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## PoliRural STEEPV inventory of drivers of change

One of the most important activities of the PoliRural project is the execution of 12 regional Foresight initiatives. Each region will develop a complete Foresight exercise, producing a vision for the growth and development of the region, an action plan containing the measures needed to achieve that vision, and a roadmap laying out the sequence of measures and actors responsible for their implementation.

The early stage of each initiative involved the identification of key challenges the region should address in order to achieve some future state of prosperity. This task was carried out with careful attention to stakeholder engagement, where regional stakeholders worked under the guidance of local Foresight teams, to understand change, and how it happens, and identify the most important drivers of change in each region.

The 12 regional teams of the PoliRural project worked together to co-create an inventory of drivers of change, serving all regions as a starting point for their work with local stakeholders. This task was shared among the regional teams based on the well-known STEEPV mnemonic, which groups drivers under the following main headers:

- Social drivers;
- Technological drivers;
- Economic drivers;
- Environmental drivers;
- Political drivers;
- Value Related drivers.

The use of the STEEPV mnemonic helps to ensure that the search for drivers is as complete and comprehensive as possible. A total of 64 drivers of change were identified and described. The regional teams continuously build upon these insights to develop their vision for the future and a plan to achieve it. As results are obtained, they are included in a compendium document, updated on a periodic basis. The STEEPV inventory of drivers of change can be found on [polirural.eu](http://polirural.eu).

