

# ACTION PLAN 2024

The European Local Innovation Forum (ELIF)





# INTRODUCTION

The **European Local Innovation Forum (ELIF)** is pleased to present its **action plan** for the year **2024**. ELIF aims to create a platform for experts and organisations operating at the local level to exchange ideas, experiences and lessons to stimulate innovation in local communities across Europe. ELIF is structured around **2 thematic communities**, one focusing on **territorial development** and the other on **community-led social innovation**.

After bringing together various stakeholders interested in local innovation during the activities carried out in 2023, the ELIF thematic communities formulated their activities for the year 2024, resulting in the creation of the ELIF action plan.





# Thematic Community

## Community-Led Social Innovation

CLSI relaunches the work started in 2023, with an action plan targeting both sharing practical knowledge and capacity-building within AEIDL as well as serving as a broker and network facilitator for social innovation initiatives led by and for local communities (CLSI), with an active role in promoting and raising awareness about the value of this approach.

**In 2024, this thematic community's activities aim to :**

- Offer a space and functions as an “inspiring, connecting, empowering” hub by launching a call for projects to collect inspiring CLSI initiatives examples, promote them, and prepare the online event planned in November 2024.
- Share and promote knowledge about social innovation, notably CLSI, within AEIDL by providing practical training in social innovation characteristics.

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# Thematic Community

## Territorial Development

The thematic community focuses on promoting community-led innovation and a place-based approach to achieve incremental innovation in all territories of the EU. The community aims to enhance networking, facilitate peer-learning, raise awareness of the importance of enabling local innovation and explore new ways to maximise existing EU instruments and analyse new territorial development models supporting local innovation.

**In 2024, this thematic community's activities aim to :**

- Provide an informal, open virtual space to assess the current state of smart innovation in local development in rural areas, reflect on the areas that need improvement for current programmes, and consider the post-2026 EU policy and funding landscape.
- Identify good practices for community-led innovation in urban areas based on practitioner-led and community-led perspectives.

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# Join ELIF

Come along with us to promote innovative initiatives that build smart, sustainable and inclusive European societies!