



IV Meeting of the Project Erasmus of organized civil societies

The strategic rural development: the risk of depopulation of the countryside
has serious consequences for the rural and peripheral areas of the European Union

Rome 27 - 28 June 2024

CNEL - Villa Lubin

THURSDAY 27 JUNE 2024

2.00 pm Arrival and registration of participants

Welcome coffee

2.30 pm **OPENING OF THE MEETING BY**

Renato **BRUNETTA**, President of the CNEL

Maria **TRIPODI**, Undersecretary of State at Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Peter **SCHMIDT**, President of the EESC Section for Agriculture, Rural Development and Environment (Nat)

SESSION 1: Opening a path for a "returners' " strategy

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Claudio **RISSO**, Vice President of CNEL

SCHEDULED INTERVENTIONS

Moderated by Francesco **RIVA**, CNEL Councillor, Delegate President of the Committee for the Regulation

Maurizio **REALE**, EESC Councillor, President of the Sustainable Development Observatory

Ana Esperanza **BELTRÀN**, CES of Spain, Coordinator of the Employers' Group (CEOE-CEPYME)

Natalia **SHUKADAROVA**, CES of Bulgaria, Civil Society Organisations (National Grain Producer Association)

Georgi **STOEV**, CES of Bulgaria, Organisations of employers (Bulgarian Chamber of Commerce and Industry)

Marianne **TORDEUX-BITKER**, ESEC of France, Economic and Financial Committee, Acting Differently for Social and Environmental Innovation Group (France digitale)

Antonio **FONTAINHAS FERNANDES**, CES of Portugal, Representative of Universities

CONCLUSIONS

Francesco **LOLLOBRIGIDA**, Minister of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forestry

CULTURAL PROGRAMME

8.00 pm Dinner at the CNEL



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**SESSION 2: The central role of agri-food for the development of rural and peripheral areas -
between food and multifunctionality -**

10.15 am **KEYNOTE SPEECH**

Tulio **MARCELLI**, CNEL Councillor, Coordinator of the "Business and Legality" Forum

Alessandro **ROSINA**, CNEL Councillor, Expert of the President of the Republic

"Demographic and statistical framework of European rural and peripheral areas"

SCHEDULED INTERVENTIONS

Moderated by Eugenia **FALCHI**, Expert of the CNEL Working Group "Promotion of lifestyles and health education"

Ricard **BELLERA**, CES of Spain, Workers' Group, Comisiones Obreras

Nathalie **VAN DEN BROECK**, ESEC of France, European and International Affairs Committee, Environment and Nature Group (Surfrider Foundation Europe)

Annalisa **GUIDOTTI**, CNEL Councillor, President of the Committee for the Examination of European Union Acts

Miguel **TORRES**, CES of Portugal, Representative of Family Farming and the Rural World

Gianni **DI CESARE**, CNEL Councillor, Member of the Committee for the Examination of European Union Acts

Apostolos **XIRAFIS**, Secretary General of the CES of Greece

Mario **BRAGA**, CNEL Councillor, Member of the Commission for European Union Policies and International Cooperation

Jerónima **BONAFÉ RAMIS**, CES of Spain, Sundry Interests Group, Representative of the Spanish Business Confederation of the Social Economy (CEPES)

12.00 am **CONCLUSIONS**

Maurizio **MARTINA**, Deputy Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

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