

## MAKE IT HAPPEN: IMPLEMENTING THE RURAL VISION

31 JANUARY – 1 FEBRUARY 2022

VIRTUAL

The conference is building on the [last edition](#), dedicated to the preparation of the [EU Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas](#). It will focus on the work undertaken by the SHERPA Multi-Actor Platforms (MAPs) during 2021, on three relevant topics for the implementation of the rural vision:

- Alternative rural futures (foresight exercise)
- Change in production and diversification of the rural economy
- Climate change and environmental services

The event will also provide the opportunity to highlight good practices identified in SHERPA and other Horizon 2020 projects.

### DRAFT AGENDA

#### DAY 1

Timing	31 January 2022 – Agenda Items
13.30 – 14.00	Connect to the conference
14.00 – 14.15	Welcome to participants and introduction to the day
14.15 – 15:15	<p><b>LTVRA – where we are now and how can SHERPA contribute?</b></p> <p><b>SHERPA’s strands of work in 2021 &amp; contribution to the vision</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taking stock of SHERPA’s work in 2021</li> <li>• Contribution to the policy process at local, national and European levels</li> </ul>
<b>Coffee Break</b>	

<b>15.30 – 16:45</b>	<b>Stakeholder perspectives on how to implement the rural long-term vision</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Desirable futures/Future rural scenarios</li> <li>• Climate mitigation &amp; adaptation</li> <li>• Environmental services</li> <li>• Digitalisation</li> <li>• Farm diversification and food chains: new business models &amp; employment</li> <li>• Bioeconomy &amp; sustainable management of resources</li> </ul>
<b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b>16.55 – 17.20</b>	<b>Reporting back</b>
<b>17.20 – 17.30</b>	<b>Closing first day</b>

## DAY 2

Timing	1 February 2022 – Agenda Items
<b>09.00 – 09.30</b>	<b>Connect to the conference</b>
<b>09.30 – 09.45</b>	<b>Welcome to participants and introduction to the day</b>
<b>09.45 – 10.30</b>	<b>Panel discussion with keynote speakers</b>
<b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b>10.45 – 12.00</b>	<b>The role of Science-Society-Policy interface in rural policy-making</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribution to the local level</li> <li>• Contribution to the national Level</li> <li>• Contribution to the EU level</li> <li>• Contribution to rural proofing</li> <li>• Role of rural interfaces in the next phase of the LTVRA</li> <li>• How to make rural interfaces sustainable?</li> </ul>
<b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b>12.15 – 12.45</b>	<b>Reporting back</b>
<b>12.45 – 13.00</b>	<b>Closing the Conference</b>