



SHERPA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Make it happen! Implementing the rural vision

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What is SHERPA?

Sustainable Hub to Engage into Rural Policies with Actors

CSA – Coordination and support action

4 years – October 2019 to September 2023

17 partners

Coordination by Ecorys

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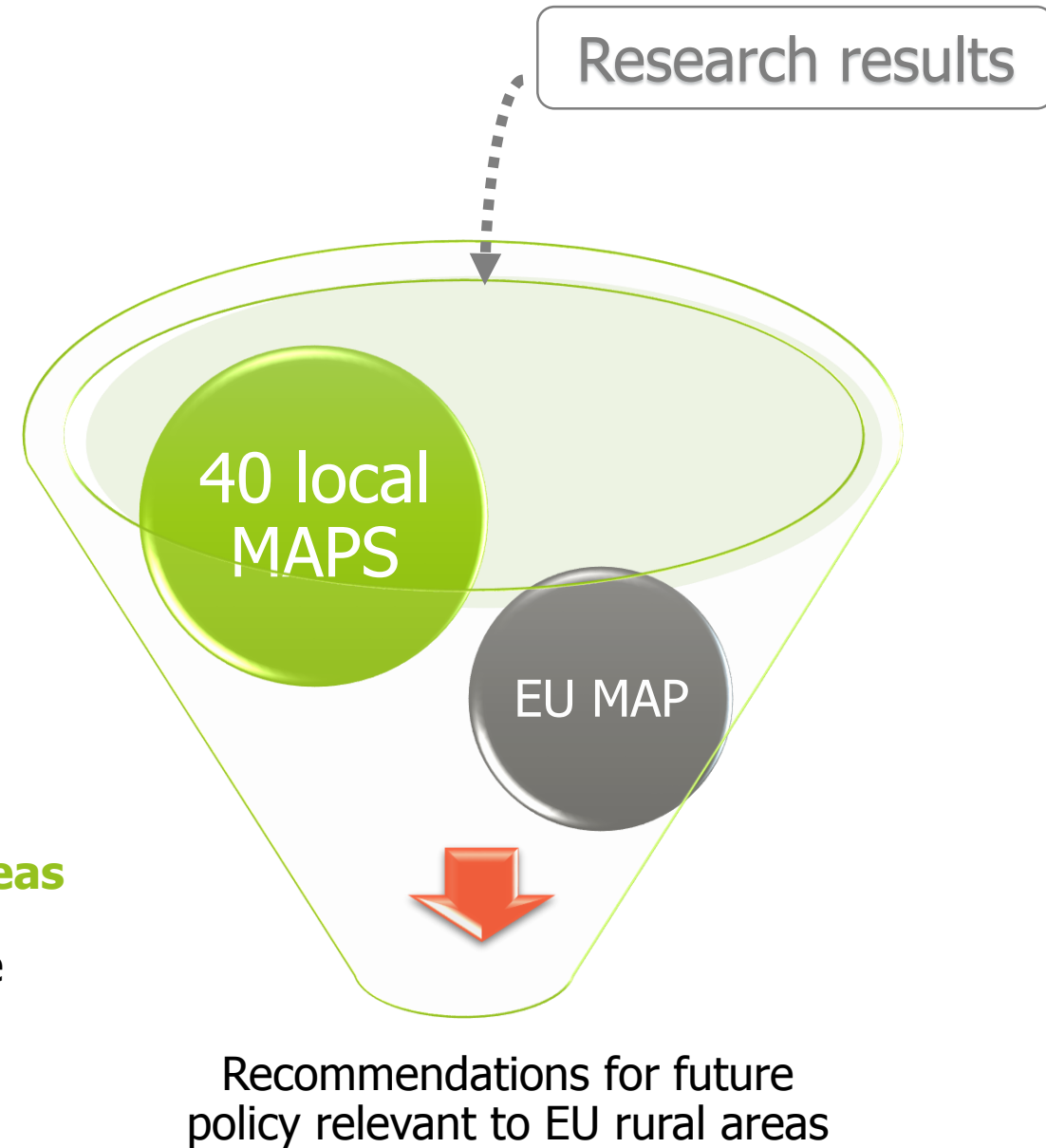
SHERPA in a nutshell

Why SHERPA?

- 1) Need to better use research knowledge
- 2) Need to empower key actors in the development of public policy

Contribution to the long-term vision for rural areas

- 1 topic in 2020 (desired future and enablers to achieve the vision)
- 3 topics in 2021





We focused on 3 topics in 2021

Multi-Actor Platforms (MAPs), gathering three societal actor groups **science, society and policy** worked on 3 topics:

Climate change and environmental sustainability



Diversification of the rural economy



Foresight





Agenda – day 1

14:00 – 14:15	Welcome to participants and introduction to the day
14:15 – 15:15	LTVRA – where we are now and how can SHERPA contribute? SHERPA's strands of work in 2021 & contribution to the vision <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taking stock of SHERPA's work in 2021• Contribution to the policy process at local, national and European level
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 16:45	Stakeholder perspectives on how to implement the rural long-term vision <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Desirable futures & pathways• Climate change mitigation & adaptation• Environmental services• Digitalisation & smart communities• Farm diversification and food chains• Bioeconomy & sustainable management of resources
16:45 – 16:55	Coffee break
16:55 – 17:20	Reporting back
17:20 – 17:30	Closing first day

Group sessions



Agenda – day 2

09:30 – 09:45	Welcome to participants and introduction to the day
09:45 – 10:30	Panel discussion with keynote speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mario Milouchev (DG AGRI, European Commission)• Karen Refsgaard (Nordregio)• Hannes Lorenzen (ARC2020 – Agricultural and Rural Convention)
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee break
10:45 – 12:00	The role of Science-Society-Policy interface in rural policy-making <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contribution to the local level• Contribution to the regional level• Contribution to the national level• Contribution to the EU level• Role of rural interfaces in the next phase of the LTVRA• Sustainability of rural interfaces
12:00 – 12:15	Coffee break
12:15 – 12:45	Reporting back
12:45 – 13:00	Closing first day – Peter Midmore Aberystwyth University

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