
Socially Inclusive Futures

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Socially Inclusive Rural

'Inclusive society is defined as a society for all, in which every individual has an active role to play. Such a society is based on fundamental values of equity, equality, social justice, and human rights and freedoms, as well as on the principles of tolerance and embracing diversity'

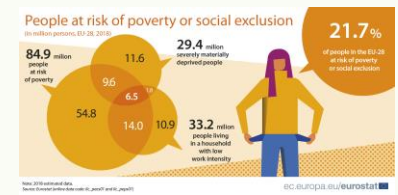
(United Nations
Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization, 2012)



Socially Inclusive Futures: Considerations

A Socially Inclusive Rural in 2040?

Enabling Conditions to achieve our 2040 Vision






Digital Space for Children's Artwork and Writing

Local Action Group	Sligo LCDC
Implementing Partner	County Sligo LEADER Partnership Company
Project Name	Digital Space for Children's Artwork and Writing
Promoter Name	Kelly Owen Publishing Partnership
Address	40 Wolfe Tone Street, Sligo, Co. Sligo
LEADER Theme	Social Inclusion
LEADER Sub-theme	Rural Youth
LEADER Grant Amount	€14,789.75



Rural Youth: 2040



A Socially Inclusive Rural 2040: Youth

- Alleviate existing disparities, for rural youth who face challenges relating to **poverty; education, training or employment opportunities**, and **access to basic services** such as health care, **transport and new technology** (Eurostat, 2015).

Enabling Rural 2040 Vision

- **Services Essential for youth retention and/or return**
- **Youth Councils – Youth Boards** (LEADER Groups) – Create engagement for decision making.
- **Networking Youth Projects** – inclusion and integration – community connection and place attachment – a sense of place.
- **Generational Renewal in Farming** – Policies and Practices



NUIG Rural Youth Study 2019



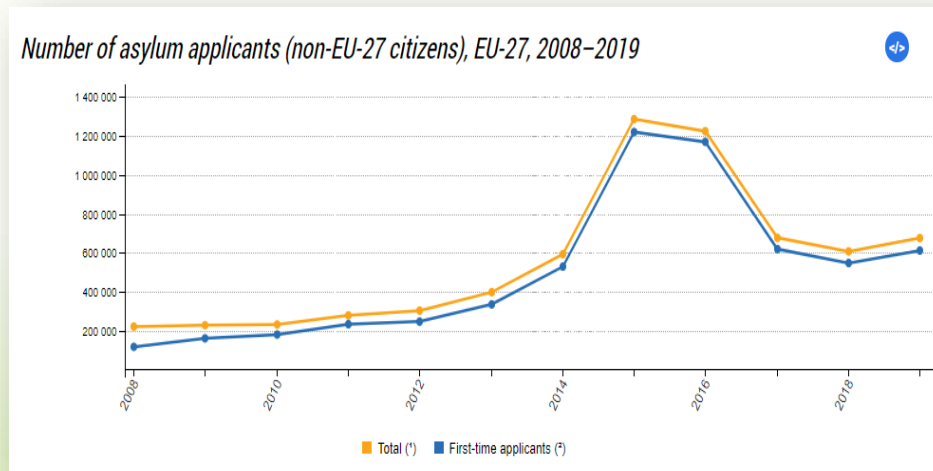
Rural Migrants and Refugees: 2040

Migration And Migrant Population Statistics

- 21.8 million people (4.9 %) of the 446.8 million people living in the EU-27 on 1 January 2019 were non-EU-27 citizens.

Refugees – Asylum Seekers

Asylum seekers on average are less concentrated in urban areas and increasingly situated in rural areas OECD (2018).



Enabling Rural 2040 - Inclusion/Integration Projects: LEADER

Ireland



Sweden



Austria



Gender in Rural 2040

Enabling A Rural Vision2040

Women slightly more than **50%** of EU population

Women represent slightly less than 50% of the total working age population in the rural areas of the EU

Education, age and life cycle stage factors affecting women's labour market situation. Share of self-employed women in the EU differs considerably across countries.

Across EU - gender segregation of the labour market = women are more likely to be concentrated in lower paid employment, and less senior roles.

Around 30% of farms across the EU-28 are managed by women, but this can be via inheritance or in countries with a high presence of female farm labour.

Women in Agriculture

- Access to land
- Recognition
- Equal opportunities
- Encourage and support women farmer's participation in the decision-making processes.
- Support rural women organisations

Women in Rural Enterprise

- Training and Education
- Ring-Fenced Funding
- Access to finance
- Access to childcare



Diversity in Rural 2040



INCLUSIVE RURAL

- Older rural residents – older farmers
- LGBT+
- New Entrants to farming
- Newcomers to rural areas
- Migrants/Refugees
- Marginalised groups
- People with disabilities



ENABLING A RURAL VISION 2040

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- Those without a strong/supported voice need to be heard – they need a platform.
- Fund projects, programmes and education (Social Enterprise and Social Farming)
- Embrace skills and diverse methods of working and farming (migrants and refugees).
- Provide access to land opportunities for rural newcomers, new entrants to farming and young farmers.

Conclusion

Socially Inclusive Rural 2040

- Requires the availability of high-quality public facilities and services to create opportunities for rural inhabitants and enhance well-being.
- People centred Rural 2040 – Environmentally aware, economically viable and socially included.
- Embrace diversity, harness people's skills and ability to achieve success.
- View diversity as an rural opportunity and not a rural challenge.
- Inclusive, interactive communities, where all are valued and included.

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Long-Term Rural Vision 2040



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Thriving rural, declining rural
Living rural, dying rural
Resilient rural, weak rural
Idyllic rural, realistic rural
Which rural is your rural?
Peripheral rural, urban/rural
Diverse rural, homogenous rural
Community rural, isolating rural
Engaging rural, dividing rural
Which rural is your rural?
My rural is a shared rural



Share what's good, share what works
In sharing, we create a vision
A vision, a dream, an aspiration, a goal
A long-term goal, a future goal

Thinking now, no delay, work now, no stray
Consider what works, plan ahead



Agriculture, innovation, entrepreneurship, community, smart village,
traditional village, bioeconomy, biodiversity

For young, old, newcomer, new entrant, successor, 'remainder', or returner,
volunteer or worker

An EU Rural of the Future – working for me, working for you
Maybe your rural is my vision; maybe my vision is your rural!



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Thank You