

Policy Event

BREAKING THE CYCLE OF RURAL DECLINE

29 April 2025 | Online | Teams

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Timing	Session
10:00 – 10:15	Welcome and introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Welcoming words, overview of the agenda and presentation of the keynote speakers Euromontana ➤ Presentation of ESIRA Project University of Burgos
10:15 – 10:30	Understanding rural vulnerabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This session will provide an overview of the main challenges and vulnerabilities faced by rural communities in the EU. It will also explore how territorial and social vulnerabilities interact, creating a self-reinforcing cycle of decline. HÉTFA Research Institute
10:30 – 10:50	Social economy success stories from rural communities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This presentation will highlight the added value of the social economy in rural areas and share inspiring examples of good practices from different EU regions. EURICSE (European Research Institute on Cooperative and Social Enterprises)
10:50 – 11:05	Policy gaps and challenges that hinder social economy initiatives in rural areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ This session will provide an overview of the key policy barriers and challenges faced when implementing social economy initiatives in rural areas. REVES (European Network of Cities and Regions for the Social Economy)
11:05 – 11:15	Q&A
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:15	Policy panel: The future of economy in territorial development policies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The high-level policy panel will bring together key representatives from EU institutions. It will focus on how EU policies can better support social economy initiatives in rural areas and identify actionable strategies and pathways to promote more inclusive, prosperous, and resilient rural areas. Moderated by Euromontana
12:15 – 12:25	Q&A
12:25 – 12:30	Closing remarks