

# 2<sup>nd</sup> informal TG meeting: Community and collaboration

Clémence Morant



# The Role of Community and Collaboration for Young Farmers

- **Community is a cornerstone for young farmers:** fostering collaboration, providing mutual support, and enabling resource sharing.
- **There is a dual perspective on communities:** those *created by farmers* (e.g., producer organisations) and those *created for farmers* (e.g., youth organisations).
- There are increasing challenges like high land costs (e.g., Ireland) and limited accessibility for young farmers.



## Key outcomes of the discussion

- **Rural youth organisations:** smaller, focused groups foster stronger commitment. Examples: Austria and the Netherlands successfully use platforms for regular interactions.
- **Producer organisations:** while effective in some areas (e.g., Austria's cooperative buying groups), challenges persist, such as communication quality and platform management.
- **Leadership:** local trust is crucial. Leaders should be from the community but supported by communication professionals.



# Community as a driver for change

- Mentimeter results highlighted that **communities are key to collaboration, innovation, and shaping public policies.**
- Participants saw **potential for communities to advocate for improved public services in rural areas.**
- Strong, well-managed communities can help align agricultural policies with young farmers' needs.

