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[EU Rural Review 30 'Climate action in rural areas'](#) ^[1]

Climate action, particularly climate change mitigation, can provide opportunities for the primary sector, rural communities and businesses to become more sustainable, resilient and competitive. These rural development stakeholders can make a major contribution to the European Green Deal, the roadmap for a sustainable EU economy.

This edition of the EU Rural Review looks at how rural areas are making significant contributions towards climate action, also thanks to EAFRD support.

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- Environmental sustainability, European Green Deal, Renewable energy



[EU Rural Review 29 'LEADER Achievements'](#) [3]

LEADER is one of the longest standing, most successful and popular European-wide initiatives.

This EU Rural Review explores how the seven LEADER principles are interpreted today by people who have been deeply involved with implementing LEADER in rural communities across Europe.

The articles show how the principles work in practice, how they deliver results and ensure sustained performance over time, and how they are adaptable to deal with the emerging challenges and opportunities facing rural areas.

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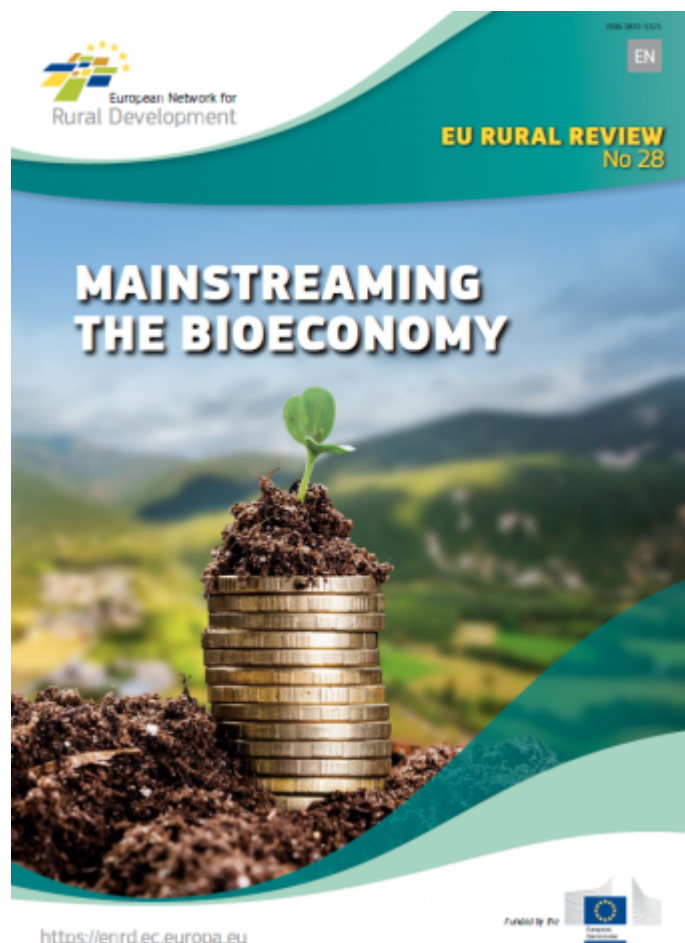
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[EU Rural Review 28 'Bioeconomy'](#) [13]

The theme of this EU Rural Review is 'mainstreaming the bioeconomy'.

With the spotlight firmly focused on how society can manage its natural resources in a sustainable way, rural areas around Europe are increasingly getting primed and ready to reap the benefits of the bioeconomy. This publication looks at the major role played by the new EU Bioeconomy Strategy as well as the importance of local and regional actors to enhance the development of the bioeconomy.

The content of the publication has been informed by the work of the ENRD Thematic Group on '[Mainstreaming the Bioeconomy](#)' [14].

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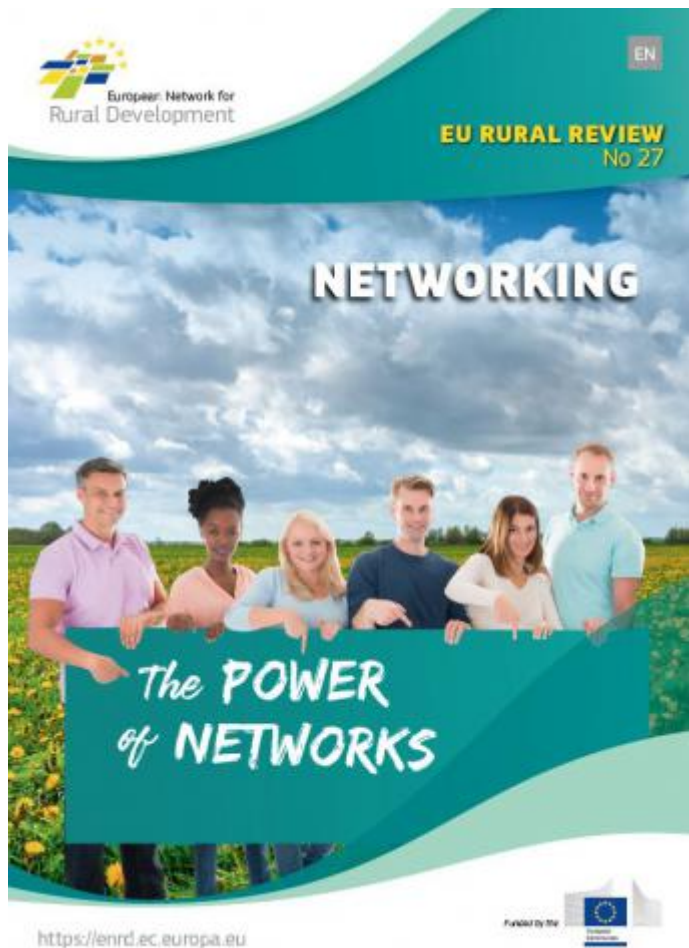
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EU Rural Review 27 ‘Networking’ [24]

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.

All types of rural stakeholders interact in today’s increasingly diverse networking ecosystem. The publication concludes by considering how Networking will continue to evolve under the future policy environment.

For more about networking check out ‘[networX](#)’ [25], the largest gathering of rural networking practitioners organised under the current programming period.

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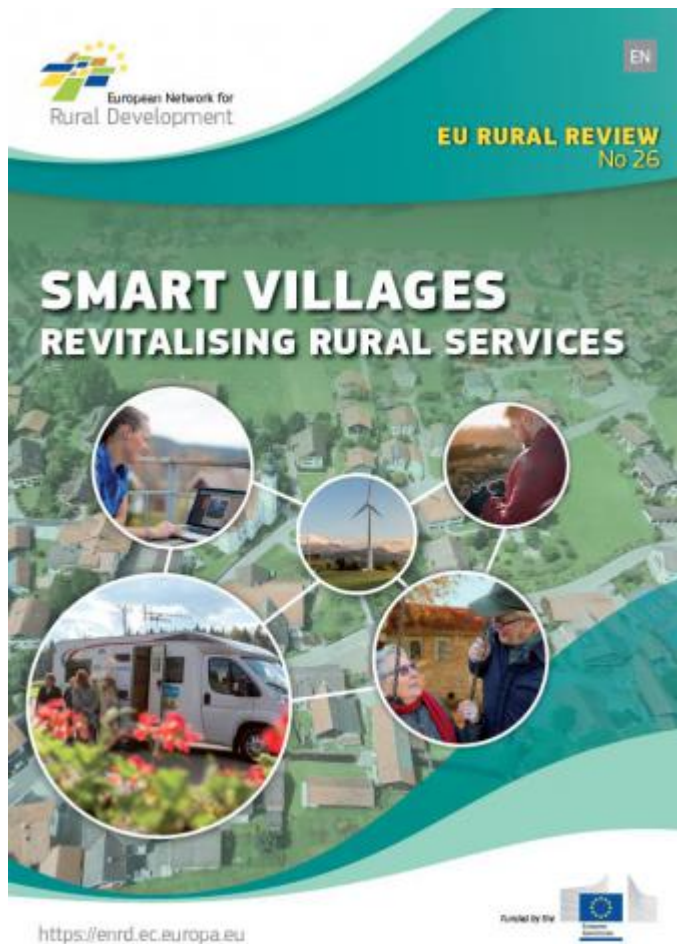
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[EU Rural Review 26 'Smart Villages: Revitalising Rural Services'](#) [33]

This issue of the EU Rural Review showcases rural communities across Europe taking the initiative to find practical solutions to challenges they face and seize new opportunities.


It explores how digital and social innovation can be used in new, creative ways to improve basic services in rural areas. It further looks at national and regional approaches to creating an enabling environment, as well as how the Rural Development Programmes can catalyse rural service innovation.

The content of this edition has been informed by the broader ENRD thematic work on '[Smart Villages](#) [34]'.

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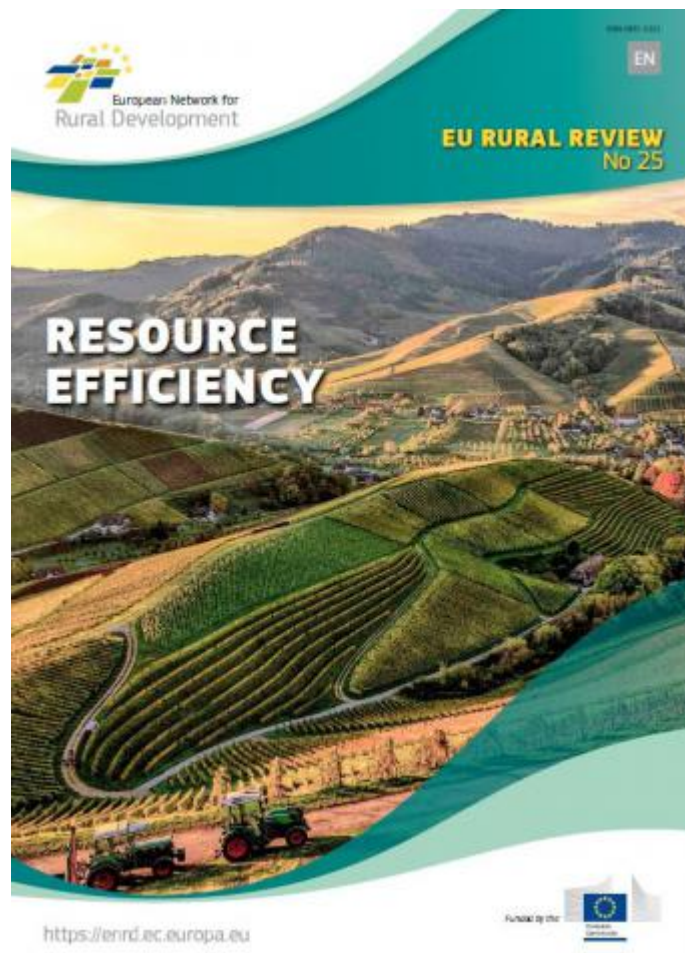
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- Digitisation, Innovation, RDPs, Rural services, Smart Villages



[EU Rural Review 25 'Resource Efficiency'](#) [44]

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](#)' [45] [Rural Economy](#) [45]'.

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EU Rural Review 24 'Re-imagining Rural Business Opportunities' [52]

This issue of the EU Rural Review explores some of the latest thinking and practice in how rural entrepreneurship can be supported to take advantage of emerging opportunities and latent potential in order to develop new forms of successful rural business.

Without seeking to ignore the many challenges facing Europe's rural areas, the issue overviews new opportunities emerging from sectors ranging from the biotechnology to the experience economy and from possibilities created by new information technologies to changing consumer demand.

Finally, it examines how the Rural Development Programmes can be deployed strategically to take advantage of these opportunities, finding smarter ways to deliver effective business support and making targeted efforts to overcome some of the specifically rural challenges.

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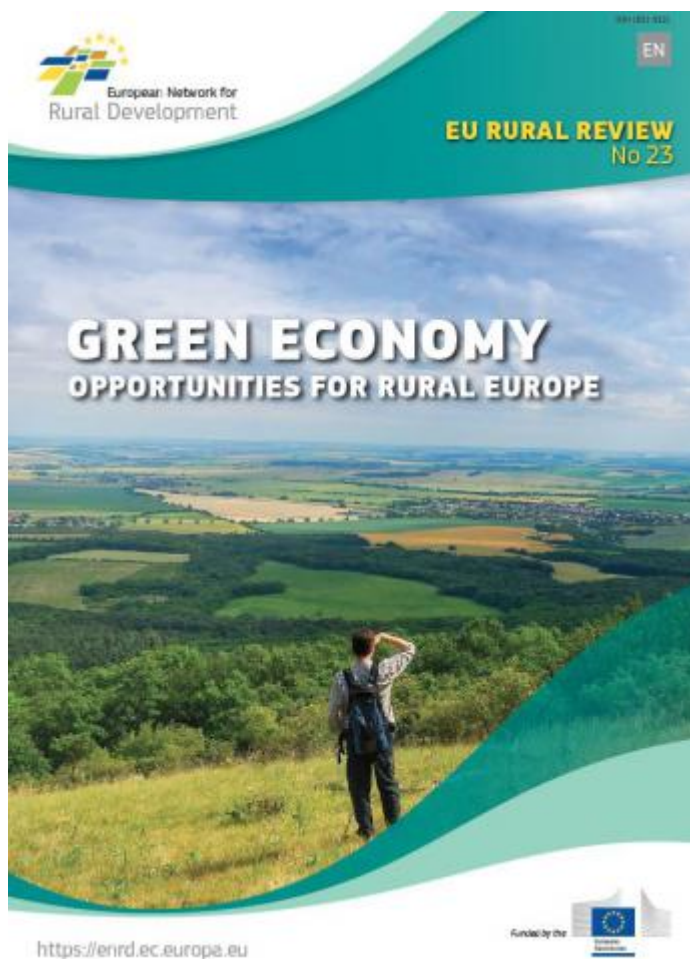
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- Access to market, Advisory services, Cooperation, Digitisation, Entrepreneurship, LEADER/CLLD, Rural business, Rural SMEs, Vocational training & skills acquisition



[EU Rural Review 23 'Green Economy - Opportunities for Rural Europe'](#) [60]


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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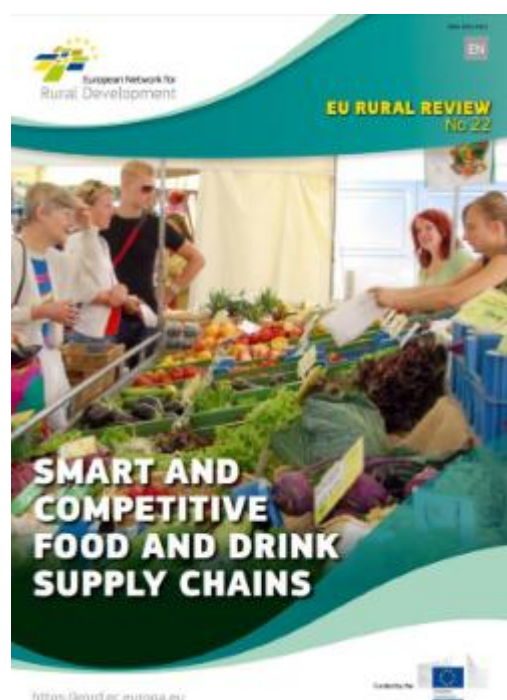
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- Biodiversity, Climate change adaptation, Cooperation, Energy efficiency, Environmental sustainability, Forestry, Natural resources, Organic farming



[EU Rural Review 22 'Smart and Competitive Food and Drink Supply Chains'](#) [67]

This issue focuses on opportunities for “improving competitiveness of primary producers by better integrating them into the agri-food chain” – one of the Focus Areas of EU Rural Development policy.

The publication provides an overview of the various means for adding value in food and drink supply chains. It goes on to explore major market opportunities for rural producers in terms of: increasing the rural market; improving access to urban markets; and accessing the market for public food.

The publication stresses the importance of targeted strategies for supporting smarter supply chains using effective links with research and the Rural Development Programmes (RDPs).

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[EU Rural Review 21 'Rural Responses to Challenges in Europe'](#) [74]

This issue highlights the relevance of EU Rural Development policy to wider societal challenges and the practical opportunities to deliver the greatest positive impact on the ground. It focuses on responses to the challenges of limited rural broadband internet access, global climate change and the current refugee crisis. It goes on to explore some of the new and developing EU policy tools: multi-funded CLLD; the European Fund for Strategic Investments; and the RDP Cooperation Measure.

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