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The opening of rural areas to renew rural generations, jobs and farms

RURALIZATION Rural Young Heroe: Silkworm breeding from Calabria, Italy

RURALIZATION is developing a series of videos on success stories from young women and men who have moved to the countryside, accomplished their dreams and contributed to regeneration of rural areas in Europe. We called them "Rural Young Heroes". Our first Rural Young Heroes are Miriam, Giovanna and Domenico, who run the cooperative "Bolla di Seta" in the Italian region of Calabria. Their rural dream was to regain the ancient tradition of the region: silkworm breeding. Get inspired by their story watching our video!

RURALIZATION 1st General Assembly

RURALIZATION held its **1st General Assembly meeting** online (last 22-23 April) Originally planned in Wrocław – Poland – the meeting was finally and successfully held online due to the COVID-19 emergency situation. 60 participants from research organizations, associations in support of ecological and traditional farmers, civic organizations promoting land preservation, facilitating access to farmland and promoting new models of common good landcare, farm advisors and recent new entrants into farming...

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A focus on our partners!

Would you like to check **whats behind the scenes of RURALIZATION?** Here we tell you about our wonderful partners! RURALIZATION is composed by 19 partners from 12 countries around Europe: Netherlands, France, Germany, Spain, Poland, United Kingdom, Hungary, Italy, Belgium, Finland, Ireland and Romania. Our team includes researchers and practitioners to ensure that the knowledge gained in the project is applicable and useful for our beneficiaries, existing and new farmers as well as new comers.

RURALIZATION will devote one section of the first three issues of its newsletter to introduce the project consortium. For this second issue we are delighted to present you:

The **Nature Conservation Network (XCN)**, by its Catalan acronym, as it is known today, is the result of the fusion that took place in February 2019 between the Land Stewardship Network (originally formed in 2003), and the Catalan Environmental Volunteering Network...

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The **Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences** is a Centre of Excellence leading social science research institute (170 researchers) that was merged in 2012 by the union of four institutions of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences: the Institute for Legal Studies, Institute for Minority Studies, Institute for Political Science, and Institute for Sociology...

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University of Calabria (UNICAL), established in 1972, is one of the five residential university campuses in Italy and one of the largest, one with over 30.000 students. The teaching staff is composed by more than 900 scientist. Research activities are carried out within 14 Departments...

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Teagasc is the Agriculture and Food Development Authority of Ireland. Its mission is to support science-based innovation in the agri-food sector and wider bioeconomy so as to underpin profitability, competitiveness and sustainability...

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Eco Ruralis is a national association of peasants and agroecological food producers from Romania. The association is officially registered as a non governmental organization according to Romanian laws and has a working political structure of a union, having a coordination committee of 13 peasant leaders...

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De Landgenoten aims to provide access to agricultural land for professional and certified organic farmers in Flanders (Belgium). Access to land for organic farmers is heavily impeded by many interrelated factors and therefor is one of the biggest bottlenecks to start farming...

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Webinar - Impact of COVID-19 on young people in rural and urban areas

COVID-19 has strongly impacted both urban and rural areas. For this reason, RURALIZATION will hold a **webinar on the impact of COVID-19** to discuss in general about positive and negative effects of COVID-19 and differences between urban and rural areas, with a special focus on young people. The webinar that will take place on September 15th, will count also on webinar stories from young people from both areas. The webinar will count on the participation of RURALIZATION sister projects like RURITAGE and NEISREE and of European youth associations such as Rural Youth Europe and the European Youth Forum...

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Case studies selection for further analysis: EU rural promising contexts

RURALIZATION team is ready to start working on our 12 **case studies on promising practices related to rural newcomers, new entrants, farm learning and succession.** Two case studies will be executed for each of these three profiles. The aim is to provide insights on the background from which the promising practices have emerged, the implementation processes and the role they play in generational renewal, rural innovation and rural development...

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'Your Land, My Land, Our Land: Grassroots Strategies to Preserve Farmland and Access to Land for Peasant Farming and Agroecology'

Agricultural land is a growing issue in many areas of Europe. Ongoing challenges such as the increase of sale and rent price, a slow rate of inter-generational transfer, the reduction of farmland and land concentration, etc. put pressure on people who want to set up a professional activity with land use and the people who need to keep or grow their farming endeavours...

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Other EU Projects and rural initiatives

Rural NEET Youth Network webinars program

The **Rural NEET Youth Network** is developing a webinars program with a very diverse range of topics associated to vulnerable youths living in rural areas. The program is being implemented in June and July 2020 and is open to participation. The webinars program involves three sections...

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RURITAGE project

RURITAGE aims at turning rural areas into sustainable development laboratories to demonstrate Cultural and Natural Heritage as an engine of local regeneration and community empowerment. RURITAGE conceives heritage in its wider sense including natural and cultural, tangible, and intangible...

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PoliRural project

PoliRural is a new Horizon 2020 project which aims to make rural places and professions more attractive for people who already live there and for potential newcomers. PoliRural was created in response to the need for a more strategic approach to rural development, one that explores the diversity of rural life, places and professions...

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