

Roadmap for Nordic rural development

Solutions and steps towards bridging policy silos and moving towards a more holistic, ecosystem way of thinking in rural policy



Nordic rural areas are facing complex, interconnected challenges, from labour shortages and shrinking populations to green, digital, and remote work transitions. At the same time, these challenges offer an opportunity to recognise the diversity of Nordic rural areas and at even leverage and build on local specificities to pave the way towards the future.

The Roadmap for Nordic Rural Development builds on and summarises the work of the Nordic Thematic Group on Green and Inclusive Rural Development (2021–2024). It outlines strategies and solutions for the future, as well as the key findings and recommendations from projects focused on rural development and points towards remaining challenges and questions to be addressed going forward.

Explore the interactive storymap to discover innovative policy solutions to foster sustainable and inclusive rural development:



Mobile living and working



Place-based policies



Administrative capacity



Stakeholder involvement



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