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# SESSION 2: Contribution to the wider policy framework





## **Pitches on the four rural interventions**

#### **Ring-fencing for four rural interventions**

- Each country guarantees at least a minimum budget to be allocated to each of four interventions supporting rural communities and rural areas
- Note: these interventions are not targeted at the farming sector





### **Rural Skills**

- This is new, builds on AKIS, EIP, cross cutting CAP objective
- Include life long learning (upskilling and reskilling) targeted at the entire rural population and not specifically at farming
- Would be financed though CAP-SP in addition to other funds (i.e. Just Transition Fund, Horizon Europe, etc.)



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## Why You Should Support Rural Skills SHERPA View

- Education, training and knowledge sharing, are all important in the transition to a bio-based economy
- Increasing human capital across all sectors of society, policy and science is essential for rural areas to take their leading role in achieving climate neutrality and reversing biodiversity loss
- Investment in skills, apprenticeships, and lifelong learning is crucial to empower rural producers transition to sustainable practices
- Funding mechanisms are required to upskill and reskill all sectors of the workforce to enable uptake of new practices and tools



### Why You Should Support Rural Skills My view

