



CO-CREATING RURAL FUTURES

31 JANUARY – 1 FEBRUARY 2023

CIHEAM MONTPELLIER (FRANCE)

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The 3rd SHERPA Annual Conference “**CO-CREATING RURAL FUTURES**” will build on SHERPA’s contribution to the European Union Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas (LTVRA) and the work undertaken by the SHERPA partners during **2022**.

The conference will focus on the role of Multi-Actor Platforms (MAPs) and multi-stakeholder governance in delivering the LTVRA and reflect upon the sustainability of SHERPA MAPs after the project’s end. Moreover, highlights from the SHERPA and MAPs Position Papers will be presented on the social dimension of rural areas, sustainable and resilient value chains, climate change and land use, and digitalisation.

AGENDA

DAY 1

Time	31 January 2023 - Agenda Items
10.00	Shuttle bus departure from Montpellier city centre, Le Corum – 9 avenue de Nîmes 34000 Montpellier, to reach the conference venue
10.30 – 11.15	Welcome coffee and registration
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch (buffet)
14:00 – 14.15	Welcome and introduction to the day , <i>Thierry Dupeuble, Director of CIHEAM Montpellier</i>
14.15 – 15:45	SHERPA’s strands of work in 2022 & contribution to LTVRA <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Long Term Vision for Rural Areas - Where are we now and how can SHERPA continue to contribute to it? <i>Alexia Rouby, European Commission – DG AGRI</i>• Taking stock of SHERPA’s work in 2022, <i>Olivier Chartier, Ecorys</i>• SHERPA’s contribution to policy at local level – Testimonies from the multi-actor platforms in France<ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Nathalie Régond Planas, mayor and president of Pays Pyrénées Méditerranée</i>- <i>Christelle Caso, Rural network of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur Region</i> Moderation: <i>Serafin Pazos Vidal, European Association for Innovation on Local Development</i> Q&A- Interaction with the audience
Coffee Break	



16.15 – 17:15	<p>Breakout sessions - SHERPA's views on co-creating rural futures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stronger rural areas: focus on social dimension of rural areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Majda Čerňič, University of Ljubljana and Lead author of SHERPA Position Paper on social dimension of rural areas</i> - <i>Beatriz Guimarey Fernandez, University of Santiago de Compostela and facilitator of the multi-actor platform in Galicia, Spain</i> - <i>Konstantin Mihhejev, Estonian Agricultural Research Center and member of multi-actor platform Estonia</i> • Connected rural areas: focus on digitalisation in rural areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Sabrina Arcuri, University of Pisa and lead author of SHERPA Position Paper on digitalization</i> - <i>Åsa Händel, Region Norbotten, Sweden</i> - <i>Csaba Bálint, Monitor of the multi-actor platform AKIS, Hungary</i> • More resilient rural areas that foster well-being: focus on climate change and land use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>David Miller, James Hutton Institute and Lead author of the SHERPA Position Paper on climate change and land use</i> - <i>Reinhold Stauß, Thünen-Institut and monitor of multi-actor platforms in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany</i> - <i>Jorieke Potters, Wageningen University and monitors of the multi-actor platforms South East Drenthe and P10 network, The Netherlands</i> • Prosperous rural areas: focus on sustainable and resilient value chains <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Estelle Midler, Institute for European Environmental Policy and spokesperson of SHERPA Position Paper on sustainable and resilient value chains</i> - <i>Monica Tudor, Monitor of the multi-actor platforms in Rural Transylvania, Iasi, Arges, Romania</i> - <i>Géraldine Caprani, representative of the multi-scale platform Pays Pyrénées Méditerranée, France</i> • Prosperous rural areas: focus on sustainable and resilient value chains (online) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Gerald Schwarz, Thünen-Institut and facilitator of multi-actor platforms in Schleswig-Holstein and Nienburg - Lower Saxony, Germany</i>
17.15 – 17.45	Reporting back
17.45 – 18.00	Closing first day
18.00 – 19.30	Buffet
19.30	Shuttle bus departure from the conference venue to Montpellier city centre, Le Corum - 9 avenue de Nîmes 34000 Montpellier

DAY 2

Time	1 February 2023 - Agenda Items
8.00	Shuttle bus departure from Montpellier city centre, Le Corum, 9 avenue de Nîmes 34000 Montpellier, to reach the conference venue
08.45 – 09.15	Welcome coffee and registration
09.15 – 09.30	Welcome, introduction to the day & brief stocktake of day 1

<p>9.30 – 10.30</p>	<p>Panel discussion with key note speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative from science, <i>Dominique Barjolle – ETH Zurich and member of the European multi-actor platform in SHERPA</i> • Representative from society, <i>Tom Jones – European Rural Community Alliance</i> • Representative from policy, <i>Arianna Pasa, European Commission – DG AGRI</i> • Representative from policy, <i>Samuel Féret, CIHEAM Montpellier</i> <p>Moderation: <i>Elodie Salle, Ecorys</i></p> <p>Q&A- Interaction with the audience</p>
<p>Coffee Break</p>	
<p>11.00– 11.15</p>	<p>Introduction- results from the multi-actors platforms’ survey - Leneisja Jungsberg and John Moodie, NordRegio</p>
<p>11.15– 12.30</p>	<p>Breakout sessions – Multi-Actor Platforms: sustaining post-SHERPA?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added value of the Multi-Actor Platforms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Daniel Petrov, SHERPA multi-actor platform in Bulgaria</i> - <i>Barbara Soriano, monitor of the multi-actor platform in Aragon, Spain</i> • Key ingredients to sustain the Multi-Actor Platforms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Erato Lazarou, University of Athens and facilitator of multi-actor platform South Aegean, Greece</i> - <i>Carla Lostrangio, European Association for Innovation on Local Development</i> • Governance and membership of the Multi-Actor Platforms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Emil Erjavec, University of Ljubljana and facilitator of the multi-actor platform in Slovenia</i> - <i>Živilė Gedminaitė-Raudonė and Rita Lankauskienė, Lithuanian Centre for Social Sciences and representatives of the multi-actor platform in Lithuania</i> • Business model and financing the Multi-Actor Platforms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Katarzyna Gizińska, European Rural Development Network and facilitator of the multi-actor platform in Bieszczady, Poland</i> - <i>Pedros Santos, CONSULAI and Facilitator of the multi-actor platform in Southwest Alentejo and Rural Portugal</i> • Key ingredients to sustain the Multi-Actor Platforms (online) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Stefano Targetti, University of Bologna and facilitator of the multi-actor platform in Emilia-Romagna, Italy</i>
<p>12.30-13.00</p>	<p>Reporting back</p>
<p>13.00-13.15</p>	<p>Closing the Conference, <i>Professor Peter Midmore, Aberystwyth University</i></p>
<p>13.15-14.15</p>	<p>Lunch (buffet)</p>