

SHERPA

Final Conference



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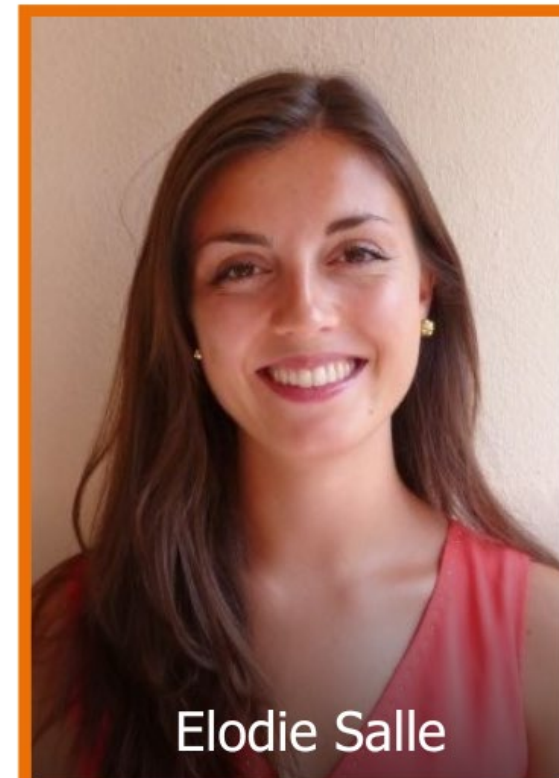


Welcome to the SHERPA Final Conference!



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SHERPA raison d'être

Needs addressed by SHERPA

- Need to better use knowledge gained from investment in research
- Need to empower key actors and stakeholders in the development of public policy

The SHERPA Mission

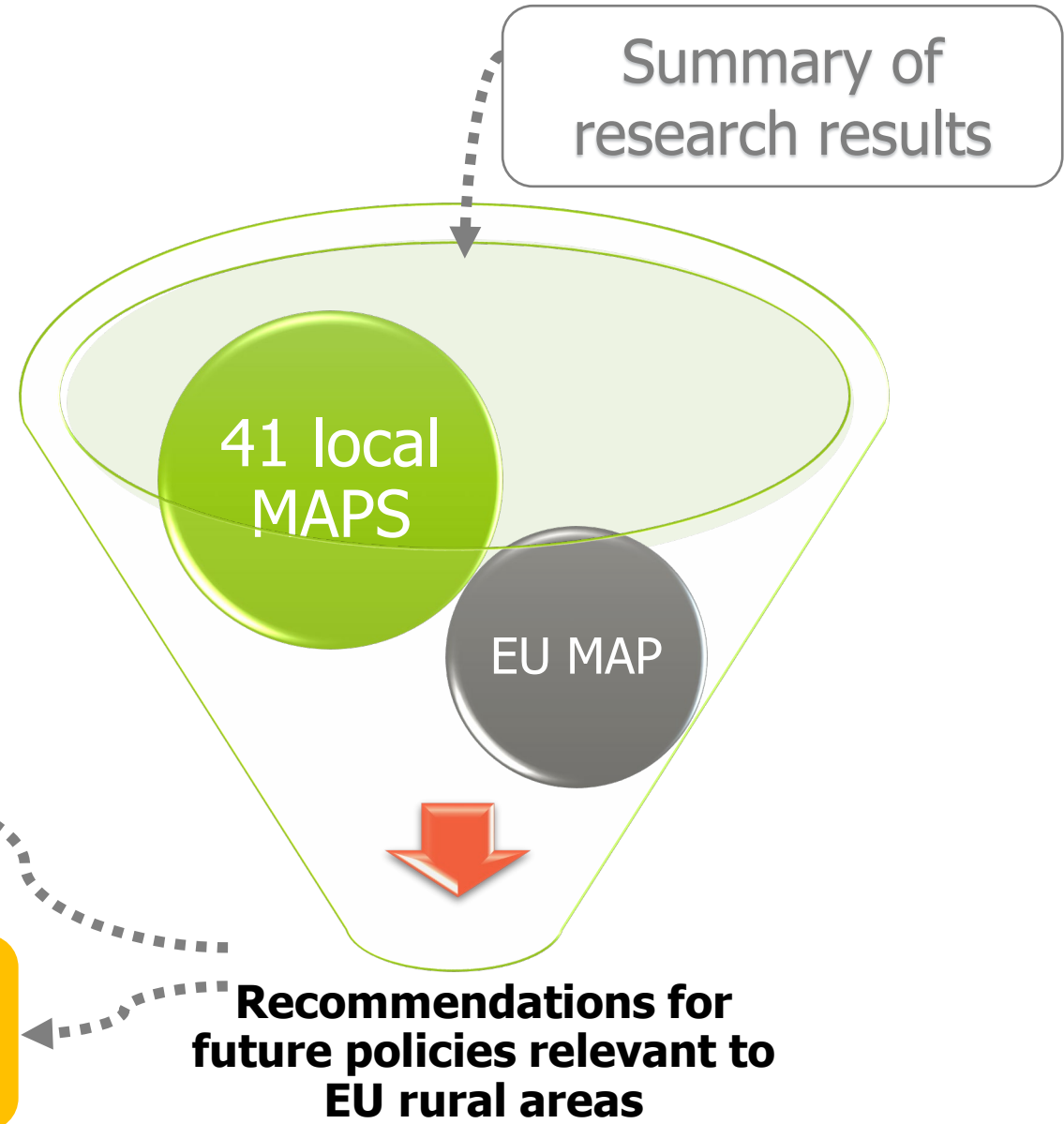
- The overall objective of SHERPA is **to gather relevant knowledge and opinions that contribute to the formulation of recommendations** for future policies relevant to EU rural areas.
- It has created a **science-society-policy interface** which provides a hub for knowledge and policy.
- It is supporting actors in rural development to help rural areas take emerging opportunities and protect them from long-term threats of decline.



SHERPA process

Inputs to Horizon Europe work programme

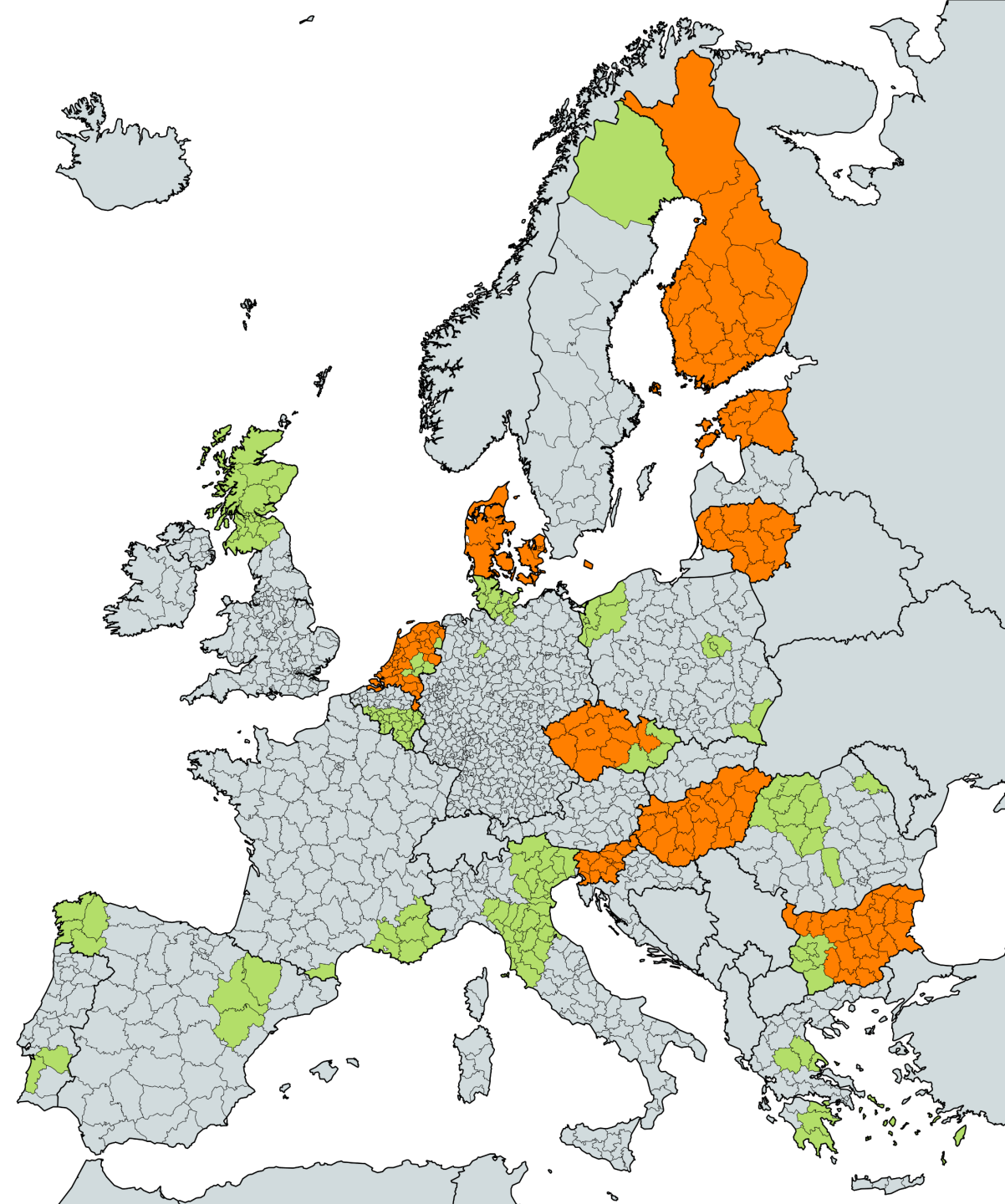
Support implementation of policies after 2020
Setting directions of rural policy after 2027





Overview of SHERPA results

- Established **41 regional and national MAPs** (i.e. Science-Society-Policy interfaces) across 19 EU Member States & the United Kingdom (Scotland)
- **630+** actors from science, society and policy have been actively engaged in a variety of topics using the SHERPA approach
- Created a shared knowledge base relevant to EU rural policy by taking stock of results of past and ongoing projects → the **SHERPA Repository**





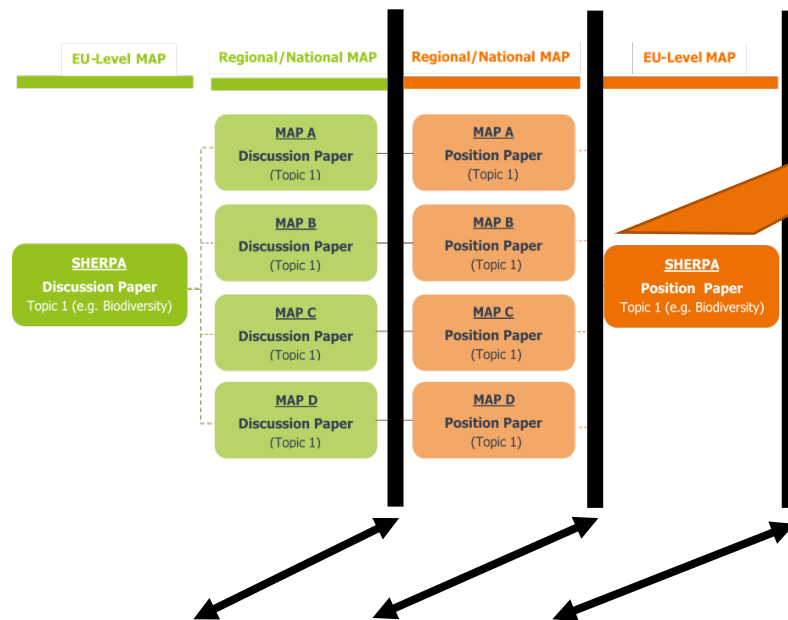
Overview of SHERPA results

- Synthesised **needs, opportunities, challenges and good practices for rural areas** as identified in multiple publications:
 - **100+** MAP Position Papers/Notes
 - **9** SHERPA Position Papers (*+ one more on the way*)
- SHERPA was **mentioned multiple times** in the EC Communication on the Long Term Vision for Rural Areas
- Formulated a first set of **recommendations for future research agendas and for the development of future rural policies**
 - *A second set of recommendations will be published this summer*
- Produced **25 SHERPA Deliverables**
 - Working principles of the MAPs, a review of the rural ambition in the CAP Strategic Plans, methods for setting up MAPs, etc.
 - *11 more to be published before the end of the project*



SHERPA Process: Co-constructing Recommendations

Co-learning and knowledge exchange



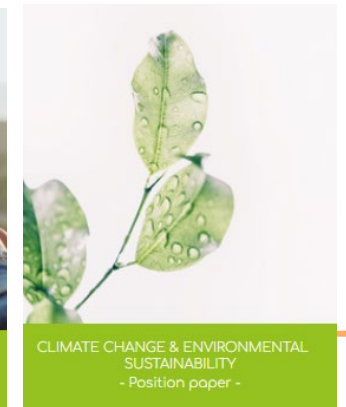
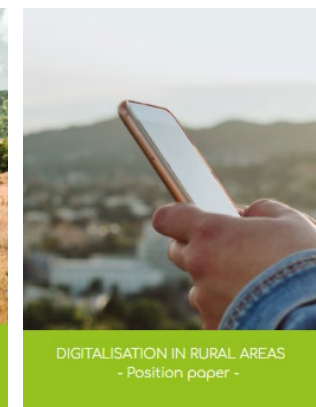
- Synthesise findings from 41 Multi-Actor Platforms
- Formulate messages for Position Papers and Recommendations
- Negotiate position statements

Inputs from Clusters of MAPs



Climate Change Cluster, April 2021

Finalising Position Papers and Recommendations





Objectives of the Final Conference



Celebrate our (excellent) collaboration and work!

- Today we focus on:



Co-creating SHERPA's contribution to the EU Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas, identifying adjustments to the EU Rural Action Plan.

- Tomorrow the focus will be on:



Co-creating SHERPA's recommendations for the wider policy framework, focusing on policy orientation for the next EU programming period (i.e. after 2027).



Exploring how Science-Society-Policy interfaces (i.e. MAPs) in SHERPA can continue to contribute to rural policies after the project.



Agenda of the Final Conference - today

Timing	1 June 2023
14:00 – 14:30	Welcome and introduction to the day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome speech • Introduction to the conference • Introduction to the Rural Corridor
14:30 – 16:00	Contribution to the EU Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas – Prosperous and Connected rural areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of LTVRA Rural Action plan along with proposed SHERPA actions for Prosperous and Connected rural areas • Vote by participants • Panel with SHERPA MAPs at local, national, and European level
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 18:00	Contributing to the EU Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas – Stronger and resilient rural areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of LTVRA Rural Action plan along with proposed SHERPA actions for Stronger and Resilient rural areas • Vote by participants • Panel with SHERPA MAPs at local, national, and European level
18:00 – 19:00	Networking drinks



Agenda of the Final Conference - tomorrow

Timing	2 June 2023
09:00 – 09:30	Registration and welcome coffee
09:30 – 09:35	Welcome and introduction to the day
09:35 – 09:40	Welcoming words
09:40 – 10:50	Contribution to the wider policy framework (part 1 on policy areas) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of three EU policy options for rural areas after 2027 • Introduction to the budgetary exercise, • Pitches on the four rural priorities • Vote by participants • Panel discussion
10:50 – 11:20	Coffee break
11:20 – 12:30	Contribution to the wider policy framework (part 2 on policy interventions) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pitches on rural interventions • Vote by participants • Panel discussion
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break



Agenda of the Final Conference - tomorrow

Timing	2 June 2023
13:30 – 15:50	Science-Society-Policy interfaces <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How to effectively design, support and run Science-Society-Policy interfaces• What are the benefits and added value of Science-Society-Policy interfaces• Three pitches by MAP members on the added value of Science-Society-Interfaces• Sustaining the value and benefits of Science-Society-Policy interfaces• The Rural Pact, Pascale van Doren (Rural Pact Support Office)• Panel discussion with SHERPA MAPs and science-society-policy representatives
15:50 – 16:00	Closing of the conference <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Closing words