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Position of Lithuanian Rural Communities Union  
on the “Future Rural Policy within the European Union” statement of European Rural Alliance”

Lithuanian rural Communities Union agrees on the biggest part of the “Future Rural Policy within the European Union”, but there are points that we agree partly..

As example for priority *Competitiveness* is: access to local finances, micro-credits and rural development policy instruments/measures is taken. We suggest to add comment on documentation and then this example of measure would be: access to local finances, micro-credits and rural development policy instruments/measures, using simplifying procedures and documentation for financial support measures.

As one of the priority areas to achieve overall goal is mentioned *Community governance*. From our point of view term of *Community Council* should be used. For this priority were mention three examples of measures we do not agree: strong, effective and high quality management structures for local governance at local level; fiscal decentralization in favor of local communities with a higher share of taxes remaining at local level and local autonomy – strong, small municipalities or villages with mechanisms for local governance (e.g. initiatives and referendums) .

We suggest that these measures could be changed into: as the part of strong local governance should be Community Councils that would be main institution to create policy on issues of local communities.

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