

## Teadusallikad: RUSTIK & GRANULAR 2024 (+ Maaülikool jt 2025)

Poliitikate/õigusaktide maaeluga seotud mõjude hindamise ja maaeluga arvestamise (*i.k. rural proofing*) uurimiseks ning **ideenoppeks Eesti jaoks**.

[RUSTIK \(2023\)](#) Implementing rural proofing in EU countries and beyond: review of instruments and experiences.

### Rural proofing mechanisms and attempts in EU and non-EU countries

Country	Starting year	Thematic focus	Methodologies	Institutional responsibility	Application
Proofing on a broad range of policies					
England	2000	National: Policies having an impact on Infrastructures, services, working and living conditions, environment, equality	Checklist; Decision Tree; Examples of possible assessment; Descriptive assessment of impacts; Annual rural proofing reports	National: <b>DEFRA</b> (Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) oversees rural proofing across the government; <b>Rural Affairs Board</b> provides strategic guidance; each government Department has nominated 'rural proofing lead'	Mandatory (in principle) with patchy application
Northern Ireland	2015-2017	All national policy proposals having an impact on the economic, social, cultural and environmental well-being of rural communities	Rural needs impact assessment: coherence of likely impact with social and economic needs of rural areas; annual monitoring reports	National: Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA)	Mandatory (in principle) with patchy application
Canada	1998-2013	National: Federal policies and programmes from the perspectives of remote and rural regions. Some provinces have published their own Rural Lens and guidelines.	Checklist; Rural Lens: process in 10 stages, including a template to fill, questions to answer and examples to follow. Guidelines for using it provided by the national level.	"Rural Secretariat" within the Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food (founded in 1996)	Voluntary, no sanctions

<b>New Zealand</b>	2008	Policies having impact on infrastructure, health, education, business development and equity	Impact assessment checklist; process in 7 stages; Rural proofing guide;	Ministry for Primary Industries published the guide and checklist. The implementation lies with the authorities responsible for a specific policy.	Voluntary, no sanctions
<b>Proofing on specific geographical / thematic areas</b>					
<b>Scotland</b>	2020	Policies with specific and differentiated impacts on Islands Communities	Island Communities Impact assessment	Agriculture and Rural Economy Directorate and its Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Islands	Mandatory (with justification for not doing it) only for policies having effects on Scottish Islands
<b>Finland</b>	2007	National: Policies having impact on municipal merging, rural livelihoods, expertise, housing and services, accessibility, attractiveness factors and community cohesion. Emphasis on sparsely depopulated areas.	Checklist, with 6 thematic areas and flexible application	<b>Rural Policy Council</b> (MANE) under the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF)	Voluntary, no sanctions. Formalisation into legislation is being discussed in the Parliament.
<b>Australia</b>	2003	Regional services	Checklist; Regional Impact Assessment Statement (RIAS) Standardized guidelines as a template	Department of Primary Industries and Regions of the Government of South Australia (PIRSA)	Mandatory, for any legislation affecting regional services
<b>USA</b>	2018	National for drug addiction in rural areas	Rural Community Action Guide with best practices; Federal Rural Resource Guide with key	The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) of the White House develops Federal	Political rather than a legislative commitment, and it is not mandatory.

			challenges; Rural Community Toolbox website with all federal fundings and tools to build healthy drug-free rural communities	drug policy and coordinate its implementation across the Federal Government.	
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**Lessons learned for RUSTIK experiments.** To conclude, rural proofing is strongly focused on policy assessment, whether spatially focused policies or not. This implies the definition of an appropriate list of questions to be explored and, in parallel, specific data concerning potential policy effects upon the concerned [Living Labs](#) of the project. For this, the deliverable lists the questions forming the basis for a **place-based analysis** depending on the types of policies considered. Moreover, the authors explore the necessary conditions for a successful data collection leading to robust **evidence-based territorial policies** and applying rural proofing mechanisms. All these elements will be practically explored in coordination with the [RUSTIK Living labs](#) from the end of 2024 onwards.

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