

The banner features a central image of two people shaking hands, with a plaid shirt on the left and a dark jacket on the right. To the right of the handshake are the European Union flag and the United States flag. The text 'COLLABORATION PLATFORM ON AGRICULTURE' is overlaid in white on the left side.

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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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mihail Dumitru, Deputy Director General, Rural Development, DG AGRI• Clare Sierawski, Senior Energy Counselor, Office of the Under Secretary for Rural Development, USDA
09:05 EST/15:05 CET	Session 1: Rural Policy in the United States and European Union <p>Overview of the Long-Term Vision for the EU's rural areas (LTVRA).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Silvia Nanni, DG AGRI <p>Overview of USDA Rural Development programs and initiatives aimed at helping rural communities prosper, including infrastructure, housing, business development, and community programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sarah Dietch, Chief of Staff for Rural Development, USDA
09:45 EST/15:45 CET	Session 2: Decarbonization and Climate Resilience at the Rural Level <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clare Sierawski, Senior Energy Counselor, Office of the Under Secretary for Rural Development, USDA <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gregorio Davila Diaz, Environmental Sustainability, DG AGRI• Nicola di Virgilio, Climate Adaptation and Carbon Farming, DG AGRI• Veronika Madner, Economic Sustainability, DG AGRI
10:30 EST /16:30CET	Session 3: Q&A discussion and identification of possible issues of common interest for further joint work and coordination.
10:55 EST /16:55 CET	Conclusion