



SHERPA News



Setting up of the Multi-Actor Platforms

A recent workshop – 16 January 2020 – brought to Brussels over 40 participants that will be facilitating and monitoring the activities of the Multi-Actor Platforms (MAPs) across Europe.

Within the SHERPA project, the Multi-Actor Platforms aim to bring together and enable relevant actors within the fields of science, society and policy, to exchange and co-create knowledge on rural topics. The role of facilitators and monitors is rather important as they will be the main drivers for putting forward recommendations on specific rural topics to the European level.

During the workshop, participants had the chance to exchange with peers and project partners on the best approaches to identify and engage with relevant local actors.

The project will help implement 40 MAPs across Europe to enable a strong science-society-policy interface that could shape the future of rural policies.



Joint work for rural success!

Coordinators of four Horizon 2020 projects launched last year under the Rural Renaissance call organised a meeting to foster cooperation and synergies among the projects. [SHERPA](#), [DESIRA](#), [POLIRURAL](#) and [Ruralization](#) met on 9 January 2020 together with representatives from DG AGRI and the Research Executive Agency. The aim is to establish a common action plan that builds on each others activities and boost the communication and dissemination of the projects outcomes, furthermore contributing to the development of future rural policies and vision.

MAPs in focus

From Ljubljana to Emilia-Romagna

The year 2020 has started with new meetings being set-up across Europe for the establishment of the multi-actor platforms (MAPs) envisioned under the SHERPA project.

Recently, a new meeting took place in Ljubljana, led by the Slovenian MAP, gathering over 90 participants and engaging them into discussions on the topic of biodiversity and landscape features. Stakeholders

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In Italy, a pilot MAP held its first meeting in Emilia-Romagna, bringing to the table over 20 participants from the policy sphere to discuss the topic of biodiversity and its implications for the national CAP Strategic Plan.

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EU News



Have your say on the Farm to Fork strategy

The European Commission has opened a public consultation on the roadmap of the future Communication on Sustainable Food Farm to fork Strategy.

Interested stakeholders are invited to give their feedback by latest 16 March 2020. The aim of the strategy is to create more efficient, climate-smart systems that provide healthy food, while securing a decent living for EU farmers and fishermen.

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Designing the CAP Strategic Plans

In the new programming period, the European Commission is proposing a more flexible system, simplifying and modernising the way the CAP works, shifting to a results and performance-based policy.

EU countries are currently in the process of designing their CAP Strategic Plans. They are putting together direct payments notifications, Rural Development Programmes and sectorial strategies, to meet social and environmental targets set at EU-level.

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Keeping track of climate delivery in the CAP

A recent policy brief published by IEEP, overviews the limitations of the tracking methodology for assessing the contribution of the CAP budget to climate action and explores possible solutions.

In the latest proposal for the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) for the next period, a 25% of the budget is allocated to climate change related activities. To track progress against this target, a system has been developed to assess the expenditure under all programmes and funds financed out of the EU budget, including the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP).

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