

SHERPA - Rural Science-Society-Policy Interfaces



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Project intro

Type of project: CSA

Start & end date: June 2019 to November 2022

Coordinator & number of partners: Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (39 partners)

Main objective of the project: Future Oriented Collaborative Policy Development for Rural Areas and People...

- **12 Rural Regional Foresight initiatives (supported by various tools and resources)**
- **Attention to "attractiveness" and "new entrants"**
- **Pilots the application of Text Mining (to help in the production of Curated Reading Lists)**
- **Pilots the application of System Dynamic Modelling in Foresight**
 - **For the exploration of Policy Options**
 - **Based on a CORE MODEL and VARIANTS adapted to each region**
 - **Comprising 8 modules with 300+ parameters**
 - **Interface provided via the POLIRURAL INNOVATION HUB**



12 Action Plans are under Development and Integrate Main Aspects of the LTVRA

	VIBRANT ... governance, engagement, inputs to policy... CAP reform, finance, conflicts, multi-level governance...	CONNECTED ... rural broadband, EO, precision agriculture... weaknesses exposed by COVID, accommodation for WFH, SAH, co-working spaces etc.	RESILIENT ... climate change, economic crises... the Green Deal, decarbonization of agriculture, biodiversity, eco-system services...	PROSPEROUS ... economic diversification, energy, circular economy... rural-urban connection, new entrants, eco-entrepreneurs, supply chain deconcentration... attractiveness
BE Flanders		✓	✓	!!
CZ Central Bohemia	✓			
ES Segobriga			✓	✓
FI Hamk	✓	✓		✓
GR Central Greece		✓		✓
IE Monaghan	✓	✓	✓	✓
IL Galilee	✓	✓	✓	✓
IT Apulia				✓
LA Vidzeme	!!			✓
NM Gevgelija-Strumica	✓			✓
PO Mazowieckie	✓		✓	✓
SL Slovakia	✓	✓	✓	✓

Significant variation from region to region in treatment of key issues, for example:

- Under governance - vibrant communities: Refer to BE, CZ, NM, SL...
- New entrants – prosperity: Refer to BE, IE and IL... etc.



How it contributes to implementing the LTVRA?

The role of Foresight is not to implement someone else's vision, but to develop one's own vision. So far the 12 regional visions and emerging action plans are well aligned with the LTVRA. The challenge is to have a vision which is **OWNED** by the beneficiaries and **NEGOTIATED** with the actors. Together they need to define what can be done to achieve the vision, mobilize the needed resources and activate those who will make it happen.

POLIRURAL support for the 12 regional Foresight initiatives has been designed to make sure that the vision is implemented, on the basis of a « package » consisting of a **VISION, ACTION PLAN and ROADMAP**.

Each Foresight initiative includes **PROCESSES** for **ENDORSEMENT** and **ADOPTION** of the package and for **MONITORING** progress in execution of the action plan.

The 12 local Foresight teams face many practical challenges

- Different starting points and **CAPABILITIES** (need for TA emphasised during EUWCR and the EUSEW)
- Information **OVERLOAD** (drivers, policy options, the language of change, of impact...)
- Lack of knowledge of **HTWW** (needed to execute a **MISSION**)
- Increased levels of **RESPONSIBILITY** (for policy, and finance, multi-level governance processes...)

POLIRURAL has provided and codeveloped with the regional teams tools and resources such as

- **INVENTORIES** of drivers (60+), **financing options** (40+), **policy options...**
- **GUIDES to DEEP DIVES** on **COVID, CAP Reform, Green Deal** and **Biodiversity...**
- Along with training and **COACHING...**