

# The Peri-Urban Charter

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Peri-urban is the territorial reality for an increasing area of the EU, and we

**Recognise that peri-urban areas exist and have a distinct character**

**Recognise the economic, environmental and social value of peri-urban areas**

**Recognise that peri-urban areas have particular needs/requirements in terms of governance and policy to take account of their diversity, complexity and potential**

We support the development of a common vision for Europe's peri-urban areas and their populations and call for recognition at EU, national, regional and local levels of peri-urban as a distinct kind of multi-functional territory.

## Peri-Urban means:

- A mix of urban and rural characteristics which co-exist and interact in the same territory
- A wide spectrum of opportunities and urban/rural lifestyle choices for inhabitants
- Economic diversity and intellectual capital
- Food production close to large populations with a range of well-established land-based services – agriculture, horticulture, forestry
- Infrastructure and communication – transport links, energy and other essential resources and services including fresh water for urban and peri-urban inhabitants
- Valued landscapes and open space for recreation and health, enjoyment of countryside, leisure and sport

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