



RURAL YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

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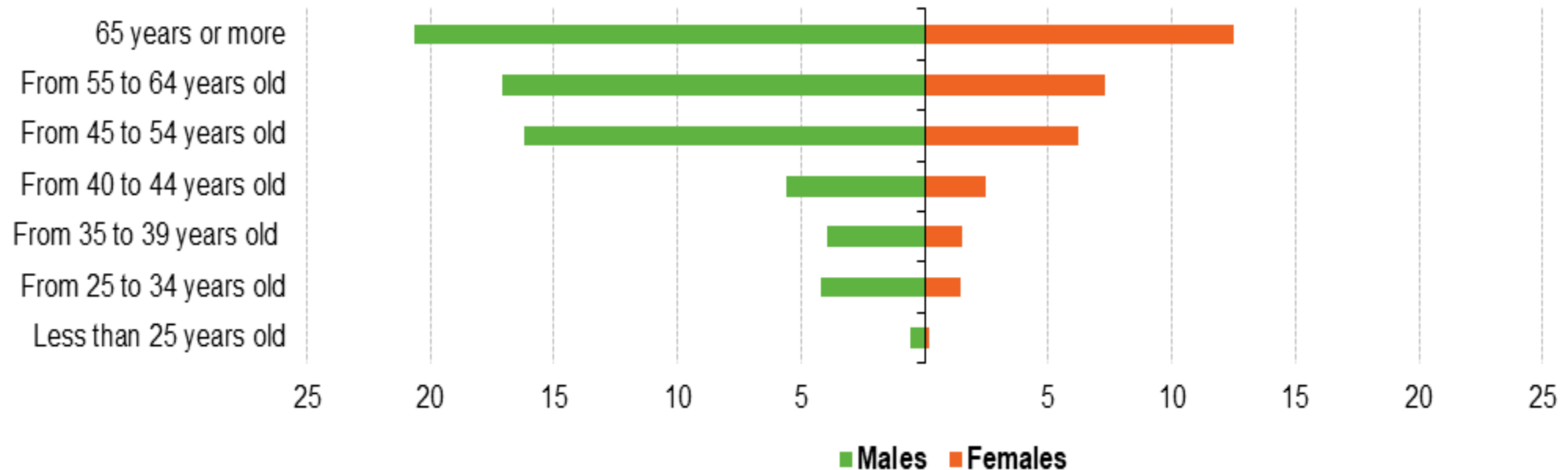
1. Key challenges of rural youth and young farmers – rural statistics

- **Tertiary Education Attainment, 2021, Eurostat**
 - **Cities: 37.7%**
 - **Towns and suburbs: 25.8%**
 - **Rural areas: 21.4%**
- **Young people neither in employment nor in education, 2021, Eurostat**
 - **Cities: 10.2%**
 - **Towns and suburbs: 11.4%**
 - **Rural areas: 11.3%**
- **People at risk of poverty or social exclusion, 2021, Eurostat**
 - **Cities: 21.9%**
 - **Towns and suburbs: 20.8%**
 - **Rural areas: 22.5%**
- **Early school leavers**
 - **Cities: 8.7%**
 - **Towns and suburbs: 10.7%**
 - **Rural areas: 10%**

2. Key challenges of rural youth and young farmers - young farmers statistics

Only 11% of farm managers are younger than 40 years, of which merely 3% are women.

Age classes of farm managers, by gender
(% of all farm managers, EU, 2020)



Source: Eurostat (online data code: ef_m_farmang)

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3. Summary of key challenges of rural youth and young farmers

RURAL YOUTH

- **Difficult access to social services** – schools, hospitals, health care services.
- **Insufficient supply of essential services** – broadband, water, sanitation, energy, transport, financial services and digital communications.
- **Mobility challenges** – long travel distance to schools, cinema, theatre.
- **More limited offer on education and training.**
- **Less interesting employment opportunities.**

YOUNG FARMERS

- **The access to land.**
- **The access to loans.**
- **Heavy administrative burden - the context of strict climate, environment and animal welfare standards.**
- **Remoteness of the place of occupation** – loneliness, difficult living and working conditions – particular challenges for young farmers' families.

4. CAP 2023-2027 – support of rural youth

Specific objective number (h) - promote employment, growth, gender equality, including the participation of women in farming, social inclusion and local development in rural areas, as well as the circular bio-economy and sustainable forestry.

- **Developing infrastructures and basic services in villages.**
- **Developing local economy and business development in rural areas.**
- **Supporting community led developments related to societal needs through LEADER and Smart Village strategies.**
- **The development of ‘smart villages’ approach across the European countryside can also contribute to this direction. It is a relatively new concept of great interest for many stakeholders including local community representatives, national policymakers, researchers and civil society organisations.**

5. CAP 2023 – 2027, support of young farmers

Specific objective number (g) - attract and sustain young farmers and new farmers and facilitate sustainable business development in rural areas.

- **The Complementary Income Support for Young Farmers (CISYF)** is a voluntary intervention under Direct payments providing enhanced income support to young farmers who are newly set up for the first time and who are entitled to basic income support. The support is granted in the form of an annual payment per eligible hectare or annual lump sum.
- **Installation of young farmers, of new farmers and rural business start-up** is a voluntary type of intervention under CAP 2023-27 Rural Development pillar, which aims to provide immediate start-up support to farmers/businesses who want to set up.
- **Support can also include grants, loans or guarantees** to help the development of rural businesses or to support the provision of advice on how best to enter farming.

6. Importance of the involvement of youth in CAP 2023-2027 and beyond

The majority of MSs commit in their CAP Strategic Plans to **involve the organisations representing youth into the Monitoring Committees**

Future CAP reflections – we will make sure that young people – **rural youth and young farmers are involved in the shaping of future CAP**. Future CAP is the future of rural youth and young farmers.

7. Long Term Vision for Rural Areas

- **CAP funds alone are not sufficient for the support of rural areas** that is essential for preventing rural brain drain and attracting young people into farming
- **Long Term Vision for Rural Areas – Strategy to enhance the attractiveness of rural areas** and improve living and working conditions in rural areas.
- **Specific actions** under Long Term Vision for Rural Areas **targeting rural youth.**

8. YOUTH – COMMISSION's priority

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Thank you



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