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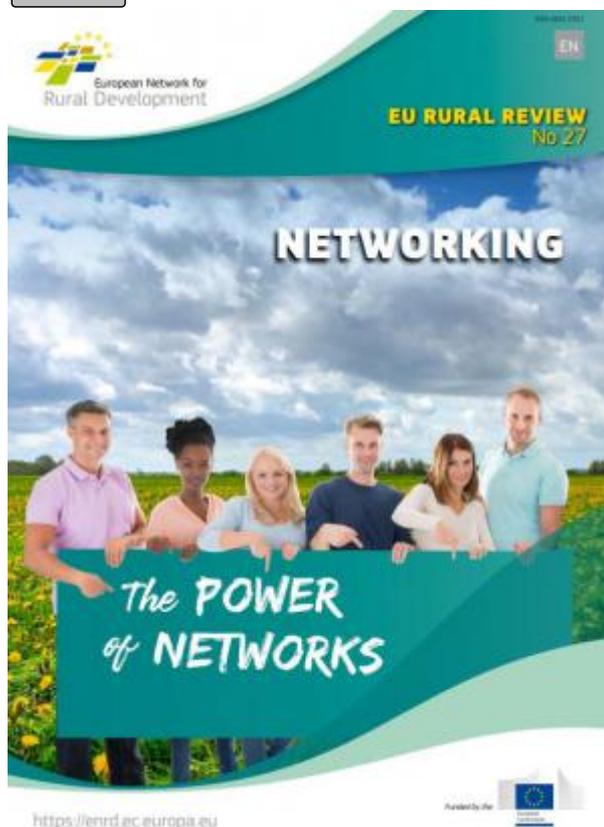
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[EU Rural Review 27 now online](#) [1]

The new **EU Rural Review on Networking** is available on the [ENRD website](#) [2]! This issue of the **EU Rural Review** examines the role of networking in Rural Development policy.

It traces how networking has evolved to become a defining characteristic of rural development in Europe and explains how the future policy environment at European level will remain supportive with the CAP post 2020 expected to rely on networking to an even greater extent.

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[Rural Inspiration Awards: Meet the winners!](#) [4]

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The winners of the ENRD Rural Inspiration Awards were announced on the evening of 11 April during a nail-biting ceremony hosted by Phil Hogan, European Commissioner for Agriculture & Rural Development, at '[networX - Inspiring Rural Europe](#) [5]'.

The Rural Inspiration Awards recognise the most inspiring initiatives funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) demonstrating the contribution of Rural Development policy towards a more competitive, sustainable and inclusive rural Europe.

The 2019 Rural Inspiration Awards winners are:

- **Improving the competitiveness of rural areas:** [AGROBERRY](#) [8]
- **Environment and climate action:** [Kowalski Farm](#) [9]
- **Rural revitalisation:** [Kuitua Pohjoiseen](#) [10]
- **Social inclusion:** [Enerterre](#) [11]
- **LEADER/CLLD:** [Tiges Chavées](#) [12]
- **Popular Vote:** [Zeitgeist-Enns](#) [13]

An expert jury selected one winner for each of the 5 thematic categories from the overall list of [25 nominees](#) [6]. The Popular Vote winner was selected by online voting. The 25 nominees have been shortlisted by the ENRD Contact Point from a total of 176 entries proposed by the National Rural Network support units.

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- ENRD Contact Point

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[The 2019 LIFE call for projects is now open!](#) [14]

The **[LIFE programme](#)** [15] is the funding tool of the EU for the environment and climate action. The programme has recently opened its 2019 call for proposals.

The bioeconomy-related calls are the following:

- [Environment and resource efficiency](#) [16]
- [Environmental governance and information](#) [17]
- [Climate change mitigation](#) [18]

More information on the 2019 call is available at the following [link](#) [19] as well as in the [FAQs](#) [20].

Source:

- EU institutions

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[Managing ecosystem services](#) [21]

A recent [policy brief](#) [22] produced by [BiodivERsA](#) [23] - a pan-European network promoting research on biodiversity and ecosystem services - explores policy tools to manage ecosystem services.

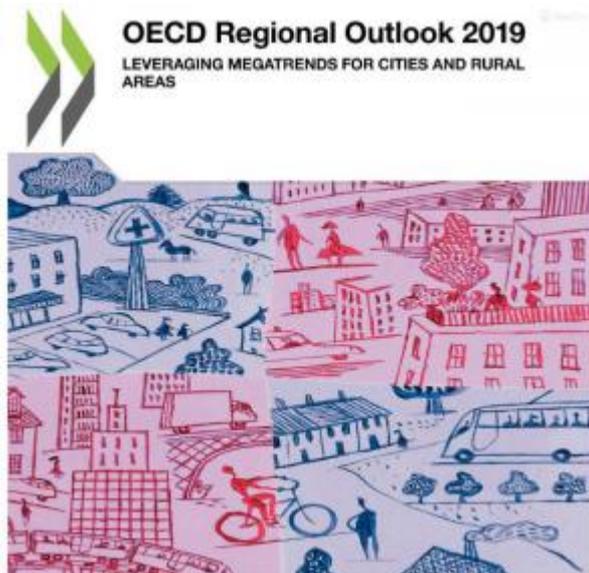
The brief provides insights and policy recommendations on how participative ecosystem services scenarios and optimisation tools allow the identification of the most sustainable and desirable policy responses and management options for the future.

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- European stakeholders

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[Addressing inequalities across regions](#) [24]

The [2019 Regional Outlook](#) [25] produced by the [OECD](#) [26] highlights the need for place-based policies to address economic disparities across regions.

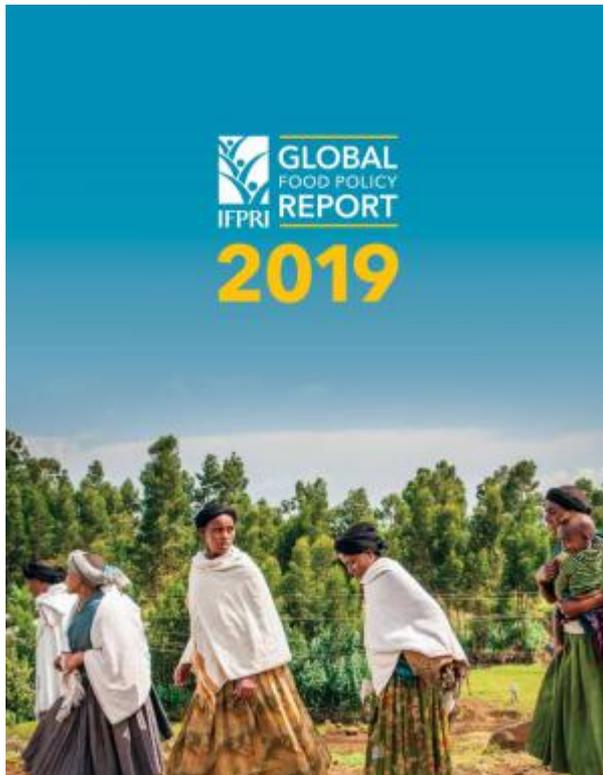
Place-based policies will become even more important in the future due to several technological, demographic and environmental megatrends, the effects of which are likely to vary from region to region, including within the same country. The report presents steps that policy makers can take today to make the next generation of regional policies fit for the future.

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- International Organisations

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[Rural Revitalisation and Sustainable Development Goals](#) [27]

A [new report](#) [28] by [IFPRI](#) [29] explores the potential of rural revitalisation to improve rural lives and meet the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#) [30].

Rural people around the world continue to struggle with food insecurity, persistent poverty and inequality, and environmental degradation. Policies, institutions, and investments that take advantage of new opportunities and technologies, increase access to basic services, create more and better rural jobs, foster gender equality, and restore the environment can make rural areas vibrant and healthy places to live and work.

Source:

- International Organisations

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19/04/2019



[Smart solutions in short food supply chains](#) ^[31]

Discover the [Horizon 2020](#) ^[32] project [SMARTCHAIN](#) ^[33], aiming to stimulate demand-driven innovation in short food supply chains to improve competitiveness and foster rural development using multi-actor approach.

The project will develop an interactive innovation platform where all actors involved in the project can work together making the best use of scientific and practical knowledge for the co-creation and dissemination of innovative solutions to practical problems.

Source:

- European stakeholders

Publication date:

18/04/2019



[networX - Final agenda now available!](#) ^[34]

On 11-12 April, over 400 rural development enthusiasts will gather in Brussels for '[networX](#) ^[5]', the event building on ten years of rural development networking. The [agenda](#) ^[35] is now available online.

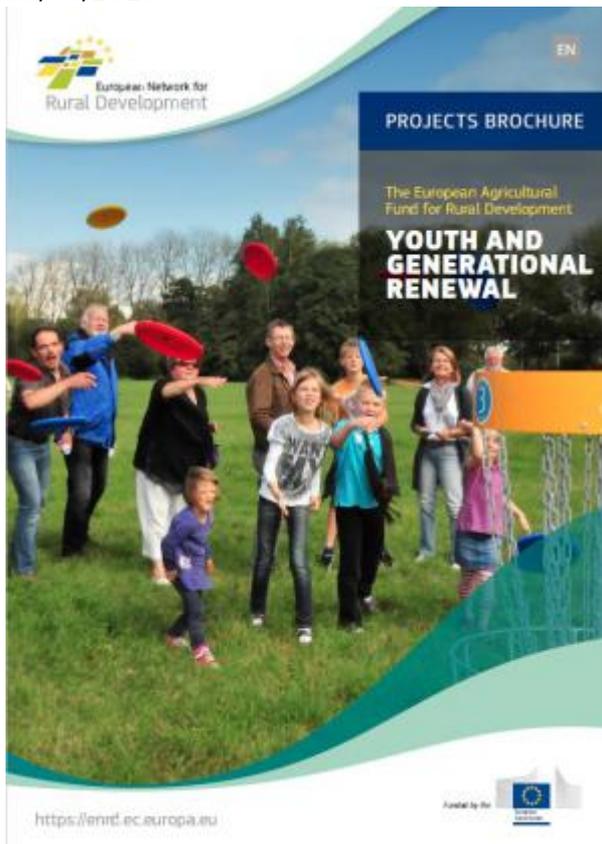
An interactive format will ensure plenty of space and time for informal discussions, inspiring conversations and sharing of experiences.

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- ENRD Contact Point

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[New EAFRD Projects Brochure 'Youth and Generational Renewal'](#) [36]

The new EAFRD Projects Brochure on Youth and Generational Renewal is available on the [ENRD website](#) [37]!

This issue includes twelve EAFRD-funded projects that show how Rural Development policy is helping to make rural areas more attractive places for young people to live and work, in agriculture and beyond.

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[SMARTGAS - farming with biogas](#) [38]

This [project](#) [39] is gathering agricultural stakeholders in Tuscany to foster farming with biogas. It aims to reduce the carbon footprint, increase sustainability and build resilience to climate change in cropping systems.

Find this and other inspiring projects in our [Rural Bioeconomy Portal](#) [40]!

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