

# **“European Rural Transformation and the Concept of a 'Europe of Many Rural Characteristics'**

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Federation of Youth Associations for European Mobility is an entity committed to revitalizing rural areas in Galicia, working to promote sustainability, local development, and social cohesion in rural areas. Through innovative projects and collaborations with other entities, we aim to contribute to the European model of rural transformation.



## **Context of Galicia**

Galicia is a region of great geographical and cultural diversity, where rural areas play a fundamental role in local identity and economy. The region faces challenges common to many European rural areas: depopulation, aging, and lack of employment opportunities for young people.



## **Rural Transformation in Galicia**

In Galicia, rural transformation is based on:

- Development of sustainable infrastructures that promote mobility and connectivity.
- Promotion of sustainable agriculture and livestock farming, adapted to new environmental challenges.
- Revitalization strategies for small towns, promoting quality of life and cultural heritage preservation.



## **The Concept of a 'Europe of Many Rural Characteristics'**

The EU recognizes that rural diversity is a key feature of its identity. In Galicia, this is reflected in:

- A mosaic of rural landscapes ranging from rocky coasts to mountainous inland areas.
- Unique traditions and customs that remain pillars of rural communities.
- Diverse local economies, including rural tourism, quality food production, and sustainable use of natural resources.





## Key Projects

### **Network of Sustainable Rural**

**Municipalities:** Promoting the exchange of experiences and good practices to promote sustainability and ecological transition.

**Green Mobility Initiatives:** Promoting efficient public transport and electric mobility, crucial for reducing the carbon footprint in rural areas.

### **Rural Entrepreneurship Projects:**

Supporting new entrepreneurs in emerging sectors such as circular economy, renewable energy, and agritourism.





## **Challenges:**

Rural depopulation and migration to urban areas.

Limited access to basic services such as healthcare, education, and technology.

## **Opportunities:**

Leverage digital technologies to connect rural areas with global markets.

Development of rural and sustainable tourism, highlighting Galicia's biodiversity and natural heritage.



Rural transformation in Galicia is aligned with the European concept of a "Europe of many rural characteristics." Through cooperation, innovation, and sustainability, we can ensure a prosperous future for rural communities, preserving their identity and promoting their resilience in the face of 21st-century challenges.





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