A SHERPA Multi-actor platform at regional level: takeaways for piloting EU projects in rural areas with rural people

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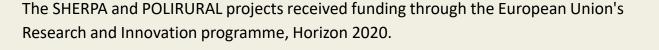












SHERPA project in a nutshell



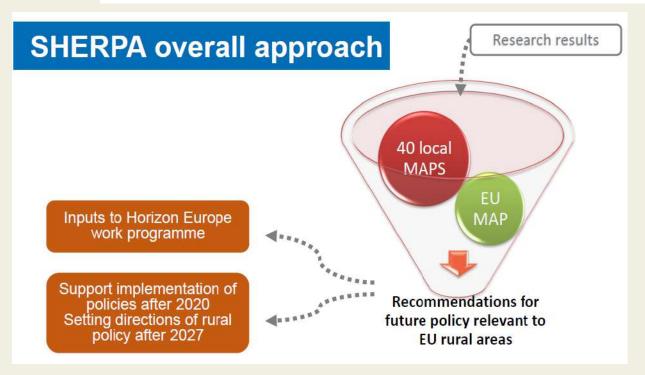


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- Former EU-funded research and innovation projects told that science civil society - policy platforms may:
 - Reinforce dialogue, concertation and participation regarding needs and impacts of EU policies in rural areas
 - Create common visions for regional rural development, incl. With commitments to implement and a long-term follow-up
 - Contribute to reinforce resilience and multi-performance of rural areas through a better understanding of EU programmes and EU funding mechanisms
- In SHERPA, Multi-Actor Platforms (MAPs) are the **rural interfaces** that provide a forum for two-way exchanges of ideas for **co-learning and co-creation of knowledge** with actors at European and regional levels.
- The main objective is to engage representatives from civil society organisations, researchers and policy-makers in exchanging knowledge, ideas and experiences on future rural policies
- The case of the South Region MAP codesigned with the regional rural network (Provence-Alpes-Côte-d'Azur)









Rural policy and rural development in the EU: a longstanding evoluting pathway











- SHERPA project did tracked rural policy and strategies **developments** in the EU over the last three decades
- From a "Community (the EU) approach to the problems of rural society" to an "under-appreciated role and importance of rural areas"
- SHERPA used foresight exercices at EU, national and regional level by the SHERPA project to map the main drivers of future trends and dynamics of EU rural areas



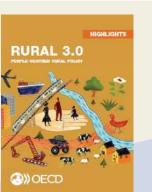
CORK 2.0 "A Better Life in Rural Areas"

New Rural

Paradigm



(2016)



PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

A long-term Vision for the EU's Rural Areas - Towards stronger, connected, resilient and prosperous rural areas by 2040

{SWD(2021) 166 final} - {SWD(2021) 167 final}



Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas (2021)

Rural Policy 3.0 (2018)





The Cork Declaration

The European Conference on Rural Development,

Having met

at Cork, Ireland from 7th to 9th November, 1996

LEADER (1991)

The future of rural society

Commission communication transmitted to the Council and to the European Parliament on 29 July 1988

COM (88) 501 28 July 1988 Future of **Rural Society** (1988)

Source: Framework providing definitions, operational typology and review of EU strategies for rural areas, Féret et al. 2020.





Combining & synergising various policy frameworks to build smart rural regional strategies











Regional SHERPA MAP

SHERPA Foresight: Rural Areas towards 2040 in South Region

Position paper 2021

Discussion paper 2020

> **Position** Paper 2020

Piloting transitions in rural areas: engineering, ust transition, rural proofing, cooperation among territories

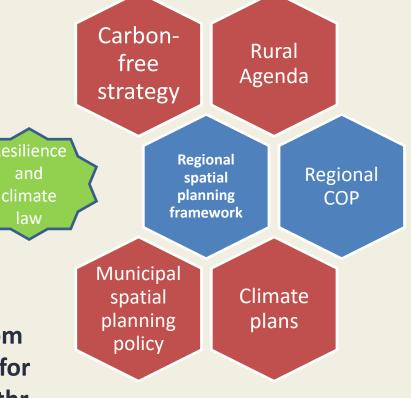
> Rural areas facing climate change in South Region

> > Discussion paper Position paper 2022

> > > **Inspire from** the LTVRA for preparing thr

regional **LEADER** program



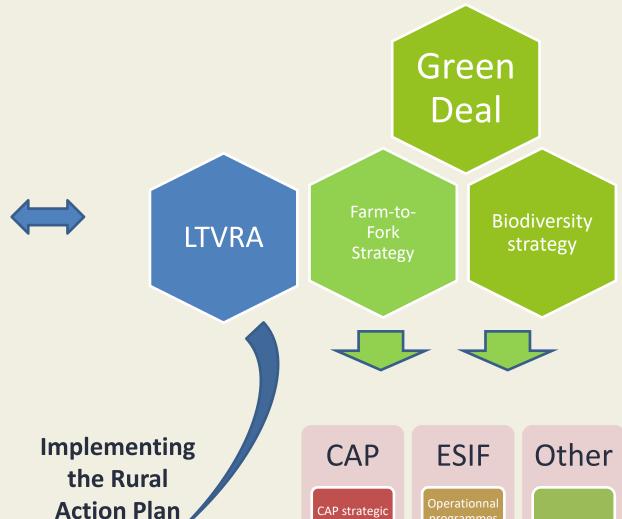


Connected Access to services Digital connectivity Transport links and Prosperous Resilient economic activities

Source: European Commission

climate change Environmental resilience Social resilience

EU policies and strategies



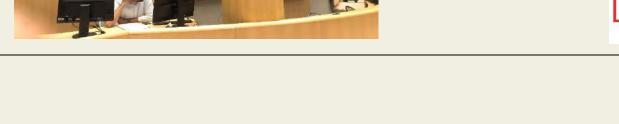
















Key messages for MAPs working on rural policy at regional level











- Cultivate sense of ownership on rural policy environment at regional level through the regional rural network
- Make rural actors part of the decision making process through specific platforms like the SHERPA MAP did at regional level
- Creating an enabling environment for smart rural policies is not only about consulting rural people for hearing « rural voices »; it's suggesting new approaches and methodologies, for engaging with rural people in co-designing local or regional policy schemes for rural areas























Thank you!

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