

Workshop 1: Green rural futures

Draft first reflections from the workshop

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What are the key ideas/strands that should go into the vision. Where do we want to go?

- **‘Glocal’ green solutions empower people locally**
- The green transition agenda is translated into feasible, concrete economic development strategies, tailored to local circumstances and accessible to all rural stakeholders including women, small farmers, SMEs, communities
- Local distinctiveness and resources are valorised in the green transition
- The meaning of the green agenda in the local context is understood by everybody
- Farmers and primary sector play a new, much broader role in sustainable energy production, climate action, resource management, food systems etc.

What are the step changes/conditions needed to get to the vision from where we are now?

How do we get there?

- Ensure a strong, long-term policy framework that **sets the direction of travel, builds confidence and encourages investment** in the green transition
- Ensure supportive and responsible **governance** that truly integrates local views (through citizens' councils, LEADER, cooperatives, participatory budgeting...many examples exist)
- Support **changing mindsets** re: green agenda– starting from school age!
- Use **knowledge brokers as drivers of change** – education, rural innovators (communities and businesses), advisers, inter-region exchanges, AKIS, networks