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Rural areas for climate

neutrality

Earlier in November, SHERPA had the chance to be present at the COP26 in Glasgow, Scotland (UK). Project partner, the James Hutton Institute, organised a stand in the Green Zone and hosted an online panel discussion on 'How rural areas can contribute to a just transition towards climate neutrality'. Our colleague and partner, David Miller, captured the key messages in a short blog.

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SHERPA webinar

On 2 December 2021, SHERPA organised a webinar to discuss the engagement of local actors in the policy process at regional, national or European levels. It presented the findings and lessons learned from Multi-Actor Platforms and their work during the first years of the project. This led to a Learning Agenda for rural interfaces to reflect further, by asking the right questions on how local actors can contribute to the policy processes.

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SHERPA Consortium meeting

Project partners met for the fifth Consortium meeting on 9 December 2021 to take stock of the work done throughout the year, share updates and progress on work packages. In addition, partners discussed the topics that will be addressed in the second cycle of the MAPs starting in 2022. About 20 new Multi-Actor Platforms will be established next year, joining the existing ones that SHERPA set up.

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EU MAP discussion on diversification of rural economy

On 25 November 2021, members of the SHERPA EU Multi-Actor Platform (MAP) met online to discuss the key points raised by SHERPA MAPs working on the topic of 'Change in production and diversification of the rural economy'.

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EU MAP exchanges on climate change recommendations

On 14 December 2021, members of the SHERPA EU Multi-Actor Platform (MAP) met online to discuss the key points raised by MAPs working on the topic of 'Climate change and environmental sustainability'.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

European Commission launches the Rural Pact

On 20 December 2021, the European Commission launched the Rural Pact, a key new initiative announced in the Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas. The new pact aims to mobilise public authorities and stakeholders to act on the needs and aspirations of rural communities. Between December 2021 and June 2022, stakeholders and rural actors can join the Rural Pact community and share reflections and ideas on its implementation and development.

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CAP reform gets green light

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The European Parliament and Council of the European Union have given the green

light for the new CAP proposals to become operational in 2023. This decision paves the way for a new CAP aimed at making the policy greener, fairer, more performance-based CAP. The new CAP seeks to ensure a sustainable future for European farmers, provide more targeted support to smaller farms, and allow greater flexibility for member states in adapting the measures to local conditions.

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Rural Agenda for Climate Action

On 2 November 2021, the OECD launched its Rural Agenda for Climate Action during a session organised and hosted within the COP26. The political document calls for a stronger role of rural policies to contribute to climate change goals and draws attention to much-needed policy action in six areas: capacity-building; evidence base; renewable energy; land-use and ecosystem services; circular and bio-economy; and decarbonising transport.

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New ENRD thematic groups

The European Network for Rural Development (ENRD) has launched two new thematic groups on Rural Revitalisation and Rural Proofing to support Member States, regions and stakeholders roll out of the European Commission's Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas up to 2040. The Rural Revitalisation group aims to support the rollout of the vision in the Member States, whereas the Rural Proofing group will focus on enabling mechanisms for rural proofing.

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DESIRA's latest report on impacts of digitalisation

The project carried out a synthesis report on the Needs, Expectations & Impacts of digitalisation on agriculture, rural areas and forestry. It includes a comparative analysis of socio-economic impacts of digitalisation building on the knowledge emerged from the 21 Living Labs.

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MOVING launches EU platform on mountain value chains

The project hosted a webinar on 16 December 2021 on the topic of Mountain Value Chains: heterogeneity and innovation, gathering over 60 participants. This event was the first activity organised within the EU Multi-Actor Platform set up by the project.

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Rural Cluster projects plan future joint actions

Five Horizon 2020 projects (SHERPA, DESIRA, MOVING, POLIRURAL & RURALIZATION) met on 15 December 2021



Migration and development in rural areas

The Horizon 2020 project, MATHILDE published in November 2021 a report overviewing the process of immigration in European rural and mountain areas.

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Smart Rural 21 | Better connected rural areas – improving rural mobility

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Farm to Fork Strategy - policy instruments needed to reach the targets

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ENRD | 1st Thematic Group meeting on Rural Proofing

31 Jan. -1 Feb. 2022

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SHERPA Annual Conference | Make it happen: Implementing the rural vision

8 Feb. 2022

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DESIRA Rural Digitalisation Forum | Second workshop

14 Jun. 2022

Pisa, Italy

International Conference of European Society for Ecological Economics 2022

12-15 Sep. 2022

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