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Empowering Rural Europe: The Success of SHERPA Final Conference

Between 1-2 June, more than 150 gathered in Brussels to co-create SHERPA's final recommendations and share the lessons learnt from its 41 Science-Policy and Society.

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Four SHERPA Position Papers are now available!

We have published four of the SHERPA Position Papers. These papers feature valuable insights, including the SHERPA recommendations on several topics that are crucial for rural areas: the social dimension, digitalisation, resilient and sustainable value chains, and climate change and land use. Don't miss out on this valuable resource

[Learn more](#)



SHERPA partners identify the next steps for the Rural Policy Framework 2020-2027

A new report has been prepared by two of our SHERPA partners, the Institute for European Environmental Policy and the CIHEAM Montpellier, on the post-2020 policy framework impacting rural areas. The report illustrates current overarching political strategies and policies within them that impact EU rural areas: the Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas and the European Green Deal, including its Farm to Fork and Biodiversity Strategies.

[Learn more](#)



The SHERPA online repository gives you immediate access to a compilation of 765 research outputs and findings of past and ongoing EU-funded research and innovation projects of relevance to rural areas. In this blog post, Hercules Panoutsopoulos and Penny Zafiraki explain what the SHERPA repository is, what information is contained there, and how you can make use of it! In addition, an online survey has just been launched to collect your feedback and make our repository even greater!



[Check it out!](#)



The role of academia in the Rural Pact

The European Commission introduced the Rural Pact in 2021 as a collaboration framework for authorities and stakeholders involved in rural development at various levels. During the Rural Pact Conference in Sweden, held in May 2023, Leneisja Jungsberg represented the SHERPA project and shared insights on how academic actors can contribute to the successful implementation of the Rural Pact. In her blog post, she delves deeper into the crucial role academia should play in supporting its roll-out

[Check it out!](#)

MAPS IN FOCUS

The SHERPA Multi-Actor Platforms in Alqueva, Portugal, led by our partner CONSULAI, recently hosted a public session at the prestigious Ovbieja Fair. Titled "Thinking the Rural of the Future," the session generated insightful discussions on the future of European rural areas. Policymakers, stakeholders, and the agricultural community gained valuable insights on building sustainable and resilient value chains in rural communities. Discover the key takeaways from this engaging event!



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EUROPEAN NEWS

EU rural revitalisation platform enables SHERPA to continue its work

The European Commission is committed to addressing the long-term reduction of population in rural areas across Europe, particularly among working-age individuals and youth as highlighted in a recent report by Eurostat. To combat this issue, the European Commission is launching the rural revitalization platform a comprehensive resource for rural communities, project holders, and local authorities to connect and access information.



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A new report commissioned by the EU Committee of the Regions got published. It introduces the concept of the "cost of non-rurality" as an estimation of the imbalances between rural and urban territories and it highlights that the transition from rural to urban areas over the past century has yielded numerous advantages, including resource and economic consolidation. However, this shift has also incurred certain costs for both rural and urban regions.

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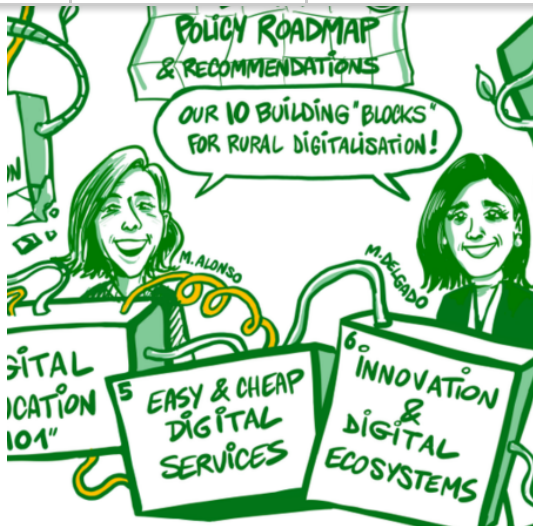
Amendments to CAP Strategic plans- the time is now!

In this blog post, Harriet Bradley and Juliette Pagnon from the Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP), one of the SHERPA partners, give some insights into the process for amending the Strategic Plans of the Common Agricultural Policy. The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) reform has just come into place, along with a range of other EU laws on climate, as covered in SHERPA's New update of EU Rural Policies.

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OTHER H2020 PROJECTS



DESIRA Declaration

At the DESIRA Final Conference, project partners and participants united to craft a declaration envisioning a digital future. Through this collaborative endeavor, the essence of DESIRA's work and objectives over the years was encapsulated. This declaration serves as a collective pledge to advance digitalization in rural areas, fostering progress and innovation.

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GRANULAR defines its next steps: Living Labs & Rural Compass

GRANULAR Executive Board and Living Lab facilitators convened in Ede, The Netherlands, on June 19th and 20th to



MOVING new results: Sustainability and resilience challenges of mountain

The MOVING project presents a thorough assessment of vulnerability and resilience for 23 of its Reference Region value chains. The findings shed light on the immediate challenges confronting European mountain regions.

[Learn more](#)



RUSTIK: "Exploring the rural-urban continuum"

The RUSTIK project has released its inaugural deliverable, "Exploring the rural-urban continuum." Developed by the Council for Research in agricultural

around the vital role and requirements of the 7 GRANULAR Living Labs and the Rural Compass.

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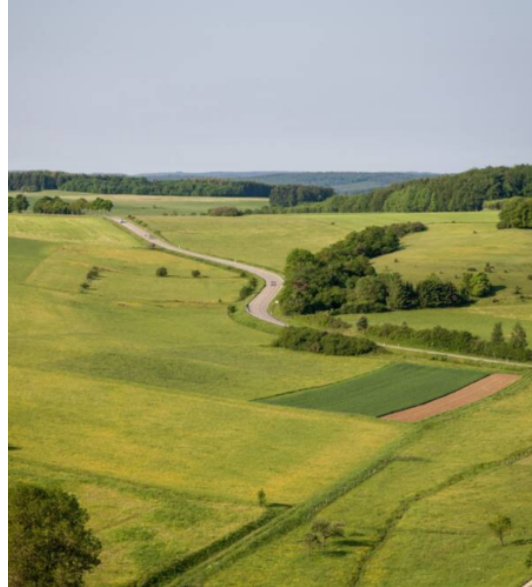
FUTURAL 1st Press Release Empowering the future of rural areas

In an effort to empower rural areas in Europe, the FUTURAL project, co-funded by the European Union, launched in June 2023. These areas, with their vast social, cultural, geographical and topographical diversity present unique challenges and opportunities. These include complex issues such as, depopulation, brain drain, ageing population, limited connectivity, and restricted access to public infrastructure and services.

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Institute (CCRI), UK, this methodological framework introduces a fresh perspective on classifying Functional Rural Areas.

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EVENTS

28 June-3 July 2023

Romania

Smart Village Forum

3-7 July 2023

Rennes, France

European Society for Rural Sociology
Congress: Crises & future of rural areas

27-29 Sept. 2023

Singüenza, Spain

Shaping the future of rural areas

5 Oct. 2023

Online

MOVING EU MAP webinar | Protected natural sites

9-12 Oct. 2023

Brussels, Belgium

European Week of Regions and Cities

16-18 Nov. 2023

Hungary

Acroecology Europe Forum 2023



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