



TG Rural Youth Employment: The Voice of Rural Youth

Introduction

2nd TG meeting – 23 May 2023

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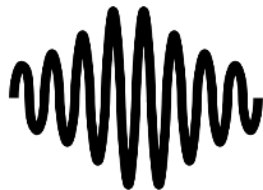
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TG Activities



Meeting 1
(9 March 2023)



*Interaction and work
in-between meetings*



Meeting 2
(23 May 2023)



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1st TG meeting

- › Setting the scene
- › Exchanging on must-haves and opportunities
- › Youth employment in 3 different settings:
 - › agri-food private sector
 - › non agri-food private sector
 - › public and third sector



The first meeting enabled TG members to share personal experience and exchange on challenges and opportunities related to rural youth employment - in view of pursuing the TG's overall objective to explore various approaches to developing sustainable and high-quality rural jobs accessible to young people, and thereby inform relevant policies.

Event information

Date: 9 March 2023
Location: Virtual meeting
Organisers: CAP Implementation Contact Point (CIP CAP)
Participants: 47 participants from 19 EU Member States, including young farmers and rural entrepreneurs, MAs, NAs, European organisations, the European Commission, Local Action Groups (LAGs), national/regional stakeholder organisations and research.

Outcomes: Exchange of personal experiences on challenges and opportunities related to rural youth employment, including youth perspectives as well as institutional perspectives.

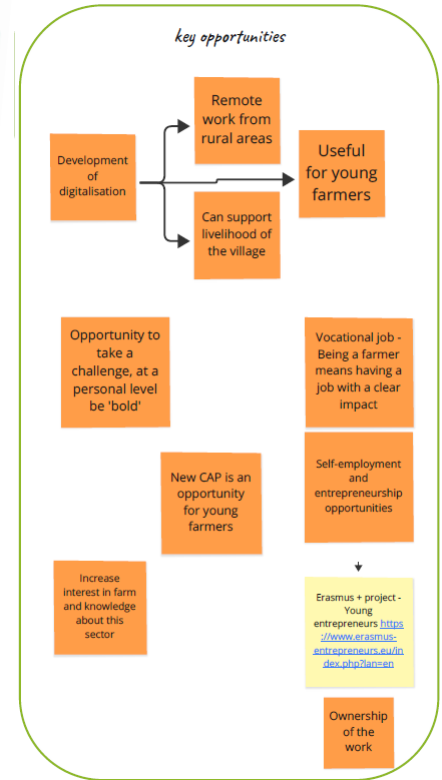
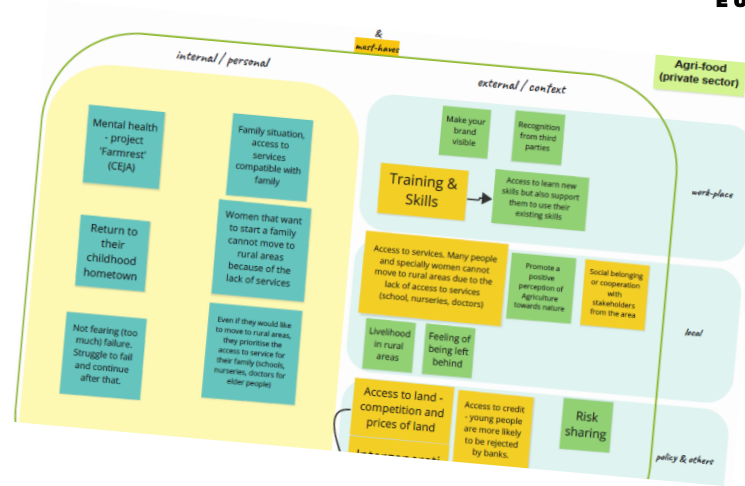
Web page: [1st TG meeting on Rural Youth Employment](https://bit.ly/TGYouth1-report)

Introduction

 **Thematic Group (TG)** members were welcomed to their **first meeting** by DG AGRI and the European CAP Network - CAP Implementation Contact Point (CIP CAP).

<https://bit.ly/TGYouth1-report>





Similarities identified across sectors

➤ Key must haves:

- Public services
- Better infrastructure (roads, broadband)
- Training opportunities
- Accessible & innovative funding

➤ Key opportunities:

- Digitalisation
- Remote working
- Networking and cooperation
- Green job opportunities



Activities in-between meetings



Informal online discussion #1 – 20 April

Trends in rural employment

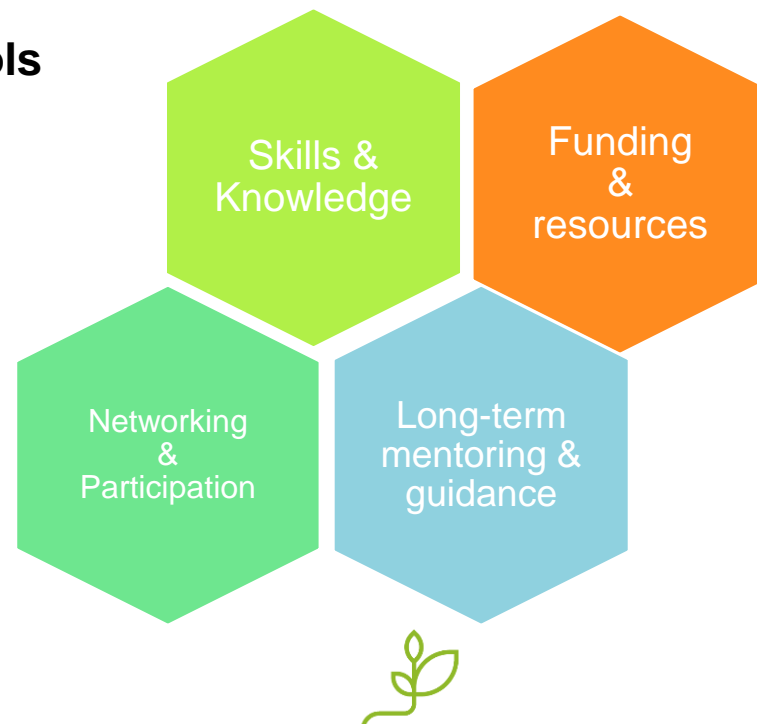
- › Specificities: rural villages vs. remote rural areas vs. rural areas close to the cities
- › **Remote work** became more popular during COVID pandemic but not a 'game-changer' nor an answer to all rural challenges
- › Definition of "**green jobs**" - often associated with investment in renewables vs. broader definition including sustainable jobs, small-scale initiatives, mainstreaming "green" approach in education & training to consider impact of climate change



Informal online discussion #2 – 16 May

Experiences with support programmes & tools

- › Support tools mentioned:
 - › ERASMUS+
 - › CAP funding (Young farmers support, LEADER)
 - › National or regional funding schemes to attract youth in-migration
 - › EU Solidarity Corps
 - › Erasmus for young entrepreneurs
 - › Training & mentoring programmes (e.g. School for Young Shepherds)





Twitter chat – 19 May

- › Needs: mentoring/training – networking – dynamic & long-term education opportunities – better image of rural areas
- › Opportunities: rural areas as a laboratory for meaningful change - high diversity of rural areas (& rural youth) – green, blue, silver economy
- › Key skills: digital & communication skills, financial literacy, adaptability



Your turn...

- What would be **one key message** that you have taken so far from the TG activities?





2nd TG meeting

Objectives of the meeting

- › to **discuss support programmes and tools** that are available at different levels (EU, national, regional, local) and further explore how they help rural youth employment in reality;
- › to identify **functional youth employment support models** in order to **inform relevant policies**





Agenda of the day



- 08.30 – 08.45 Introduction
- 08.45 – 10.00 Support programmes and tools: EU & national level
- 10.00 – 10.15 Break – stretch your legs**
- 10.15 – 11.15 Support programmes and tools: regional & local level
- 11.15 – 12.45 Breakout group discussions
- 12.45 – 13.45 Lunch break**
- 13.45 – 14.30 Panel discussion
- 14.30 – 15.00 Bringing it all together

