



SHERPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE: CONTRIBUTION TO THE LONG- TERM VISION FOR RURAL AREAS

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

30 NOVEMBER – 1 DECEMBER

In 2020, the European Commission initiated the preparation of a new EU Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas (LTVRA). SHERPA prepared a contribution to the process by feeding in the views of science-society-policy actors: between April and October 2020, SHERPA Multi-Actor Platforms (MAPs) investigated challenges and opportunities and discussed a vision for their territory through to 2040.

The results will be presented and discussed during the annual conference. The first part of the conference (Monday 30 November) will focus on the vision for EU rural areas by 2040. The second part of the conference (Tuesday 1 December) will focus on how to engage local actors in the development of a vision for rural areas.

By attending the conference, participants will have the opportunity to:

- Contribute to the discussion on the Long-term vision for rural areas;
- Get an in-depth understanding of the key drivers that will shape rural areas by 2040;
- Share experiences with local actors on how to establish engagement processes to develop a vision with local actors.



Timing	30 November 2020 - Agenda Items
13.30 – 14.00	Connect to the conference
14.0 – 14.15	Welcome to participants and introduction to the day. Olivier Chartier (Ecorys)
14.15 – 15:15	Introduction to the Long-term vision for rural areas and the work of SHERPA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing the EU LTVRA. María Gafo (European Commission, DG AGRI) • Overview of SHERPA’s work on the LTRVA. Michael Kull & Louise Vestergård (Nordregio) • Experiences from three SHERPA MAPs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carina Folkesson (ES-Aragon MAP, CEIGRAM) - Monica Tudor (RO-Transylvania MAP, Institute of Agricultural Economics) - Marion Eckhart (EU MAP, ELARD)
Coffee Break	
15.30 – 16:45	Stakeholder perspectives to achieve rural visions in 2040 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demographic shift <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Petko Simeonov (BG MA, Institute of Agricultural Economics) - Michael Woods (IMAJINE – H2020) • Climate change and environmental services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - David Miller (UK MAP, James Hutton Institute) - Stefano Targetti (CONSOLE – H2020) • Digitalisation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Biró Szabolcs (HU MAP, Institute of Agricultural Economics) - Gianluca Brunori (DESIRA – H2020) • Diversification of the rural economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Živilė Gedminaitė & Rita Vilké (LT MAP, Institute of Agrarian Economics) - Claudia de Luca (RURITAGE – H2020) • Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Samuel Féret (FR MAP, CIHEAM-IAMM) - Willem Korthals Altes (RURALIZATION – H2020) • Basic Services and infrastructure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Barbara Wieliczko (PL MAP, European Rural Development Network) - Petri Kahila (RELOCAL – H2020)
Coffee Break	
16.55 – 17.20	Reporting back
17.20 – 17.30	Closing first day

Timing	1 December 2020 - Agenda Items
09.00 – 09.30	Connect to the conference
09.30 – 09.45	Welcome to participants and introduction to the day. Olivier Chartier (Ecorys)
9.45 – 10.30	Panel Discussion: Acting on the Long-Term vision now <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mario Milouchev (European Commission, DG AGRI) - Hannes Lorenzen (Forum for Synergies) - Karen Refsgaard (Nordregio)
Coffee Break	
10.45 – 12.00	Citizens-science-policy MAPs contributing to the long-term vision for rural areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaging local stakeholders in multi-actor platforms in SHERPA. Jorieke Potters (Wageningen University & Research, NL) Group Discussion: Experiences from SHERPA MAPs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaging the marginalised (the hard to reach) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nicoleta Darra (EL MAP, University of Athens) - Gerald Schwarz (DE MAP, Thünen Institute) • Balancing Science-Society-Policy actors (balancing power) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emilia Pellegrini (IT-Emilia Romagna MAP, University of Bologna) - Emil Erjavec (SI MAP, University of Ljubljana) • Dealing with consensus and diversity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Louise Vestergaard (DK MAP, Nordregio) - Monica Tudor (RO-Transylvania MAP, Institute of Agricultural Economics) • Involving civil society actors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pedro Santos (PT MAP, CONSULAI) - Marianne Groot (NL MAP, Wageningen University & Research) • Engaging actors in COVID times <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marie Trantinová (CZ MAP, Institute of Agricultural Economics) - Sabrina Arcuri (IT-Tuscany MAP, University of Pisa) • Linking to different policy levels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Michael Kull & Mats Stjernberg (FI MAP, Nordregio) - Mariam Ferreira (ES-Galicia MAP, University of Santiago de Compostela)
Coffee Break	
12.15-12.45	Reporting back
12.45-13.00	Closing the Conference. Peter Midmore, Aberystwyth University