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CORK 2.0 EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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The Cork 2.0 Declaration

A Better Life in Rural Areas

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Cork 2.0 Participants

31% Agricultural value chains

21% Environmental Organisations

28%Territorial Stakeholders

18% Research and knowledge providers

(Court of Auditors, CDG (RD, CAP, DP); ENRD, EIP + Wild Card)

- **Speakers/Moderators/VIPs**
- **Participants**
- **Commission (AGRI, BUDG, ENV, CLIMA, MARE, EMPL)**
- **Project holders**
- **Media**

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Programme

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Day 1:

1. Institutional representatives
2. Four parallel sessions
3. Walking dinner and photo exhibition (migrants)

- Market Place (display of rural projects) -

Day 2:

1. Four parallel sessions (continued)
2. Panel on alternative delivery mechanisms
3. Stakeholder feed-back to plenary
4. Presentation of the Cork Declaration

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(b) Bottlenecks and drivers

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(c) Policy implications and recommendations

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Roles

- Chair (Heino von Meyer)
- Speakers (Commissioner, Presidency, COMAGRI)
- Experts (Academics)
- Facilitators (external and Commission)
- Rapporteurs: Alan Jagoe (CEJA), Kaley Hart (IEEP), Jan Willem van der Schans (University Wageningen), Randel Länts (CoR).

- Harvesting group (Chair, experts, facilitators, Cabinet, H.1)
- Drafting team (Chair, Experts, Cabinet, AGRI)

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Considerations:

- Cork 1996
- International agreements
- Diversity of rural areas
- Rural-urban linkages
- Societal challenges
- Rural-urban digital divide
- Sustainability
- Demography and youth drain
- Economic role of agriculture
- Countryside stewardship
- Territorial role of the CAP
- Complementarity of policies
- Role of CLLD
- Partnership Principle
- Stakeholder reflections
- Focus on result orientation
- Subsidiarity

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Policy Orientations

1. Promoting Rural Prosperity
2. Strengthening Rural Value Chains
3. Investing in Rural Viability and Vitality
4. Preserving the Rural Environment
5. Managing Natural Resources
6. Encouraging Climate Action
7. Boosting Knowledge and Innovation
8. Enhancing Rural Governance
9. Advancing Policy Delivery and Simplification
10. Improving Performance and Accountability

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Conclusions

- **Improve public awareness of the potential of rural areas and resources** to deliver on a wide range of economic, social, and environmental challenges and opportunities benefiting all European citizens;
- **Invest in the identity of rural communities**, the potential for rural growth and to make rural areas attractive for people to live and work in throughout the different stages of their lives;
- **Build on this momentum and further develop the agricultural and rural policy** towards a result-oriented, simple, and flexible approach, based on partnership and reflecting Union objectives as well as the needs and aspirations on the ground;
- **Systematically review other macro and sectorial policies through a rural lens**, considering potential and actual impacts and implications on rural jobs and growth and development prospects, social well-being, and the environmental quality of rural areas and communities;
- **Support this 10-point programme and incorporate its vision and orientations** into future policy development.

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"The architecture of the CAP must be based on a common strategic and programming framework that provides for targeting all interventions to well-defined economic, social, and environmental objectives.

This should reflect the needs and aspirations of the territories concerned and should respect the partnership principle."

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Thank you for your attention!

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