

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



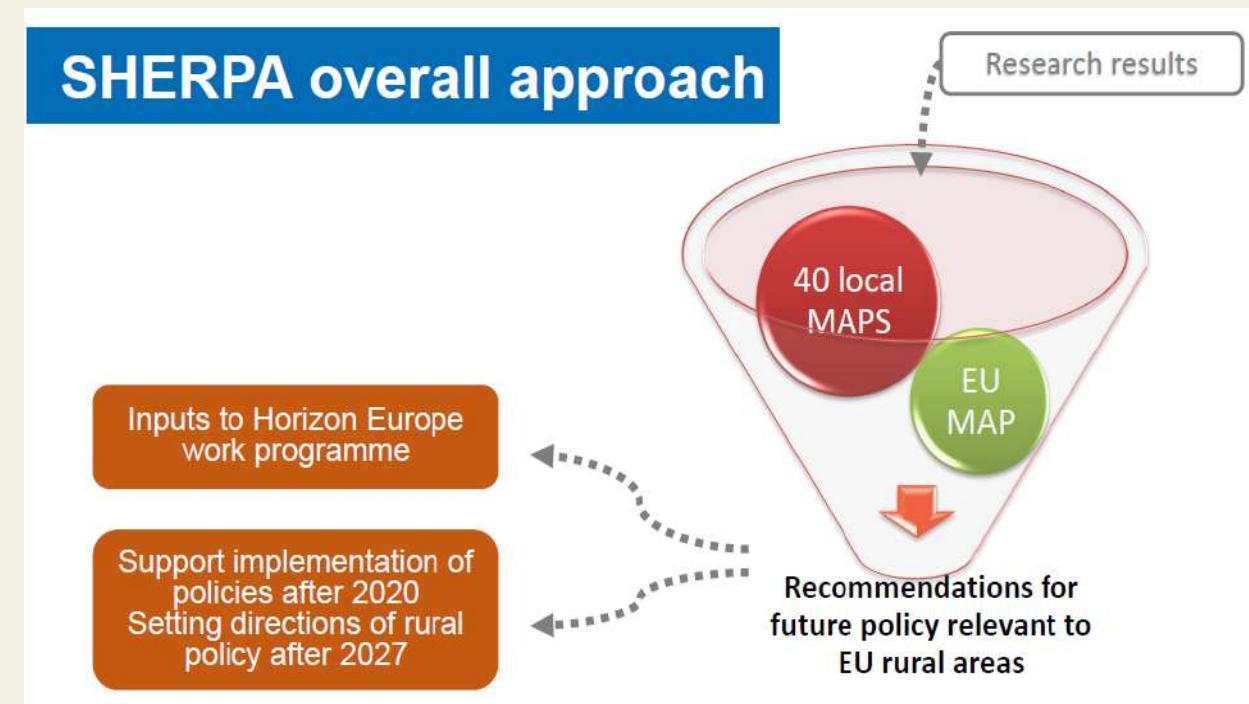
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- Former EU-funded research and innovation projects told that science - civil society - policy platforms may:
 - **Reinforce dialogue, concertation and participation regarding needs and impacts of EU policies in rural areas**
 - Create common visions 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 evolving pathway



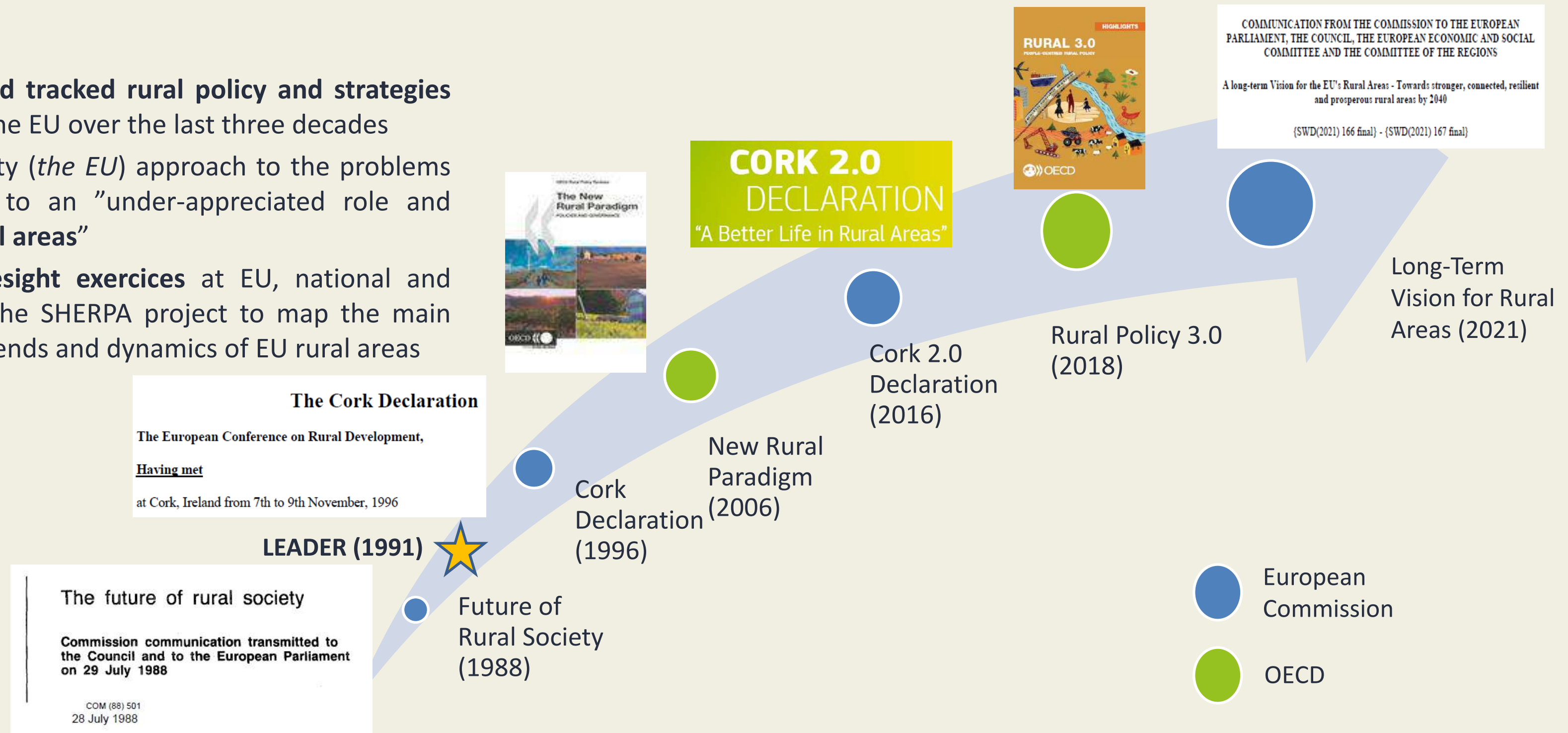
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- SHERPA project did tracked rural policy and strategies developments in the EU over the last three decades
- From a "Community (*the EU*) approach to the problems of **rural society**" to an "under-appreciated role and importance of **rural areas**"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



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



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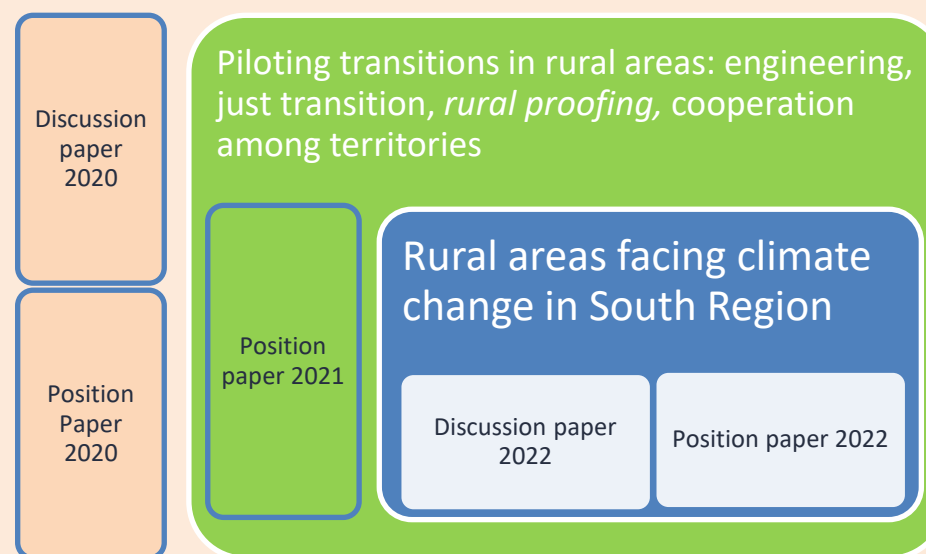


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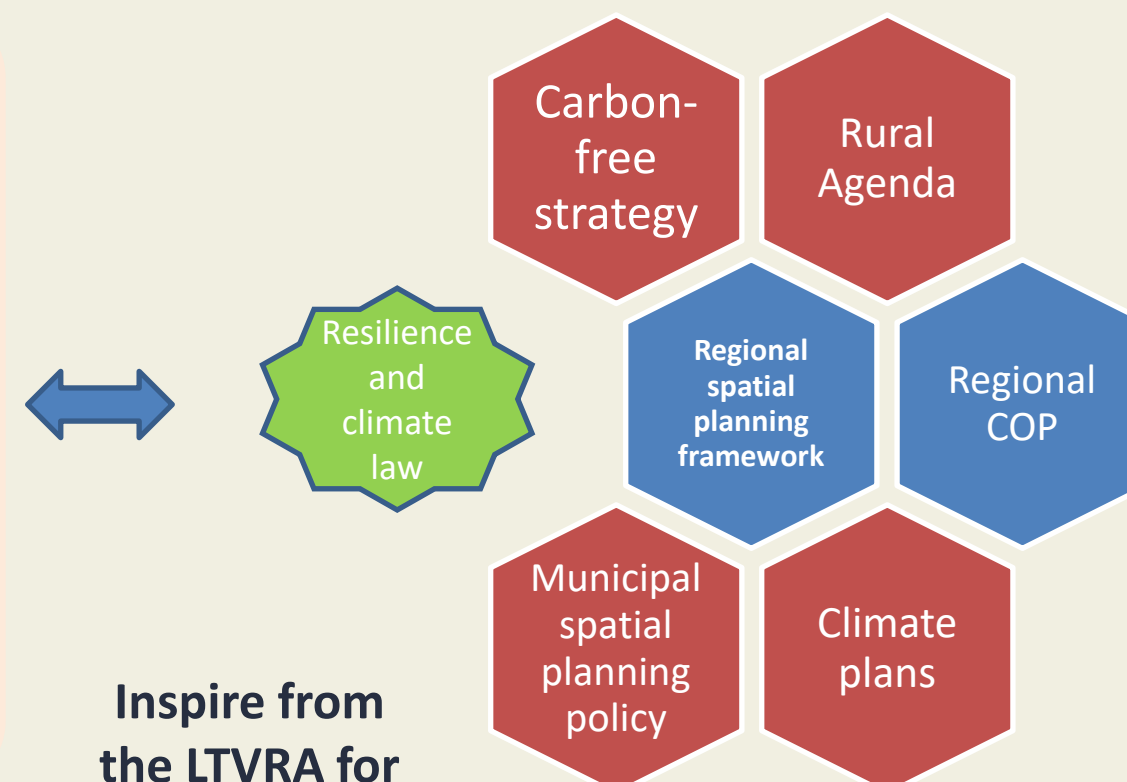


Regional SHERPA MAP

SHERPA Foresight: Rural Areas towards 2040 in South Region



National, Regional and sub-regional policy frameworks



Inspire from the LTVRA for preparing the regional LEADER program



EU policies and strategies



Implementing the Rural Action Plan



Key messages for MAPs working on rural policy at regional level



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- 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**





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