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Rural Toolkit on access to and combination of EU funds for rural areas



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What is it aiming at?



- ▶ to reference different funding opportunities, and how they can be combined

- ▶ to provide inspirational solutions and examples of investments responding to different challenges of rural areas

- ▶ to contribute to design and delivery of integrated territorial and local development strategies

Ingredients

- ▶ **All opportunities available from the EU** - different funds, instruments, programmes
- ▶ funding solutions contributing to rural development and improving synergies and complementarities between funds, with **practical examples** on how communities solved relevant challenges
- ▶ Key findings from relevant Horizon 2020 projects (e.g. ROBUST, SMARTA, DESIRA, RELOCAL, etc.) and ot,

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- ▶ The Toolkit will take account the most recent information and knowledge stemming from ongoing initiatives, including from the Territorial Agenda 2030 (and the Pilot Actions that focus on rural regions such as ‘Small Places Matter’, addressing the key role of small towns and villages, ‘Future for Lagging Regions’, ‘Climate change adaptation and resilience through landscape transition’),
- ▶ The Smart Rural 21 Project to promote and inspire villages to develop and implement smart village approaches and strategies across Europe, ENRD networks, etc

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- ▶ Handbook in integrated territorial development, seeking to provide methodological support to territorial bodies and managing authorities in the design and implementation of integrated territorial strategies in non urban areas.
- ▶ STRAT-BOARD: An interactive tool developed in cooperation between JRC and DG REGIO.
- ▶ ENRD LEADER Toolkit, DG GROW guide on EU funding for tourism, EAC guide on EU funding opportunities for cultural and creative sectors, the toolkit on the use of EU Funds for the integration of people with a migrant background, etc.).

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Your IDEAS!!

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Thank you