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## SHERPA Conference 2023

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Register to the third edition of the SHERPA Conference "Co-creating resilient futures" on 31 January and 1 February, in Montpellier (France).

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## SHERPA NEWS

SHERPA'S Position Paper on  
Climate Change and

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The SHERPA Position Paper on “Climate change & Environmental Sustainability” is now available online! This document contributes to the process of making Europe – and rural areas within the European continent- climate neutral.

[Check it out!](#)



## Find out about SHERPA's Stakeholder Engagement Tools!

We have revised our toolbox for stakeholder engagement. This platform was designed to assist SHERPA facilitators and monitors of Multi-Actor Platforms (MAPs) during the project, and beyond. But not only...! Everyone can access it and learn about the best tips and methods to engage local stakeholders. What do you wait for to check it?

[Check it out!](#)

## SHERPA at the OECD Rural Development Conference

Agust and Karen represented SHERPA partner Nordregio at the OECD Rural Development Conference in Ireland, which this year was themed Building Sustainable, Resilient and Thriving Rural Places. While Karen moderated a session on strategies to empower, attract and keep youth in rural areas, Agust presented results from the remote work project as well as participating in discussions on the subject in a session about digitalisation of working and the opportunities it can entail for rural communities.

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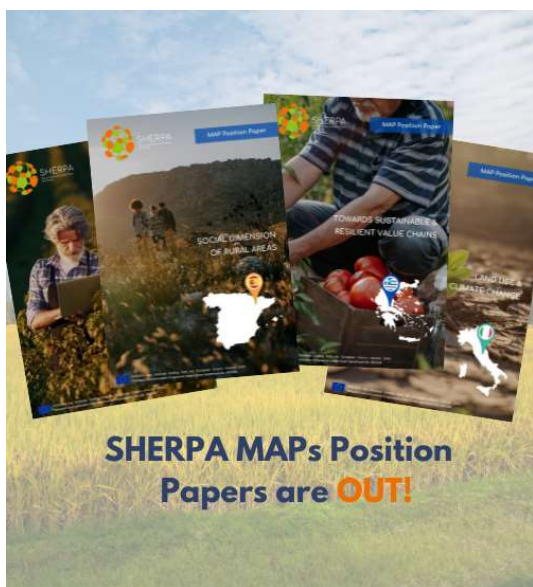
## SHERPA at the EU Rural



From 12 to 15 September 2022, the fifth European Rural Parliament took place in Kielce, Poland. Over four days, more than 400 rural stakeholders gathered to share experiences, challenges, and opportunities in Europe's rural areas. SHERPA was kindly invited by the organisers to participate to the European Rural Parliament and organise a specific workshop portraying some of our results.

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## MAPS IN FOCUS



### New publication: MAP Position Papers for the future of rural areas

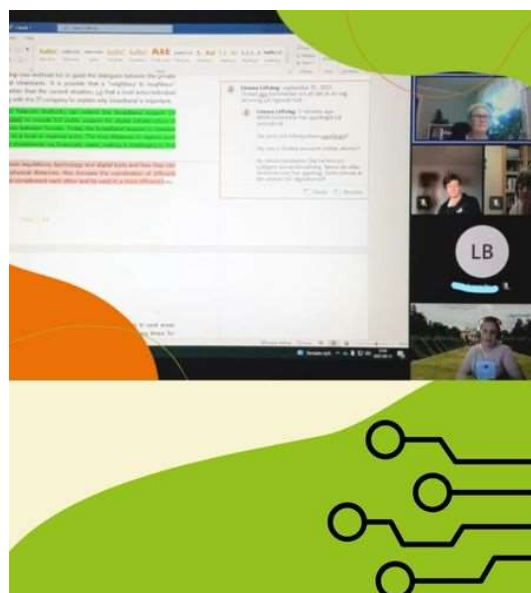
On October 2022, SHERPA Multi-Stakeholder Platforms published their Position Papers on four relevant topics for the future of rural areas: land use and climate change; digitalisation; social dimension of rural areas; and sustainable and resilient value chains.

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### Swedish MAP finalising work on digitalisation

The latter years booming green and industrial investments in Norrbotten indicate a large potential for a twin green & digital transition. On 13 September 2022, the SHERPA Multi-Actor Platforms Norrbotten, in Sweden, held an online meeting to discuss and confirm the results of the MAP position paper on digitalisation for attractive rural areas.

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On Monday, 22 August 2022, at the 60th international agricultural and food fair AGRA, a conference entitled 'Quality of life in rural areas' was held, jointly organised by SVARUN, the Agricultural and Forestry Chamber of Slovenia and the Association of Slovenian Rural Youth. The conference was an opportunity for the Slovenian MAP of SHERPA (SVARUN) to present the findings and outcomes of its activities.

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## EUROPEAN NEWS

### Long-term Vision for Rural Areas: the EU Parliament shares its own vision

On 24 October, the AGRI Committee at the EU Parliament voted by a large majority the proposal led by Rapporteur Isabel Carvalhais MEP, on its position for "A Long-Term Vision for the EU's Rural Areas". With this report, the EU Parliament is preparing its own position regarding the Vision proposed by the Commission last year. Its main message is that rural areas need immediate and fair policies and funding to tackle numerous challenges rural communities face.

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### The EU CAP Network, the new platform where SHERPA ideas and the CAP Strategic Plans meeting

This new platform, officially launched on 6th of October, will serve for knowledge and information exchange, for peer-to-peer learning, and for sharing experiences and good practices in the implementation of the CAP for the 2021-

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## OECD: Unlocking rural innovation

The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has recently published a report, the first of a series to support and boost rural innovation. This thematic report provides the latest analysis and research on rural innovation and proposes ways to overcome the growing gaps between rural and urban places.

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## The CAP Strategic Plans: the second approval package with two more countries

On 31 August 2022, the European Commission approved the first CAP Strategic Plans for seven countries: Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland, Poland, Portugal, and Spain. A second approval package followed this one on 12 September 2022 with two more CAPs from Austria and Luxembourg.

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## An EU Care Strategy: what is in for rural areas?

In September 2022, the European Commission presented its proposal for an European Care Strategy. In its

attention to rural and remote areas. Indeed, rural areas often lack or have a shortage of care services.

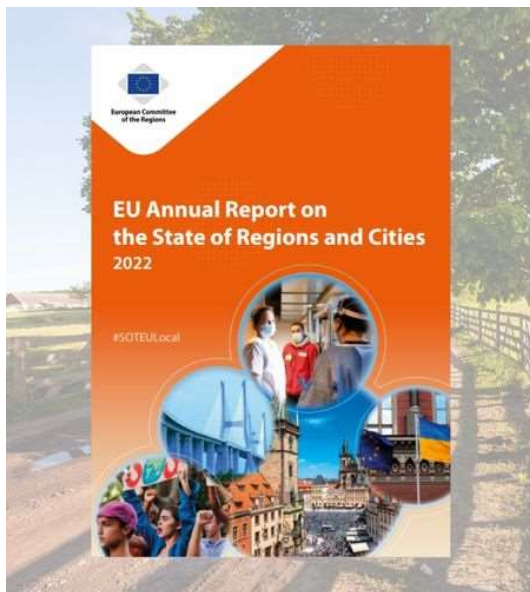
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## EU Annual Report confirms urban-rural divide across regions and cities

On 11 October 2022, the Committee of the Regions published its annual report on the State of the Regions and Cities in the European Union. As emerged earlier this year by the 8th Cohesion Report, the EU Annual Report confirms the existence of an important territorial divide between rural and urban areas.

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## OTHER H2020 PROJECTS



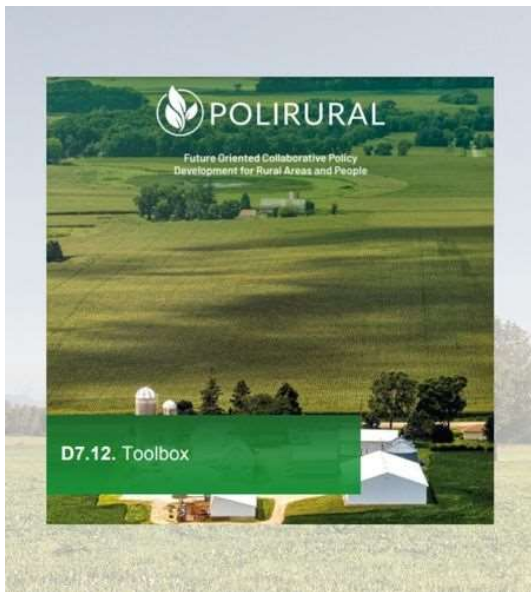


Two new projects have been financed to better understand rural diversity and support rural areas towards a green and digital transition. GRANULAR and RUSTIK are the names of the projects, learn more about them!

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On 8 November, MOVING will organise its webinar on "European Quality schemes: the added value for mountain value chains". Speakers from different corners of European mountains will intervene during this event. Do not lose the opportunity to register!

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## Polirural publishes its toolbox before ending

The Polirural project on "Future Oriented Collaborative Policy for Rural areas and People" just ended. However, before that, it has published a toolbox, that contains the main information about the project, its methodologies and how to use the main tools!

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## MATILDE: policy briefs on migration in rural areas

The European-funded project MATILDE has published 4 policy briefs on the impact of migration on the local development of rural and mountain regions. The policy briefs investigate four crucial aspects on migration in the 13 regions analysed by the project.

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## EVENTS

8 Nov. 2022

Online

**SHERPA & POLIRURAL Webinar | effective mechanisms to address new governance challenges in rural areas**

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

10 Nov. 2022

Austria

MATILDE International Conference | Migration and Rural Development

15-16 Nov. 2022

Andolsheim, France

Advancing gender equality in rural areas in the EU

15 Nov. 2022

Online

Third meeting of the Rural Digitalisation Forum

30 Nov. 2022- 1 Dec. 2022

Ireland

EIP-AGRI Workshop | Young entrepreneurs - engines of innovation in rural areas

31 Jan.-1 Feb. 2023

Montpellier, France

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