

# Thinking beyond the COVID-19 crisis

RURITAGE webinar

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# About the ENRD

A hub for exchange of information on how  
**Rural Development policy, programmes, projects**  
and other initiatives are working in practice  
and how they can be improved.



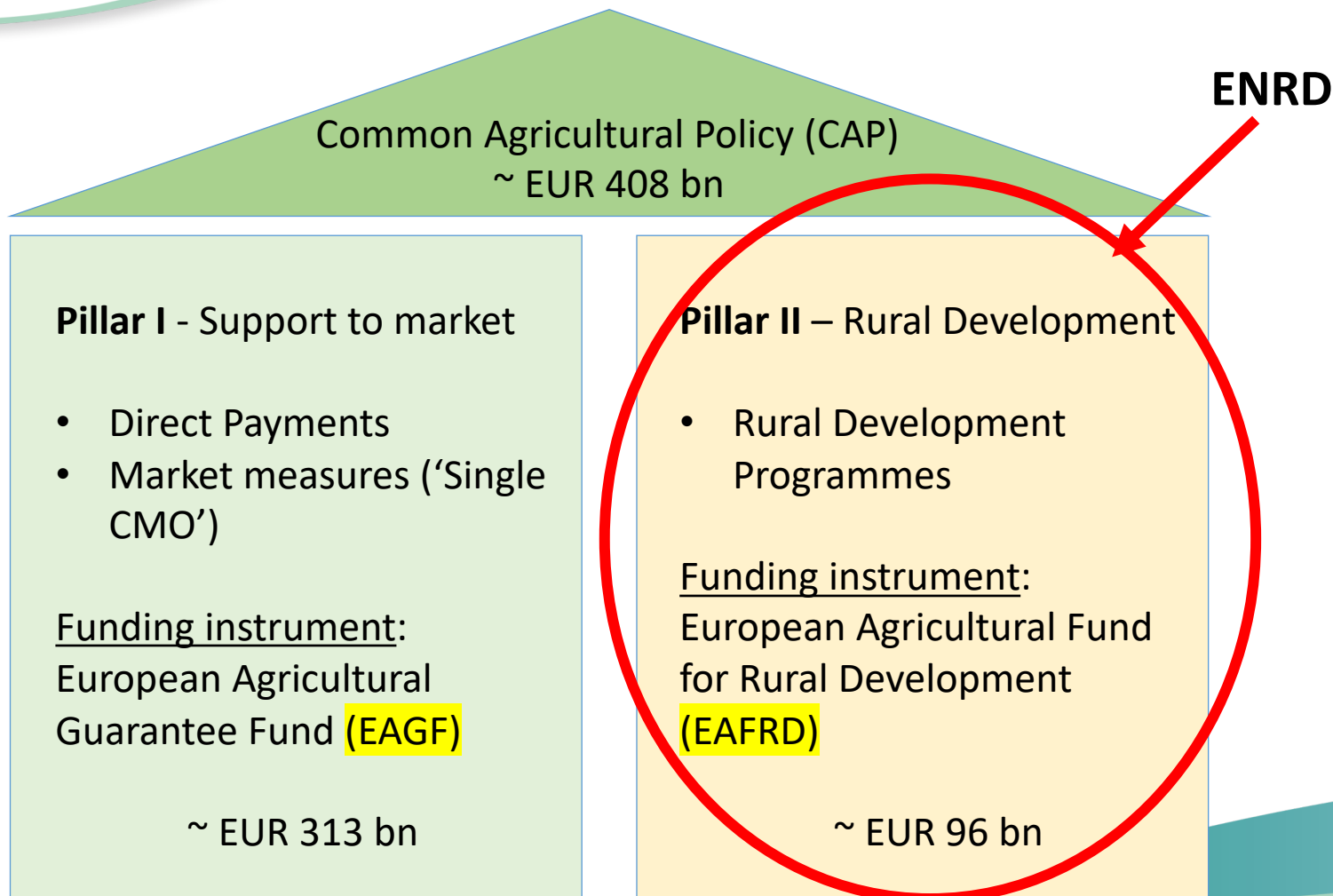
Sharing knowledge



Exchanging ideas

# Who we are

## *The European Network for Rural Development (ENRD)*



# ENRD's work on COVID-19



## COMMUNITY LOCAL TOGETHER RESILIENCE

A platform for rural development stakeholders:

[https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/rural-responses-covid-19-crisis\\_en](https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/rural-responses-covid-19-crisis_en)

# ENRD's work on COVID-19



COMMUNITY LOCAL  
**TOGETHER** RESILIENCE

- Started with spontaneous contributions
- Reachable/promoted via email, social media...
- Signposting, not duplicating
- On-going

# Rural responses to COVID-19



How farmers and rural business are coping with the emergency



Solidarity examples – supporting the community and responding to practical needs

# Rural responses to COVID-19



- Helping 'food heroes'
- Promoting local food & small producers
- Adapting working & training practices

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- Supporting most vulnerable people
- Community champions
- Youth solidarity
- The role of LEADER



# General remarks: turning the challenge into new opportunities



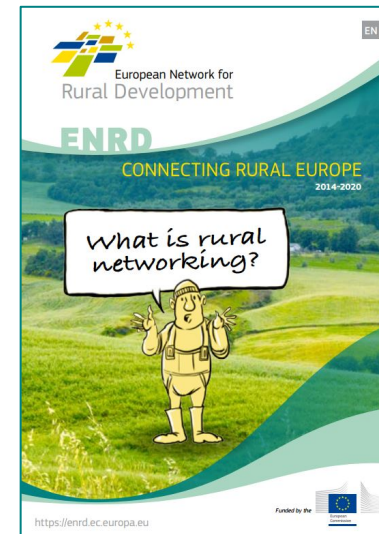
- Food security
- New opportunities for local producer/local food chains (+ sustainability, - carbon footprint)



- Inclusive rural communities and solidarity
- Vulnerable: less services... (internet connectivity)



- Responding to local needs
- New opportunities smart businesses
- Capitalising on the broad variety of EAFRD funded interventions (RDP measures)



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