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Common awareness of the particular needs of rural communities
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Sommario/riassunto

This General Survey gives a global picture of the legislation and practice of member States' application of Conventions Nos 11 and 141, regardless of ratification, and of Recommendation No. 149, describing both the positive initiatives undertaken and the problems encountered. It discusses the rationale, objectives and scope of the instruments, assessing their potential and impact, and identifying difficulties impeding their full application.
