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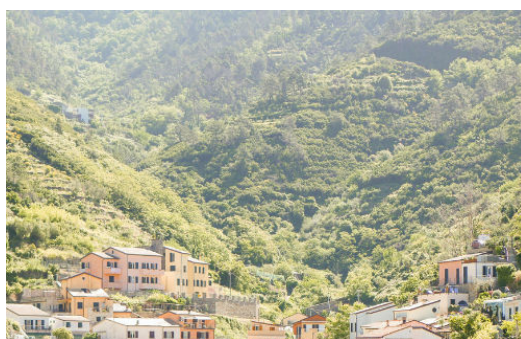
## SHERPA POSITION PAPER

### Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas

This SHERPA Position Paper aims at contributing to the debate on the Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas by presenting the key issues identified by the 20 regional and national SHERPA Multi-Actor Platforms (MAPs), and by the EU-level MAP. The MAPs identified their desired visions for 2040, the enabling factors to achieve those visions, the challenges to overcome and the opportunities to be seized.

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## SHERPA NEWS



### Grasping the diversity of rural areas

The term 'rural' is widely defined but there is no consensus on its definition. Scientists and policy-makers find it challenging to consider the diversity of rural areas and to capture their geographical, economic, social,

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to select indicators that characterise rural areas in order to understand their development.

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## Check the SHERPA video material

We recently launched a new section on our website, where all the video materials produced by the project will be available. Take a look at the key sessions of the first SHERPA Annual Conference, our video for the Citizen Engagement and Deliberative Democracy Festival, and many more to come!

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## MAPS IN FOCUS



### MAP Position Papers published online!

For the past year, the SHERPA Multi-Actor Platforms have been working on the **Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas**. The outcome of this exercise is gathered in the **20 MAP Position Papers**. They have explored visions and desired futures by 2040 for their rural areas, identifying opportunities, challenges and enablers for achieving those visions.

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## EUROPEAN NEWS



### Public consultation on ageing

The European Commission has recently presented the Green Paper on Ageing, launching a broad policy debate on the challenges and opportunities of Europe's ageing society. In addition, a public consultation will run until 21 April 2021 to collect the public's views.

The document highlights rural and remote areas as some of the most affected by this trend.

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### EU cohesion policy in rural areas

In a recently published note, the REGI Committee of the European Parliament presents the main findings and key recommendations from the study on EU Cohesion Policy in non-urban areas.

Non-urban areas were defined as the equivalent of rural areas which cover more than 90% of the EU territory and host nearly 30% of the EU population.

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### EC recommendations for the CAP Strategic Plans

The European Commission published its recommendations for Member States to assist in the drafting of their CAP Strategic Plans.

It provided each EU country with tailor-made recommendations, accompanied by a communication. These aim to help identify the key areas on which each EU country should focus.



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## Securing a COVID-19 recovery for rural areas

The OECD Forum Network has published an interesting blog article looking at how rural areas could secure a post covid-19 recovery while making inclusive growth a priority.

A new perspective is needed, alongside a proactive agenda for rural communities, helping to unlock rural areas' potential for a more inclusive, sustainable and prosperous future.

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## OTHER H2020 PROJECTS



**Desira**

Contribution to the Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas



**RURALIZATION**

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reflecting on how digital technologies can contribute to building desirable futures for rural areas by 2040. The briefings capitalise on the knowledge developed by the project and on the views of RDF's members and other relevant stakeholders.

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The competition aims to portray generational renewal in rural areas in Europe and display how EU new generations succeed in accomplishing their dreams and bringing new life to rural territories across the continent.

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## MOVING launches new website

The Horizon 2020 project MOVING (MOuntain Valorization through INterconnectedness and Green growth), which started in September last year, has recently launched its new website.

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## Horizon 2020 results on rural innovation

The recently published CORDIS Results Pack features 9 EU-funded projects that have been working on rural innovation potential and positively contributing to the EU's Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas.

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[Online](#)**The future of Europe's post-pandemic agri-food production system**

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[Brussels \(BE\)](#)**European Week of Regions and Cities 2021**

11-14 Oct. 2021

[Glasgow \(UK\)](#)**COP26: UN Climate Change Conference**

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