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SHERPA at COP26

Rural areas' potential to tackle climate change

SHERPA will be present at the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26), in Glasgow, Scotland (UK). The project will host a panel discussion on how rural areas can contribute to a just transition to climate neutrality.

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SHERPA NEWS

SHERPA Practice Abstracts now online!

The project delivered 20 Practice Abstracts building on the experience and knowledge gathered in the first cycle of running the SHERPA Multi-Actor Platforms (MAPs). Facilitators and monitors of the MAPs have outlined their learnings and recommendations on the process of setting up the MAPs, engaging actors and running activities in a science-society-policy interface.

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MAPS IN FOCUS



MAPs running foresight exercise

Over the last months, several SHERPA MAPs have carried out a scenario foresight exercise for their rural areas. The first conclusions of these scenarios identified as main drivers of change the availability of services in rural areas, education and governance systems. In all instances, the need to consider the territorial differences of rural areas was clearly identified.

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MAPs working on diversification of the rural economy

During the second cluster meeting, MAPs had the chance to exchange on challenges they have faced and the progress achieved so far on the topic of 'Change in production and diversification of rural economy'. Some preliminary insights have identified socio-economic innovation needs, education and training, digitalisation, access to finance, entrepreneurship, among others.

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MAPs exchange on climate change

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The cluster meeting on 'Climate change and environmental services' was an excellent opportunity for the MAPs involved to exchange on the progress achieved and how they have managed to overcome the challenge of continuous engagement of rural actors. MAPs indicated the interest of their members on the topic, and the need for scientific evidence to be made available to policy-makers.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

European Parliament: green light for the Farm to Fork strategy

During October's plenary session, the European Parliament adopted a resolution on the EU Farm to Fork Strategy. MEPs emphasised the importance of producing sustainable and healthy food to achieve the goals of the European Green Deal, including on climate, biodiversity, zero pollution and public health.

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Tools for regional recovery

The OECD has recently launched two online tools to help governments and policy-makers understand the impact of COVID-19 on their territories: the Regional Recovery Platform and the Recovery Dashboard.

The post-COVID period will bring the opportunity to strengthen the regional resilience of health, climate and environment, digital and employment, by addressing structural inequalities and accelerating the green transition.

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and Cities: Together for recovery

The annual four-day event was an opportunity for regions and cities to discuss common challenges, facilitate cooperation and networking, feed into the debate on EU Cohesion policy and to provide a platform for capacity-building, learning and exchanging of experience. The week was organised in a hybrid format between 11 and 14 October 2021.

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OTHER H2020 PROJECTS



DESIRA to carry out foresight exercise at EU level

The Horizon 2020 project DESIRA is organising a foresight exercise at EU-level. Over two workshops, participants will contribute to developing linkages between the DESIRA Living Lab scenarios up to 2031 and the Long-Term Vision for rural areas in 2040.

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MOVING contributes to EU Roadmap consultation on climate change

The project has formulated recommendations to improve mountain management and reduce the risks that mountains face due to climate change, contributing to the open consultation of the Roadmap for Climate change – restoring sustainable carbon cycles.

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Horizon Europe - new calls opening!

The Horizon Europe 2022 calls for proposals on the Cluster 6: Food, bioeconomy, natural resources, agriculture and environment will open on 28 October 2021.

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Ruralization mid-term conference

On 8 and 9 November 2021, the Ruralization event will discuss rural research, rural generations and policy-making for rural areas, building on the project's results and future projections.

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EVENTS

31 Oct. -12 Nov. 2021
Glasgow (UK)

COP 26 | United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties

2 Nov. 2021
Glasgow (UK)

Rural policies and climate change: why rural areas are crucial for the green transition?

8-9 Nov. 2021
Budapest (HU)

Ruralization mid-term conference

7 Nov. 2021
Online

DESIRA: second meeting of the Rural Digitalisation Forum

10 Nov. 2021
Online

SHERPA @COP26: How can rural areas

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climate neutrality?[Translate ▼](#)

10 Nov. 2021

Online

UNISECO @COP26: How agro-ecology can
contribute to a just transition to climate
neutrality?

10 Nov. 2021

Online

SIMRA @COP26: How social innovation
contributes to just transitions to climate
neutrality?

22-26 Nov. 2021

Online

EU Conference on modelling for policy
support: collaborating across disciplines
to tackle key policy challenges

30 Nov. - 3 Dec. 2021

Halmstad, Sweden

LEADER 30 Years! Conference

9-10 Dec. 2021

Online

EU Agricultural Outlook conference 2021

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