

**EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET**

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<b>PROJECT</b>	
<b>Participant:</b>	Klaster Innowacji Społecznych
<b>PIC number:</b>	924904604
<b>Project name and acronym:</b>	Euroscepticism to Euro-engagement: Rural Dialogues about Europe's Future - Euro-engagement

<b>EVENT DESCRIPTION</b>	
<b>Event number:</b>	WP7
<b>Event name:</b>	Rural Decide Deliberations
<b>Type:</b>	workshop, conference
<b>In situ/online:</b>	in-situ
<b>Location:</b>	Poland, Międzybrodzie Bialskie
<b>Date(s):</b>	26-29.01.2026
<b>Website(s) (if any):</b>	<a href="https://www.klaster.org.pl/rural-decide-deliberations-27-28-stycznia-2026-dwa-dni-w-ktorych-wies-przechodzi-od-opowiedzi-do-decyzji/">https://www.klaster.org.pl/rural-decide-deliberations-27-28-stycznia-2026-dwa-dni-w-ktorych-wies-przechodzi-od-opowiedzi-do-decyzji/</a>
<b>Participants</b>	
Female:	25
Male:	9
Non-binary:	0

From country 1 – Poland:	19		
From country 2 - Romania	3		
From country 3 - Spain	2		
From country 4 - Bulgaria	2		
From country 5 - Italy	3		
From country 6 - Lithuania]	3		
From country 7 -Ukraine	2		
Total number of participants:	34	From total number of countries:	7
<b>Description</b>			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<b>WP7 - Rural Decide Deliberations</b>			
<b>Event Overview</b>			
<p>On 27–28 January 2026, as part of WP7 “Rural Decide Deliberations” implemented within the Euro-Engagement project, a meeting took place focusing on the future of rural areas in Europe. The event brought together project partners, young people from rural areas, and participants involved in the project activities, who worked together to identify the most important challenges affecting rural life and to develop proposals for solutions that could be used in the later stages of the project.</p> <p>On 27 January 2026, the main substantive part of the meeting began. On that day, the participants and partners were introduced to the Euro-Engagement project, its objectives, scope of activities, and the importance of WP7 within the overall project process. The meeting helped participants better understand how deliberative and participatory activities can support the development of civic engagement, especially among young people living in rural areas. This introductory part was an important step in setting the context for the following sessions and creating a shared foundation for further work.</p> <p>On the same day, discussions and workshops were held on what life in rural areas looks like in the participants’ countries, as well as on the similarities and differences that can be observed in the everyday functioning of rural communities across different parts of Europe. Participants shared their experiences and pointed to the most common difficulties faced by people living in their local communities. Among the topics discussed were limited access to transport and public services, fewer educational and professional opportunities, infrastructural challenges, and the need for stronger activation and involvement of young people in rural areas. This part of the meeting made it possible to compare different perspectives and showed that, despite local differences, many of the problems affecting rural communities are shared across countries.</p>			

Later that day, participants focused on jointly discussing the problems that most strongly affect quality of life in rural areas and on identifying possible directions for change. The discussions were open and engaging, allowing each participant to contribute their own observations and experiences. An important outcome of this part was not only the identification of the key challenges, but also the shift towards thinking about concrete actions that could respond to the actual needs of rural communities.

On 28 January 2026, the workshop and deliberative part of the meeting took place, focusing on the practical development of solutions. One of the key elements of the programme was the original game “City of the Future,” in which participants worked in groups on specific problems affecting rural communities. Each group selected a different issue that people living in rural areas face in their daily lives. Then, by taking on the roles of decision-makers and local managers, participants jointly analysed the chosen challenge and proposed possible solutions. The discussions focused on concrete changes that could improve quality of life in their local communities, increase access to services, strengthen social participation, and create better opportunities for young people.

This part of the meeting was particularly important because it allowed the participants to translate a general diagnosis of problems into more practical and structured proposals for action. The game not only encouraged creativity and teamwork, but also helped participants better understand decision-making mechanisms and the importance of dialogue when planning change at the local level. The answers and proposals developed during this activity were collected as material for further analysis and for use in the next stages of the project.

During 28 January 2026, the deliberative part of the programme also took place, during which participants jointly discussed solutions that could realistically improve living conditions in rural areas. The discussions focused on priorities for the future of rural Europe and on ways of strengthening the social and civic engagement of people living in these areas. Thanks to a format based on dialogue and shared reflection, it was possible not only to collect different opinions, but also to organise them into more coherent conclusions and recommendations. The ideas gathered during this process will serve as material for further project work and for the development of future recommendations within Euro-Engagement.

An important element of the meeting was also the presentation of the Erasmus+ Hub website to the partners, which is used as a tool for managing project cooperation. It was presented as a practical solution for organising activities, supporting day-to-day communication, and sharing materials among project partners. This presentation had a practical significance, as it helped partners better understand the way information flow and documentation are managed within the project and supported smoother international cooperation.

A significant role was also played by the joint work on organising the results of the meeting and preparing summary materials. This made it possible to structure the most important points raised during the workshops and deliberations, as well as to identify the key needs, challenges, and proposals for change concerning the future of rural communities. As a result, the meeting had not only an educational and integrative dimension, but also led to tangible outcomes that can be used in the further stages of the project.

The programme was further complemented by informal interactions among participants, including a short walk together around the area, which created additional space for exchanging experiences and understanding the local context. Such less formal interactions supported relationship-building, deepened the dialogue, and contributed to a better understanding of the perspectives of people coming from different environments and countries.

The meeting held on 27 and 28 January 2026 constituted an important stage in the implementation of WP7, as it combined exchange of experiences, diagnosis of problems, workshop-based work, and the joint formulation of proposals for solutions. The event showed that residents of rural areas — especially young people — have a strong need to actively participate in discussions about the future of their communities, and that

well-designed participatory and deliberative activities can create a real space for expressing opinions and co-deciding on future directions. The reflections, responses, and recommendations developed during the meeting represent a valuable outcome of the project and will be used in further activities carried out within Euro-Engagement.

Outputs from the meeting:

- Presentations of the organizations:  
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- Agenda & Info-pack:  
[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1\\_T9vYzsKOxEC5i\\_CoaZh4JXO4O3zgpRQ?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1_T9vYzsKOxEC5i_CoaZh4JXO4O3zgpRQ?usp=drive_link)
- Pictures:  
[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1CxBppLzD7Oe6OsePv2gowwOMxmuBGeFK?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1CxBppLzD7Oe6OsePv2gowwOMxmuBGeFK?usp=drive_link)
- Deliberative Citizens' Assemblies  
Reports:  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/17igByrQYBZBtcM3l35E5nITkZpwIUzoR/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/17igByrQYBZBtcM3l35E5nITkZpwIUzoR/view?usp=drive_link)
- Digital Participation Training Resources:  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1REB8hGfGurrRCYV2hvexrR9Lwl\\_Y8VjKX/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1REB8hGfGurrRCYV2hvexrR9Lwl_Y8VjKX/view?usp=drive_link)
- Policy Briefing Session Documents:  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-y\\_YOcWHtalCg9sHA9GjqutnP3M\\_4cqC/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-y_YOcWHtalCg9sHA9GjqutnP3M_4cqC/view?usp=drive_link)

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).