

## Generational Renewal

Generational renewal in a rural development context goes beyond a reduction in the average age of farmers in the EU. It is also about empowering a new generation of highly qualified young farmers to bring the full benefits of technology in order to support sustainable farming practices in Europe.

Young farmers can make a pertinent contribution to promoting rural prosperity, strengthening rural value chains, and investing in rural viability and vitality – three of the ten policy orientations articulated in the [Cork 2.0 Declaration](#) [1] of September 2016.

Nonetheless, young people interested in taking up farming face challenges such as access to land, finance, knowledge and training.

In this context, the ENRD Contact Point supports generational renewal through thematic activities such as:

- identifying how various Rural Development Programme (RDP) Measures could be effectively implemented to facilitate access to land, finance, knowledge and training;
- facilitating cooperation and information exchange between National Rural Network (NRN) representatives and young farmers and new entrants into farming.

**Browse through the sections below to explore various ENRD, EU and national resources related to generational renewal in European rural development.**

See also related material on '[Social Inclusion](#) [2]', including a factsheet on [social inclusion of young people in rural areas](#) [3].

ENRD resources

### Good practices

- Browse through the [good practice examples related to young farmers](#) [4] in the ENRD Projects database.

### Factsheets

The following factsheets present good practice examples of young farmers from different farming

sectors involved in innovation, new technologies, cooperation and increased production.

- [New entrants with no farming background](#) [5], Jeunes Agriculteurs, France
- [Innovation Cultivating Tradition](#) [6], Fabio Curto, Italy
- [Developing a product prototype through cooperation](#) [7], Eleonora Lisi, Italy
- [Joint family effort for improved and sustainable results](#) [8], Juraj, Lucia and Marek Mačaj, Slovakia
- [Increased farm productivity](#) [9], Richard Bower, United Kingdom

## Events

- [ENRD Workshop on 'Generational Renewal through Rural Development](#) [10]' (25 January 2017)  
- see [meeting highlights](#) [11]
- [ENRD Workshop on 'Attracting Young Farmers and Fostering Generational Renewal in Rural Areas'](#) [12] (10 December 2018) - see [meeting highlights](#) [13]
- [ENRD Workshop on 'Generational Renewal: Attracting Young Farmers and Entrepreneurs in Rural Areas'](#) [14] (22 February 2019) - see [meeting highlights](#) [15]

## Videos

- Explore a range of [videos on young farmers and rural youth](#) [16] at the EURural YouTube channel of the ENRD.

## Publications

- [EAFRD Projects Brochure 'Youth and Generational Renewal'](#) [17]

Exchange schemes for young farmers

- Explore a wide variety of [exchange schemes for young farmers](#) [18] that exist in the EU, worldwide and in your country.

EU resources

## Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) funding

- See an overview of the various types of [CAP financial support to young farmers](#) [19]

## Publications

- [Young farmers - Policy implementation after the 2013 CAP reform](#) [20], European Parliament Think Tank, 2017
- [EU support to young farmers should be better targeted to foster effective generational renewal](#) [21], Special report of the European Court of Auditors, 2017
- [Young farmers and the CAP](#) [22], Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI), European Commission, 2016
- [Pilot project: Exchange programmes for young farmers](#) [23], commissioned by DG AGRI, 2015
  - [Needs of young farmers](#) [24] (part I)
  - [Exchange schemes for young farmers](#) [25] (Part II)
  - [Guide for successful exchange schemes](#) [26] (Part III)
  - Individual [country reports and factsheets](#) [27] on young farmers' needs in each EU

Member State.

## EIP-AGRI information materials

- A collection of outputs from a dedicated [EIP-AGRI](#) [28] Focus Group on '[New entrants into farming: lessons to foster innovation and entrepreneurship](#) [29]'.

## European initiatives

The following organisations work at the EU level to represent young farmers across Europe and promote the next generation of sustainable farmers.

- [European Council of Young Farmers](#) [30] (CEJA)
  - See the results of an EU-wide survey '[European Young Farmers: Building a Sustainable Sector](#) [31]'
- [Future farmers in the Spotlight](#) [32]

## National initiatives

National Rural Networks (NRNs) have launched various initiatives to raise awareness of young farmers' needs and highlight good practice examples.

- [Young and farmer](#) [33] (a European collaborative initiative of eight NRNs)
- [YOURuralnet](#) [34] community of practice (Italian NRN)
- [Videofarmers](#) [35] good practice video material (Italian NRN)
- [Young people, a key resource](#) [36] thematic publication (French NRN)

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### Links

[1] [https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/cork-20-and-future-rural-development\\_en](https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/cork-20-and-future-rural-development_en)

[2] [https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/enrd-thematic-work/social-inclusion\\_en](https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/enrd-thematic-work/social-inclusion_en)

[3] [http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/w8\\_factsheet2\\_youth.pdf](http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/w8_factsheet2_youth.pdf)

[4] [https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/projects-practice\\_en?full\\_text\\_projects\\_search=young&project\\_keywords\\_filter=All&project\\_country=All&field\\_enrd\\_prj\\_measure\\_tid=All&field\\_enrd\\_prj\\_focus\\_area\\_tid=All](https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/projects-practice_en?full_text_projects_search=young&project_keywords_filter=All&project_country=All&field_enrd_prj_measure_tid=All&field_enrd_prj_focus_area_tid=All)

[5] [http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/w13\\_genren\\_factsheet\\_fr.pdf](http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/w13_genren_factsheet_fr.pdf)

[6] [http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/w13\\_genren\\_factsheet\\_it1\\_0.pdf](http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/w13_genren_factsheet_it1_0.pdf)

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[10] [https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/news-events/events/enrd-workshop-%E2%80%99generational-renewal-through-rural-development%E2%80%99\\_en](https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/news-events/events/enrd-workshop-%E2%80%99generational-renewal-through-rural-development%E2%80%99_en)

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[12] [https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/news-events/events/enrd-workshop-attracting-young-farmers-and-fostering-generational-renewal-rural\\_en](https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/news-events/events/enrd-workshop-attracting-young-farmers-and-fostering-generational-renewal-rural_en)

[13] [https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/w32\\_attracting\\_young\\_farmers\\_event-highlights.pdf](https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/w32_attracting_young_farmers_event-highlights.pdf)

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- [21] <http://www.eca.europa.eu/en/Pages/DocItem.aspx?did=41529>
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