


SHERPA: Rural interfaces
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SHERPA is coming to an end in September!

As the SHERPA project reaches its conclusion after four years, make sure you don't miss our final newsletter findings.

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SHERPA NEWS

SHERPA Position Paper on multi-level governance in rural areas

The new SHERPA Position Paper on Engineering Rural Areas in Multi-level Governance (Rural Areas) has been published. The paper examines the challenges the rural areas of the EU face in the context of the 2023 rural development policy and governance. It offers a multi-level governance approach to improve rural areas for both policymakers and citizens.

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Skills for a MAP facilitator and the sustainability of SHERPA MAPs

The new report, 'Skills for SHERPA MAPs', outlines the key skills and competences for MAP facilitators and the sustainability of MAPs. The report also provides a checklist for the sustainability of MAPs in the post-SHERPA phase. You can find the report [here](#).

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Foresight for the future of rural areas

The report, 'Foresight for the future of rural areas', provides a strategic vision for the future of rural areas in the EU. It identifies key trends and challenges and offers a range of policy options to address them. The report is available [here](#).

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SHERPA Final Conference and the report

The SHERPA Final Conference was held in Brussels on 14 and 15 September 2023. The conference brought together stakeholders from across the EU to discuss the findings of the SHERPA project and the future of rural areas. The conference report is available [here](#).

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MAPS IN FOCUS

Romanian MAPs join the forces for more sustainable food systems

The MAPs in Romania are working together to improve the sustainability of their food systems. They are focusing on areas such as soil health, water management, and biodiversity. The MAPs are also working to improve the livelihoods of rural communities.

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Strengthening governance in European rural areas

The SHERPA project has identified several key areas for strengthening governance in European rural areas. These include improving the role of local authorities, enhancing the capacity of rural communities, and promoting multi-stakeholder governance. The project is working to address these challenges through a range of activities.

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SHERPA's last EU MAP meeting not a farewell

The last EU MAP meeting was held in Brussels on 14 September 2023. The meeting was a chance for MAP facilitators from across the EU to share their experiences and discuss the future of rural areas. The meeting was a success and a fitting end to the SHERPA project.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

SHERPA & GRANULAR at the EU Week of the Regions and Cities 2023

SHERPA and GRANULAR participated in the EU Week of the Regions and Cities 2023. The event was held in Brussels and provided a platform for regional and local authorities to discuss their challenges and opportunities. SHERPA and GRANULAR presented their findings and recommendations to the event.

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High-level policy Forum: Shaping the future of rural areas

The High-level Policy Forum on Shaping the Future of Rural Areas was held in Brussels on 14 September 2023. The forum brought together high-level policymakers from across the EU to discuss the future of rural areas. The forum was a success and a key event in the SHERPA project.

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OTHER HORIZON PROJECTS

New releases from MOVING to enhance knowledge on mountain value chains

The MOVING project has published several new reports and publications on mountain value chains. These include a report on the state of mountain value chains in the EU, a guide to mountain value chains, and a series of policy recommendations. The reports are available [here](#).

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RUSTIK Report on the multi-ecological framework to define Functional Rural Areas and rural transitions

The RUSTIK project has published a report on the multi-ecological framework to define Functional Rural Areas and rural transitions. The report provides a framework for identifying and defining Functional Rural Areas and offers a range of policy options to support rural transitions. The report is available [here](#).

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Young Farmers Pave the Way for Sustainable Agriculture

The Young Farmers Pave the Way for Sustainable Agriculture report highlights the role of young farmers in the future of rural areas. The report identifies the challenges young farmers face and offers a range of policy options to support them. The report is available [here](#).

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Events

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