



# Strengthening digital skills of rural people to benefit from the digital era

Tentative Timing	Agenda items
09.00 – 9.15	<p><b>Welcome and introduction to the day</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; <i>Enrique Nieto (Rural Pact Support Office)</i></li> </ul>
09.15 – 09.50	<p><b>Setting the scene: EU initiatives to foster digital skills in rural areas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; The Long-term vision for EU's rural areas and digital skills. <i>Alexia Rouby (DG AGRI)</i></li> <li>&gt; European Skills Agenda: Supporting skills for the twin transition. <i>Ana Carrero (DG EMPL)</i></li> <li>&gt; The Digital Education Action Plan: opportunities for rural areas 2021-2027. <i>Anusca Ferrari (DG EAC)</i></li> <li>&gt; Digital Skills and Jobs platform and Connecting Europe Facility. <i>Kinga Katona (DG CONNECT)</i></li> </ul> <p>Questions &amp; Answers</p>
09.50 – 10.30	<p><b>Learning from inspirational projects and practices</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Regional strategy for digital skills (Tuscany Region, Italy). <i>Gianluca Vannuccini, (CIO Tuscany Region, Italy)</i></li> <li>&gt; <a href="#">No one behind</a>: Digital skills for young adults. <i>Ciprian Barsan (Eco Land Association)</i></li> <li>&gt; Supporting the inclusion of seniors in rural <a href="#">digital communities</a>. <i>Hugrún Harpa (Nyheimar Knowledge Center)</i></li> <li>&gt; Remote <a href="#">rural schools</a> as learning hubs of the rural community. <i>Nikos Zygouritsas (Ellinogermaniki Agogi)</i></li> </ul> <p>Questions &amp; Answers</p>
10.30 – 10.45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10.45 – 11.30	<p><b>Learning from inspirational projects and practices</b></p> <p>Panel discussion with practitioners and experts on the main ingredients for successful initiatives, main needs and challenges to be considered and solutions, ideas and recommendations to enhance the implementation of digital skills initiatives in rural areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Luka Orehar (<a href="#">Agrinext</a> project)</li> <li>&gt; Jose Manuel San Emeterio (<a href="#">ERNACT</a>, Donegal Digital, Ireland)</li> <li>&gt; Maria Rita Palatella (<a href="#">COMNECT</a>, Horizon Europe project)</li> <li>&gt; Brigita Dane (<a href="#">Symbioza</a>, Slovenia)</li> </ul>



**11.30 – 12.20**

### **Drawing lessons and recommendations**

Parallel break-out discussions on the following topics:

- (1) Enhancing digital skills of rural businesses
- (2) Enhancing digital skills of rural citizens (youth, women, adults, elderly).

**12.20 – 12.30**

**Coffee Break**

**12.30 – 13.00**

**Reporting back from breakout sessions, final plenary discussion and closing remarks**