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SHERPA- Rural interfaces

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SHERPA Discussion Papers

The latest SHERPA Discussion Papers are now available online. Read through the four topics that the 41 Multi-Actor Platforms will be addressing during this year: social dimension, digitalisation, climate change & land use, sustainable & resilient value chains.

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SHERPA NEWS



SHERPA partners met in Brussels for the Consortium meeting to take stock of the progress achieved until now and discuss the next steps for the project. It was the first in-person meeting since the beginning of the pandemic back in 2020. The project is now entering the last phase of its lifespan. During the next 15 months, SHERPA will be implementing the two remaining cycles for the 41 Multi-Actor Platforms set up across Europe.

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SHERPA at the Rural Pact Conference

The event brought together EU, national, and regional policy-makers alongside local authorities, social and economic stakeholders in a participatory event reflecting the rural vision's ambition and bottom-up character. SHERPA was well represented by various partners that joined the Conference. The multi-actor approach was mentioned throughout the Rural Pact Conference, and this is exactly the added value of our SHERPA project.

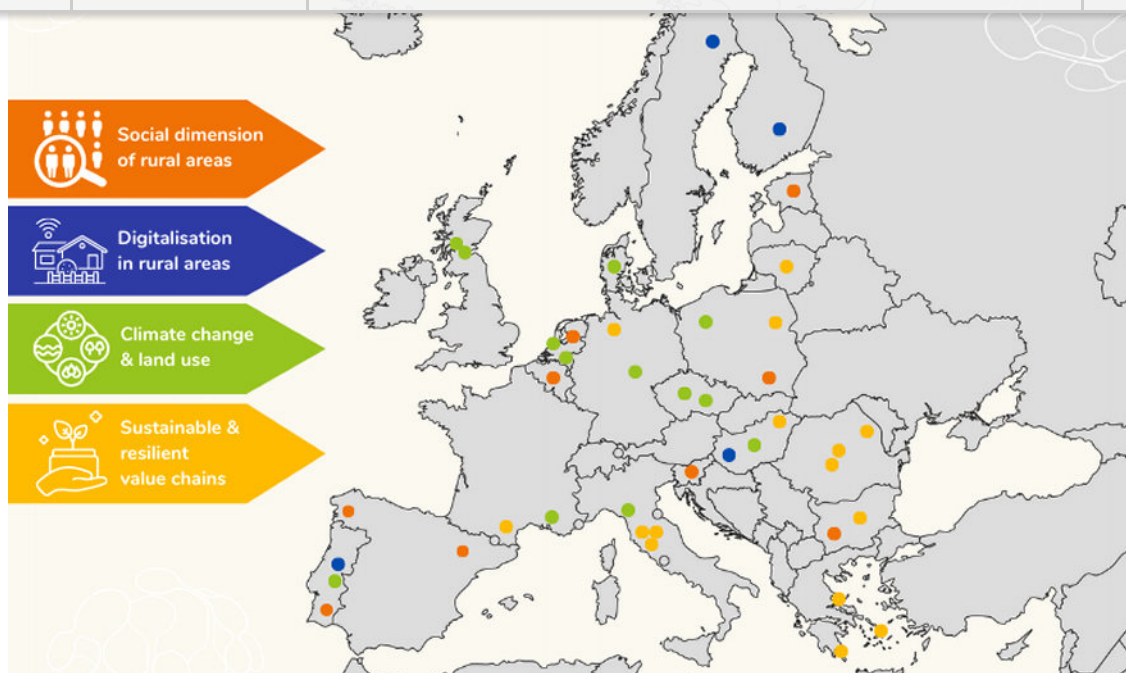
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Contribution to the Brain Drain public consultation

A SHERPA contribution highlighting input from six Multi-Actor Platforms has been submitted as feedback to the European Commission's public consultation. Examples from Finland, Denmark, Spain, Portugal, Bulgaria and Poland, demonstrate how various interventions are being or will be implemented in an effort to reverse the brain drain of their rural areas.

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MAPS IN FOCUS



The 41 Multi-Actor Platforms (MAPs) will be working on four different topics during the third cycle. The topics reflect on the **social dimension** of rural areas, **digitalisation**, **climate change** and land use, and the sustainability and resilience of **value chains**. Browse through the dedicated webpages of the MAPs and read about their objectives, focus and composition of their membership, as well as the context of their rural regions.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

Public opinion on agriculture & rural areas

The European Commission published the results of a special Eurobarometer on agriculture and the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP). Nearly half of Europeans think that securing a stable supply of food in the EU at all times should be a main objective of the CAP, according to the findings. Nine out of ten respondents consider that in the EU, agriculture and rural areas are important for our future.

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Lonely places - a new concept explored by JRC



published a report exploring the concept of 'lonely places' and their associated challenges focusing on territories across the EU-27 Member States. The report introduces the exploratory concept of lonely places, which is spatially embedded and identifies a plurality of places that present a vulnerability in terms of lack or insufficient local endowment, accessibility or connectivity.

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Environmental & social data in european farms

The European Commission has proposed to convert the Farm Accountancy Data Network (FADN) into a Farm Sustainability Data Network (FSDN), allowing to better address sustainability challenges thanks to increased data knowledge on EU agriculture. The future FSDN will add sustainability data on environmental and social matters.

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Enabling factors for rural revitalisation

The European Network for Rural Development published a report identifying key enabling factors for driving rural revitalisation together with a self-assessment tool for policy design. The report presents the results of the work carried out by the expert members, building on the main outcomes from the meetings and consultations, alongside a review of key literature, including documents produced by EU institutions and relevant organisations.

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DESIRA: new practice abstracts published!

A new batch of Practices Abstracts has been published! Over 20 documents featuring a short summary of the Needs, Expectations and Impacts report, that DESIRA Living Labs carried out during 2021. Several recommendations are also highlighted to accomplish the digital transition.

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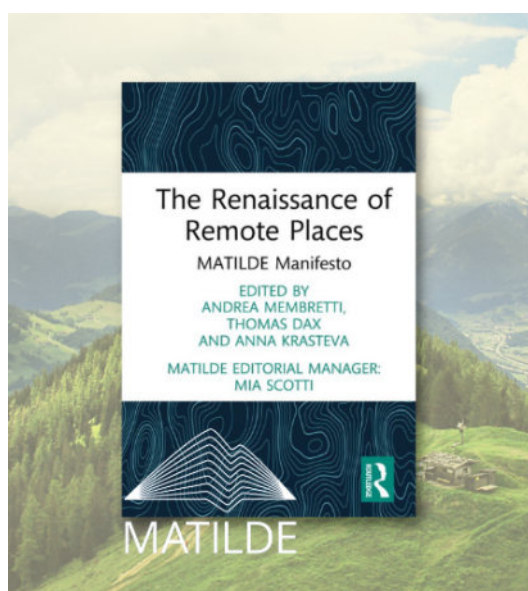

MOVING: revision of Geographical Indications

Project partner AREPO, analysed the proposal for a regulation on the revision of the EU Geographical Indications (GIs) system. This revision aims to increase the uptake of GIs across the EU to benefit the rural economy, and to ensure their effective protection to fairly reward producers for their efforts.

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RURITAGE: Stories of rural regeneration

The project has published a compilation of stories that focus on rural regeneration examples accross Europe, through beautiful imagery and storytelling. The



MATILDE launches book on remote places

The book contributes to a new narrative about migration and rural/mountain territories for the future of the entire continent. Mobilising new data and

strengthen the community and make its inhabitants proud of their place.

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inhabitants at the core of innovative policies at all levels.

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EVENTS

13 Jul. 2022

Online

POLIRURAL: System Dynamic Modelling for Enhanced Rural Planning

12-15 Sep. 2022

Kielce, Poland

European Rural Parliament

12-16 Sep. 2022

Mielno, Poland

European Rural Development Network: 20th anniversary

19-23 Sep. 2022

Oeversee, Germany

Rural Futures Summer School

20 Sep. 2022

Brussels, Belgium

Montana174 Conference: How to foster the effective uptake of Cohesion Policy funds in mountain areas?

26-28 Sep. 2022

Lisbon, Portugal

SmartAgriHubs Final Event

28-30 Sep. 2022

Ballyconnel, Ireland

OECD Rural Development Conference

19-21 Oct. 2022

Saignelégier, Switzerland

Forum Origin, Diversity and territories 2022

8 Nov. 2022

Online

MOVING EU MAP webinar | European Quality schemes: the added value for mountain value chains



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