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## News | EESC Supports Participatory Social Development



The European Economic and Social Council has approved a position paper on 'Community Led Local Development (CLLD) as a tool of Cohesion Policy 2014–2020 for local, rural, urban and peri-urban development'. You can look up the position paper [here](#).

## Symbios Resources



### Cartoon

Opportunity and welcoming factors for new inhabitants in rural areas.

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### Abraza la Tierra

This initiative offers a handbook of good practices against depopulation.

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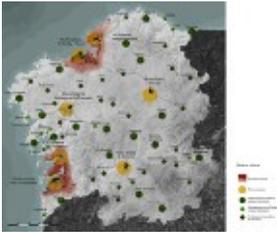


### La Fageda

A TV report on a cooperative of social insertion in rural areas.

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## Materials



### Regional Planning

The planning guidelines of the territory define a territorial model for Galicia.

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### FEADER 2014-2020

Presentation on the strategic framework and tools for rural development..

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### Rural Youth

We recover this good practice handbook on rural development and youth.

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## The Interview. Eva González Rodríguez. Coordinator of Abraza la Tierra.



### What are the main supports that Abraza la Tierra offers to those people who want to carry out a life project in rural areas?

Abraza la Tierra offers information, assessment and counselling, before, during, and after they take the decision of moving into a rural atmosphere. Resources to offer information and counselling are divided into three groups. The first one are resources for living, which includes health care, education, housing, and a social network of interest centers (music, sports...). The second group are resources for businesses; we offer information about business opportunities, transfers or business which cannot be generational replaced, aids and subsidies, transport infrastructures, ADSL connection, etc. In the third group there are employment resources, which are focused on employment supply and demand, focused on job opportunities (until 2011 many of these opportunities were not taken in rural areas, however, today, this last resource is less important).

### What is the usual profile of the people who take this life decision?

Usually they are couples without children, between 30 and 40 years old, and they come from big cities, such as Madrid or Barcelona. In most cases they have university studies. They are motivated to come here because they want to raise a family (in the city it is difficult for them because there is no family support), to be closer to nature, to seek for areas where there is less crime, and a more economically accessible housing.

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