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SHERPA Position Papers

The latest SHERPA Position Papers are now published. Read through the findings and recommendations building on the work of the Multi-Actor Platforms have carried out on the topics of "Foresight: Alternative rural futures" and "Change in production and diversification of the rural economy".

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SHERPA Conference report

The highlights of the SHERPA Conference 2022 are published! On 31 January and 1 February 2022, the second edition of the SHERPA Conference took place online. The event gathered over 100 participants and more than 30 speakers to discuss how the Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas could be achieved on the ground. SHERPA MAPs had a frontal stage sharing their insights with participants, alongside other Horizon 2020 projects.

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Recommendations for future rural policies

As part of deliverable 7.3, SHERPA has put forward a first set of recommendations for aims of policy, and key enablers, of a long-term vision for rural areas of Europe by 2040. These have emerged from a structured process involving actors from across science, society and policy at EU, national and local levels. The SHERPA Multi-Actor Platforms developed their long-term visions for rural areas, at regional and national levels, and from the perspective of the EU.

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Recommendations for the future rural agenda

SHERPA has published the first set of recommendations for the future rural agenda, as part of deliverable 7.2. The process used in the project has led to positions taken on specific topics, mainly visions for rural areas, and on protecting and enhancing biodiversity through landscape features. The methodology used, has helped to identify the gaps in evidence and knowledge providing a synthesis of supply and demand led perspectives.

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NEW MAPs



20 new MAPs join SHERPA!

Browse through the 20 new Multi-Actor Platforms set up by SHERPA. In total 41 MAPs will be working this year on four different topics, addressing specific needs of the rural areas and communities covered by their platforms. The Multi-Actor Platforms in SHERPA are the core forum for two-way exchanges of ideas, for co-learning and co-creation of knowledge at local, regional and national levels among a wide variety of stakeholders from science, society and policy.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

CAP Strategic Plans: Observation letters!

The European Commission has just made available online the Observation Letters sent to the 19 EU Member States that submitted their CAP Strategic Plans in January 2022. The letters identify elements of the proposed plans that require further explanation, completion or adjustments before the European Commission can approve them.

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Rural Pact Conference: registrations open!

The registrations are now open for the Rural Pact Conference that will take place on 15-16 June 2022, both in Brussels and online (only plenary sessions). The conference will bring together EU, national, and regional politicians along with local authorities, social and economic stakeholders in a participatory


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Kohesio - new database for EU-funded projects

The new platform Kohesio is a comprehensive knowledge database offering easy and transparent access to up-to-date information on projects and beneficiaries co-funded by EU Cohesion policy. The projects cover national and regional operational programmes for the 2014-2020 funding period, supported by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the Cohesion Fund (CF) and the European Social Fund (ESF).

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Social and solidarity economy in rural areas

The French Rural Network organised a webinar on "Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) in rural areas". Research findings, concrete network actions and local rural projects were presented during the event.

A study published in March 2021 by the National Agency for Territorial Cohesion (ANCT), outlines that SSE responds directly to social, environmental or economical local needs.

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Rural Digitalisation Forum: scenario planning

During the 2nd meeting of DESIRA's Rural Digitalisation Forum, two scenario planning workshops were carried out. Around 30 stakeholders from different backgrounds participated in the EU-level exercise. The main outcomes are now published in a highlights report.

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MOVING: women and mountain sustainability

As part of the International Women's Day 2022, under the theme of "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow", MOVING published a short blog outlining the importance of gender dimension for the project and the activities that it carries out.

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RURITAGE summer school 2022 in Finland

The 3-day Summer School organised within the H2020-funded project, RURITAGE, will take place between 9 and 12 May in Kuopio, Finland. Attendees will



POLIRURAL: guide to deep dives on CAP reform

The newly published guide of POLIRURAL focuses on a sub-set of issues that are either new to the CAP or which are now being given much more

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Social innovation in shrinking villages:
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