

# SHERPA - Rural Science-Society-Policy Interfaces



## MAP Tuscany

### Overview

- Covers the whole Tuscany region (NUTS 2 level)
- Setup within Sherpa but built upon longstanding collaborations (Science 5, Policy 7) + Civil Society 6
- Long term vision + the role of Digitalisation in rural areas

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## What we did?

Pros and Cons to the COVID-19 impact on our MAP, especially in relation to the online mode:

- Increased participation
- Learning how to use new tools for online meetings and adapt such instruments to the needs of each case.
- More efficient, both in terms of resources but also in terms of the ability to keep the discussion on track.
- Hard(er) to achieve team building goals: limited awareness of being part of a MAP
- Less room for informal interactions and exchange



# Challenges

- Find the right way to engage with civil society – understanding (old and new) needs, enhance language & communication skills
- Many rural Tuscanies: reflect this heterogeneity in the composition of the MAP
- Hard(er) to build new relationships from scratch: will this translate into having less social capital?
- Final (not so rural): will it make sense to get back to pre-covid\_19 modes of interaction? To what extent?  
Awareness of the climate impact of research projects!

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