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RURAL PACT

THE RIGHT TO MOVE THE RIGHT TO STAY: TACKLING RURAL TRANSPORT POVERTY FOR A FAIRER EUROPE



6th November 2025

14:00 – 17:00 CET

Hybrid format – in Brussels and online

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RECOGNISING MOBILITY NOT AS A PRIVILEGE, BUT AS A KEY ENABLER FOR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS FOR ALL CITIZENS

14:00 | Greetings

Welcome and opening

Ms Isabelle
VANDOORNE *Deputy Head of Unit, European Commission - DG Mobility and Transport, Unit B.3 Innovation, Research, Urban and Rural mobility*

Mr Andrea
LORENZINI *Head of R&D & Policy Unit, MemEx President, European Rural Mobility Network*

14:10 | Setting the scene

What is the "Right to Stay" for rural areas and how is mobility linked with it

Assessing rural accessibility across Europe: The Transport Poverty Hub

Mr Filippo
BRUNELLI *Joint Research Centre, European Commission*

Supporting Rural Mobility: Insights from the Grand Est Pacte des ruralités

Ms Marie
CLOTTEAU *Grand Est-Europe Region, France*

14:20 | Panel Session #1

Mobility as a key enabler for the Right to Stay", fostering a debate on the vision and desired level to achieve

Ms Elena
KOUNTOURA *MEP, Vice-Chair of the TRAN Committee, The Left group in the European Parliament - GUE/NGL, Greece*

Mr Dario
NARDELLA *MEP, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats in the European Parliament, Italy*

Mr Joachim
STREIT *MEP, Renew Europe Group, Germany*

Ms Maria
WALSH *MEP, Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats), Ireland*

*and session's speakers
Filippo BRUNELLI and Marie CLOTTEAU*

Moderate: *Ms Maria Siti,
National Technical University
of Athens*

15:20 | **Coffee Break**

15:35 | Setting the scene

What future opportunities for policy and funding?

Increasing connectivity with the EU Rural Vision & Pact

Mr Enrique NIETO *Rural Pact Support Office Team Leader*

Rural Mobility and access to Services: Spain's 30-Minute Approach

Mr Cristian GARCIA *Ministry of ecological transition and demographic challenge, Spain*

15:45 | Panel Session #2

What shall be done in the future: what should change in terms of policy and funding

Ms Cynthia Ní MHURCHÚ *MEP, Renew Europe Group, Ireland*

Mr Harris MAMOULAKIS *Member of the Greek Parliament – Syriza Progressive Alliance, Greece*

Ms Alžběta RYCHNOVSKA *Ministry of Environment, Czech Republic*

*and session's speakers
Enrique NIETO and Cristian GARCIA*

Moderate: Mr Brendan Finn,
ETTS Ltd, Ireland

16:45 | Closing

Key recommendations for the future

Mr Declan TURNBULL *Ballina Municipal District, Mayo County Council, Ireland*

Ms Isabelle VANDOORNE *Deputy Head of Unit, European Commission – DG Mobility and Transport, Unit B.3 Innovation, Research, Urban and Rural mobility*

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