



RURALIZATION



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Overview

- The opening of rural areas to renew rural generations, jobs and farms
- H2020 Research and Innovation Action, May 2019-April 2023
- Coordinator TU Delft, 18 partners

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What we have done?

Development of an Assessment Framework and Practitioner Concept Guide

An inventory of rural dream futures of over 2000 young adults

- Location, livelihood, accommodation, obstacles, impact COVID19

Trend database based on over 1500 observations of trends, megatrends, weak signals and indication of impact expected

National contexts for new generations in rural areas in 10 member states

An inventory of 64 innovative practices of providing access to land

An overview of legal and policy arrangements for access to land in all EU member states (+UK)

Land market developments regarding access to land



What did we learn?

Main issues for new entrants into farming are related to

- access to land,
- openness and integration into rural communities,
- compatibility with existing farmers,
- absence of policies addressed specifically to them,
- access to training

EU Member States have hardly any policies and legal arrangements to promote access to land for new generations; land policies facilitate improvements in landholdings of existing farms

Many bottom-up initiatives have emerged to step into this gap, but face an unfavourable policy and economic context

Dream futures and trends will be discussed with regional stakeholders in Spring 2021