

The banner features a collage of images: on the left, two hands shaking in a firm grip; in the center, a person in a blue jacket holding a green plant; on the right, the European Union flag and the United States flag. The text 'COLLABORATION PLATFORM ON AGRICULTURE' is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

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Empowering Rural Areas: The Role of Rural Investments in Accelerating Climate Resilience

A Workshop of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and
Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI)

Tuesday, June 18, 2024 | 9:00 – 11:00 EST / 15:00 – 17:00 CET

09:00 EST/15:00 CET	Introduction DG AGRI: Mihail Dumitru , Deputy Director General, Rural Development, DG AGRI USDA: TBD
09:05 EST/15:05 CET	<u>Session 1: Rural Policy in the United States and European Union</u> ➤ Overview of the Long-Term Vision for the EU's rural areas (LTVRA) - Silvia Nanni, DG AGRI ➤ <i>USDA Rural Development Priorities – Overview (and brief history) of RD's initiatives aimed at helping rural communities prosper, including infrastructure, housing, business development, and community programs</i> - Sarah Dietch, Chief of Staff for Rural Development, USDA
09:45 EST/15:45 CET	<u>Session 2: Decarbonization and Climate Resilience at the Rural Level</u> ➤ The Role of Infrastructure and Community Investments in Advancing Climate Resilience – Exploration of select, small-scale programs that aid decarbonization and climate-smart agriculture efforts, including energy generation/efficiency, precision agriculture, water management, and fertilizer production. - Clare Sierawski, Senior Energy Counselor, Office of the Under Secretary for Rural Development, USDA ➤ EU climate policy framework and the contribution of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) – Overview on the policy framework and CAP funding opportunities for climate resilience relevant investments and actions in rural areas, including practical examples such as smart villages. - Gregorio Davila Diaz, Environmental Sustainability, DG AGRI - Nicola di Virgilio, Climate Adaptation and Carbon Farming, DG AGRI

10:30 EST /16:30CET	Q&A discussion and identification of possible issues of common interest for further joint work and coordination
10:05 EST /16:55 CET	Conclusion USDA: TBD AGRI: TBD