

PARLIAMENTARY INTERGROUP RMRA

RURAL, MOUNTAINOUS & REMOTE AREAS

There is an urgent need to reduce the gap between rural and urban areas. All EU citizens, both urban and rural, deserve a good quality of life, with access to jobs, information, transport and clean energy sources. Territorial cohesion is not only words, it's a key condition for people to live well throughout the European Union. It must include all EU territories in their diversity, whether isolated or facing urban sprawl, by developing the human and natural potential of rural, mountainous and remote areas.

AMBITION

- To promote an integrated development of rural, mountainous and remote areas in a balanced relationship with the urban poles.
- To work for an explicit recognition of rural territories, with their diversity, as poles of development and innovation.

STAKES of the INTERGROUP

- To further improve the social, economic and technological inclusion of the rural, mountainous and remote areas and their inhabitants through the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy.
- To reduce the gap and improve positive connections between urban and rural areas.
- To improve the wellbeing of citizens in the rural, mountainous and remote areas.
- To raise awareness of all the Committees of the European Parliament on their contributions to the living conditions in rural, mountainous and remote areas.

AIMS of the INTERGROUP

- To address, in an integrated and transversal approach, rural issues within the European Parliament as these are currently scattered between various Committees (AGRI, REGI, ENVI, ITRE, EMPL,...), and effectively deal with all aspects of the development of these areas in a fair and balanced manner.
- To listen to and share the concerns of citizens and businesses in these areas, in order to ensure that rural issues are addressed structurally and consistently at the EU policy level.
- To highlight capacities and initiatives of these territories in the economic, social, environmental and inclusion fields.

PROPOSED ACTIONS

- To call for a White Paper by the European Commission on rural realities in the European Union, taking into account the specificities of rural, mountainous and remote territories.
- To continue with the RURBAN parliamentary initiative devoted to rural-urban interrelations.
- To launch a major work on the future of the rural territories in the E.U., with the organization of thematic seminars and in relation with other intergroups.

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