken by R.E.D. in Member States.
- **That European policy for rural territories must be accompanied for its implementation by a European Fund for Rural Territories Development.** Its financial means must match with the stakes of territorial cohesion and sustainable, inclusive and smart growth of the EU, in accordance with the principles of rural-urban balance, equal rights for all and equity of means and practices among all actors and territories.

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