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## [Resource Efficiency: Background paper](#) <sup>[1]</sup>

This document outlines and informs the scope and context of the ENRD Thematic Group on 'Resource Efficiency'. It identifies the relevant policy priorities and describes the policy programming related to the subject.

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- Climate change adaptation, Environmental protection, Knowledge transfer, Natural resources



**[Water and Soil Management: inventory of examples and case studies](#)** [3]

This inventory was put together by the ENRD Thematic Group on '[Sustainable Management of Water and Soils](#)' [4] (2017-2018).

It overviews various initiatives in terms of challenges, lessons learned and recommendations, including on ways of making better use of public support.

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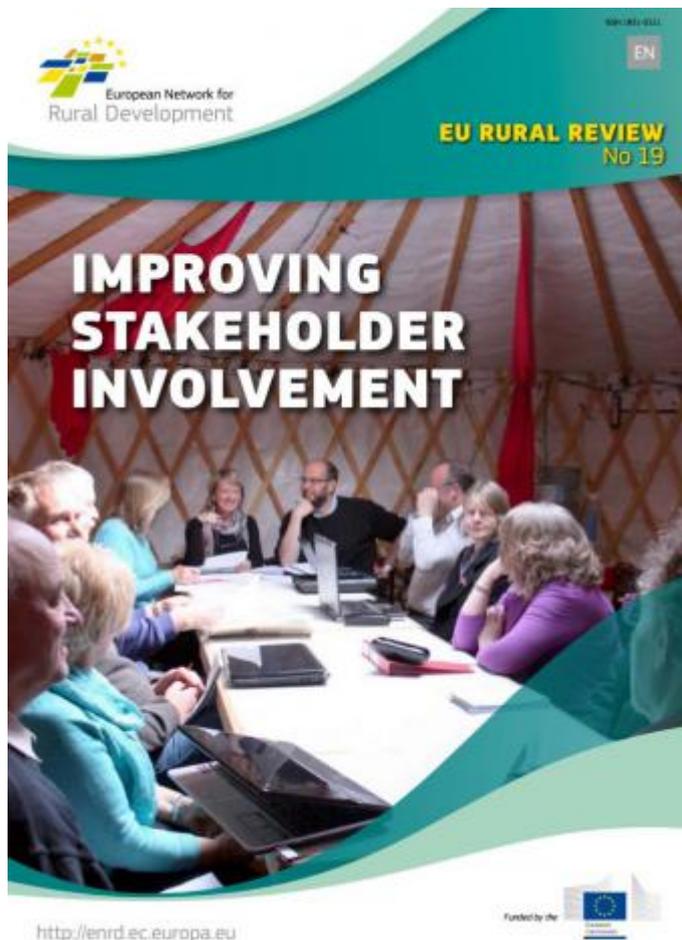
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## [EU Rural Review 19 'Improving Stakeholder Involvement'](#) [6]

This issue examines the importance of stakeholder involvement in rural development and the methods that can be used to support it. It provides information and guidance on the main types of stakeholder groups in rural development, the EU legal basis of stakeholder involvement and ways in which it can contribute to rural development policy. The issue provides examples of good stakeholder involvement.

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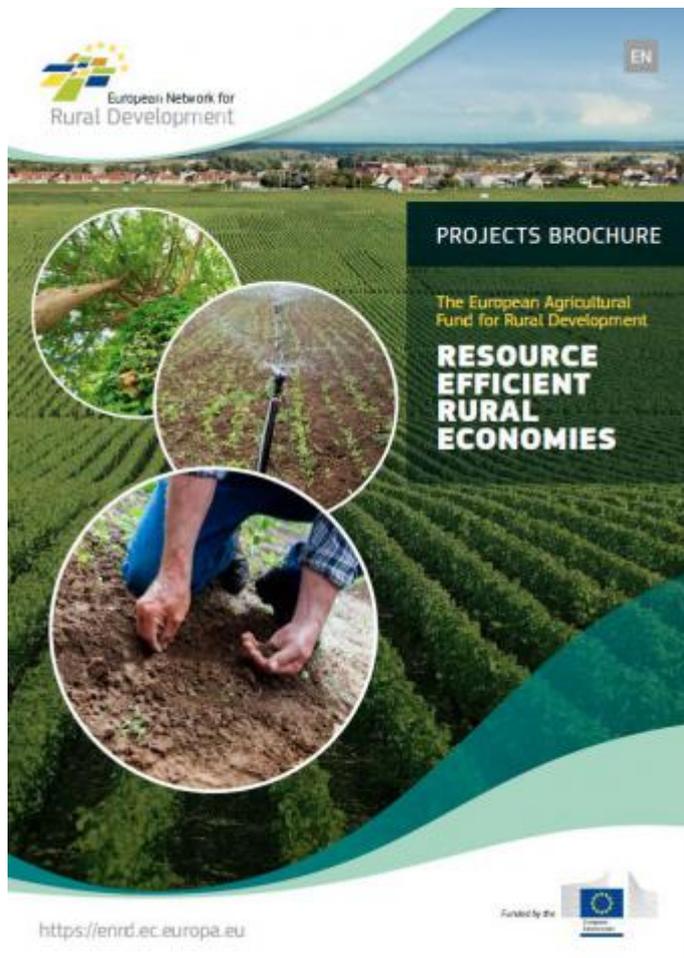
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## [EAFRD Projects Brochure 'Resource-Efficient Rural Economies'](#) [13]

This edition of the EAFRD Projects Brochure explores how Rural Development Programme (RDP) funding – co-financed by the EAFRD – has been used to support the sustainable use of natural resources, particularly water and soil.

The concept of resource efficiency is based on the idea of 'doing more with less'. In this context, the projects featured in this edition highlight inspiring practices of creating greater economic and environmental value from fewer inputs.

The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) is providing valuable support to Europe's rural economies, encouraging a faster rate of change towards a more sustainable agricultural sector.

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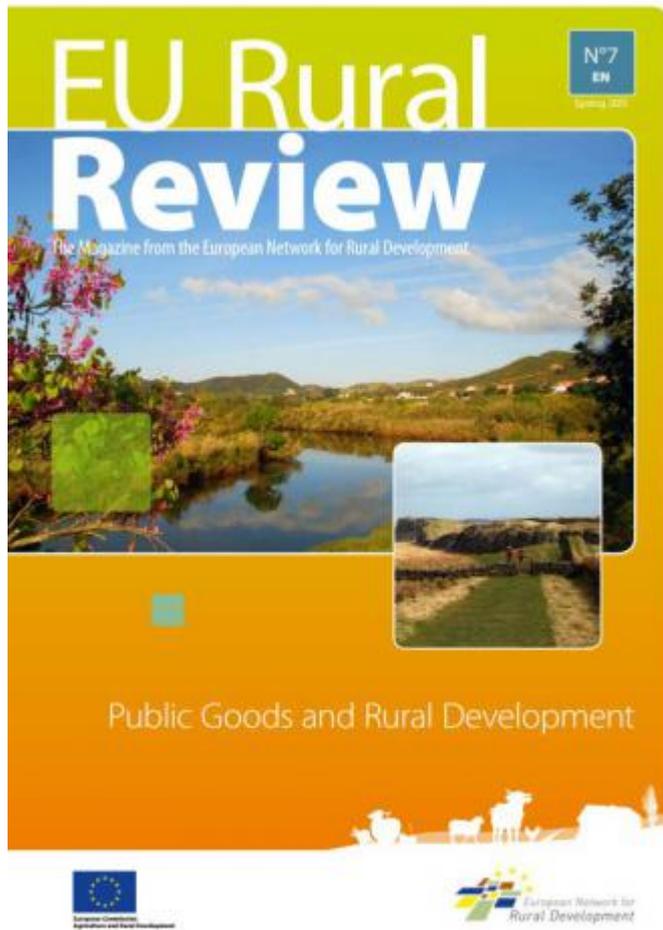
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The role of EU agriculture and rural development policies in the delivery of public goods in rural areas throughout Europe.

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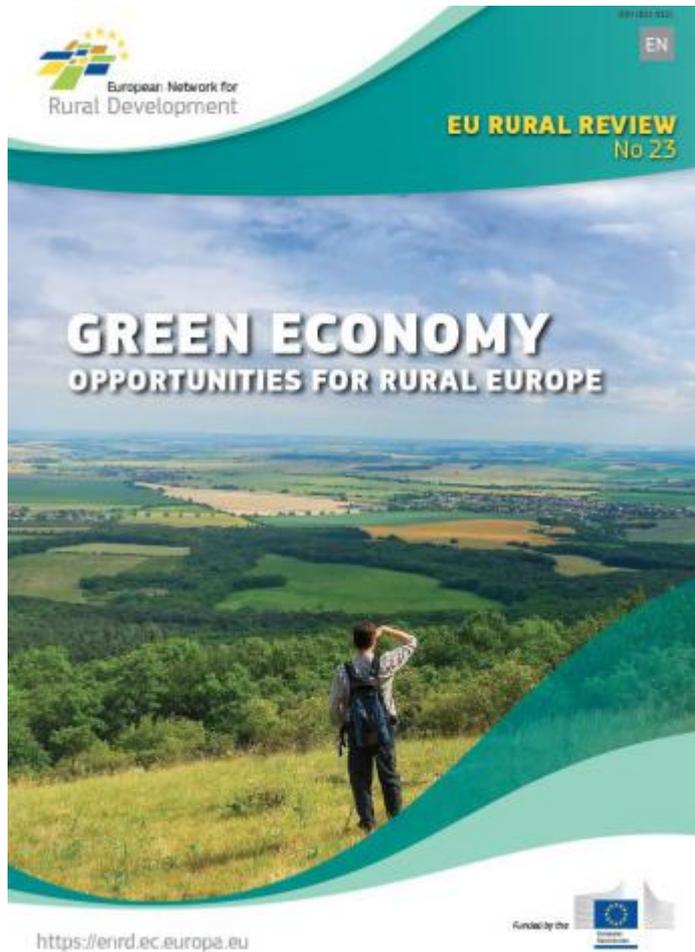
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## [EU Rural Review 23 'Green Economy - Opportunities for Rural Europe'](#) [27]

This issue of the EU Rural Review explores some of the ways in which social and environmental sustainability can contribute to economic growth in Europe's rural areas.

It highlights some of the particular opportunities for rural areas from the transition to the green economy, including through the move to the low-carbon economy and more sustainable farming and forestry. It also looks at practical aspects of green economy projects and how cooperation can help deliver improved outcomes.

Throughout, it considers how the Rural Development Programmes (RDPs) can best support efforts in these areas.

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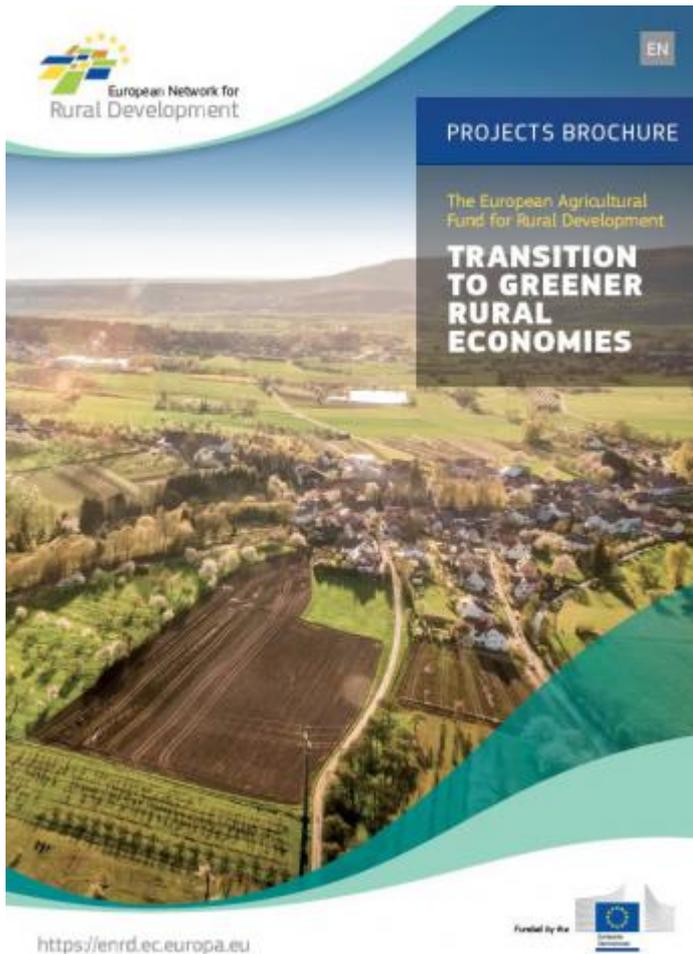
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## [EAFRD Projects Brochure 'Transition to Greener Rural Economies'](https://enrd.ec.europa.eu) [34]

This edition of the EAFRD Projects Brochure explores how people in rural areas have used Rural Development Programme (RDP) funding - co-financed by the EAFRD - to support actions that can be part of the 'Transition to Greener Rural Economies'.

This transition is about taking advantage of economic opportunities that are environmentally and socially sustainable. It is also about pursuing improved environmental performance in ways that are economically and socially viable.

The projects reflect some of the breadth of relevant approaches that can be supported under the (RDPs), including: making a living from biodiversity; doing more with less; promoting green tourism; generating renewable energy from rural production; installing renewable energy infrastructure in rural areas; and cooperating for a greener economy.

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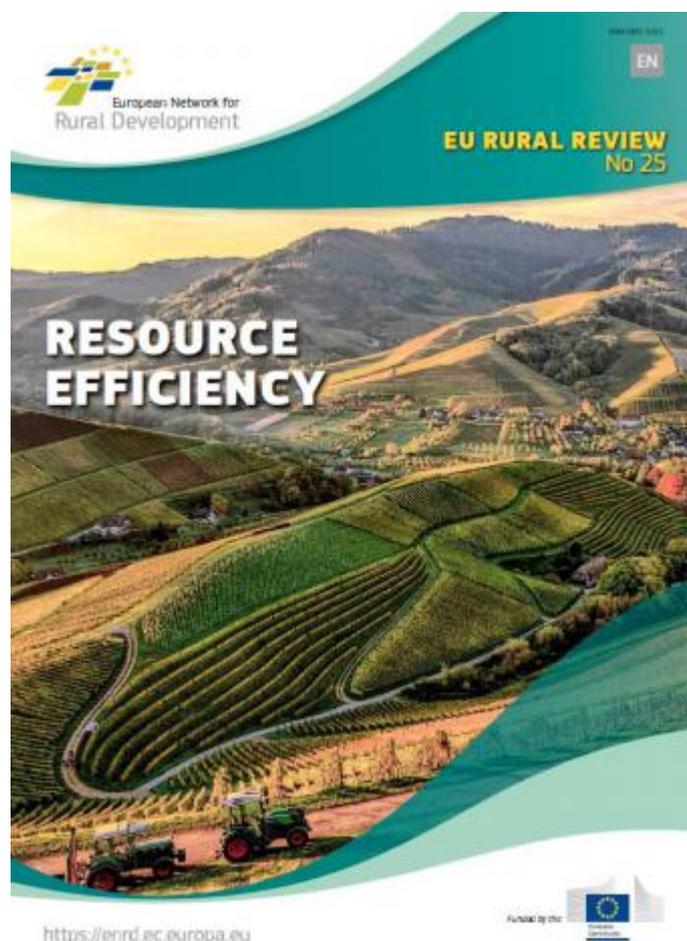
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## [EU Rural Review 25 'Resource Efficiency'](#) [41]

This issue of the EU Rural Review explores the resource efficiency challenge and examines what the concept of 'doing more with less' means for rural development. It highlights how rural areas can become more resource-efficient and is focused exclusively on water and soil management.

The issue overviews resource-efficient rural practices and highlights how the EU's Rural Development policy can be best used to support an improved management of natural resources. Additionally, it profiles the EU's LIFE programme whose pilot projects provide many inspiring examples of sustainable practices that can be replicated by the agricultural and other rural business sectors.

It is informed by the broader ENRD thematic work on '[Resource-Efficient](#) [42][Rural Economy](#) [42]'

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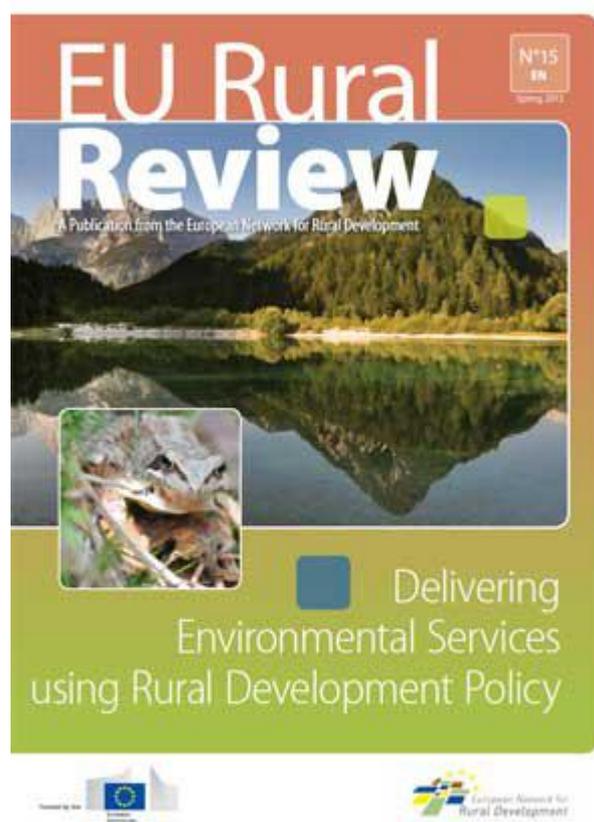
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**[EU Rural Review 15 'Delivering Environmental Services Using Rural Development Policy'](#) [49]**

Rural Europe plays a central role in the provision of environmental services such as preserving biodiversity, contributing to climate regulation—by reducing emissions and sequestering carbon, protecting water quality and availability, preserving soil functionality and air quality, reinforcing resilience to flooding and/or fire and maintaining landscape values.

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**[EU Rural Review 17 'Family Farming'](#)** [57]

The United Nations has declared 2014 the [International Year of Family Farming](#) [58], the primary aim of which is to promote, develop and strengthen all types of family-oriented agriculture as a socially valuable, economically viable and environmentally sustainable model.

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