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The economic, social and territorial cohesion of the EU is threatened by the unequal development of urban and rural areas. Population is expected for instance to grow of 12% in urban areas between 2014 and 2020 while a decline of 7% is expected in rural regions. Significant differences are registered as well as in per capita GDP...

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Finding Frontiers for Rural Regeneration

The challenge of rural population decline and need for rural communities to become more attractive places to live and work is a concern for rural people and policymakers alike. It is discussed in policy statements such as the 2016 Cork 2.0 Declaration 'A Better Life in Rural Areas' and the 2018 OECD Edinburgh Policy Statement on Enhancing Rural Innovation...

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RURALIZATION Kick-off meeting



Our **kick-off meeting** (KoM) took place May 15th and 16th 2019, in Barcelona. This informative event was the opportunity to discuss and plan our further activities and start exchanging experiences and knowledge on generation renewal, rural policies and social innovation. The meeting brought together 36 participants, most of whom are members of RURALIZATION consortium and our project Advisory Board as well as the EC Policy Officer Alexia Rouby, from the DG Agriculture and Rural Development....

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Let's focus on the partners!

Don't you still know who makes Ruralization possible? Ruralization is composed by 18 partners from 12 countries around Europe: Netherlands, France, Germany, Spain, Poland, United Kingdom, Hungary, Italy, Belgium, Finland, Ireland and Romania. The consortium joins resources to develop a novel perspective for new generations in EU rural areas, offering stimulating opportunities for economic and social sustainability.

Ruralization will devote one section of the first three issues of its newsletter to introduce the project consortium.

Let's know our first six project organizations and its members!



Delft University of Technology (TU Delft) is the oldest, largest and most comprehensive university of technology in the Netherlands. With over 25,000 students and 3,200 scientists, it is an establishment of national importance and of significant international standing...

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Terre de Liens works to preserve agricultural land, support access to land for peasant agroecological farmers, promote community connections and solidarity in rural and urban areas, and foster public debate on land ownership, management, and use...

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Shared Assets is a UK-based Community Interest Company that believes land is a common good which should deliver shared benefits for everyone. We support the development of new models of managing land that are sustainable and productive, create livelihoods, enhance the environment, and involve local people in...

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Kulturland eG was founded in 2013 and grew out of 40 years of experience with farm ownership associations of the bio-dynamic scene. With Kulturland we developed the blueprint for a new organization which would mainstream the idea of non-profit farm associations...

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Turun Yliopisto (University of Turku, UTU) was the first Finnish-language university in the world. By now, the university covers more than 130 subjects in 7 faculties. Finland Futures Research Centre (FFRC) is one of the few university departments in the world which is fully devoted to futures research.



NUI Galway Rural Studies is a third level education and research cluster based within the discipline of Geography at NUI Galway. The cluster brings together researchers exploring rural issues across economic, social, cultural and environmental domains. NUI Galway Rural Studies works to understand the contemporary, diverse and

Jointly founded by three universities in 1992,
FFRC is currently...

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changing countryside, build an evidence...

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Ensuring the connection of research and innovation throughout the project: Results from the assessment framework

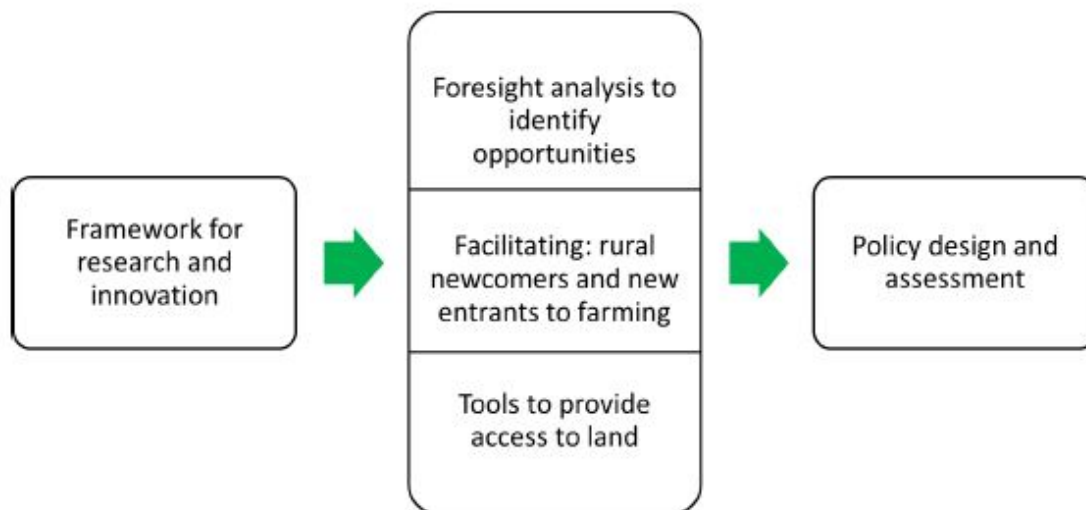
Throughout RURALIZATION, different regional contexts and case studies will be studied. This will inform the development of novel instruments and strategies that can support rural regeneration. RURALIZATION will select these carefully to ensure the results translate into well-grounded, relevant and effective instruments and strategies that can inform rural policy. The project's Assessment Framework plays an important role in guiding this process...

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Paving the way for the joint work in Work Package 4: Foresight analysis

Work package 4 in RURALIZATION project seeks contribute to identification of opportunities for rural regeneration that exist or are about to open in different types of regions. We try to identify promising opportunities through review of prevailing trends and inventory of futures dreams by the youth. Participants in Germany, Poland and Finland will make a systematic literature and statistical review of megatrends and trends which might turn into potentials...

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Ruralization approach

Female Entrepreneurship in Agriculture: Lessons from a regional event in Alsace,

France



Gender is a cross-cutting topic of the RURALIZATION project, which aims to harvest potential growth that can be unlocked by overcoming traditional gender roles in the generational renewal of rural areas. In November 2019, the Terre de Liens regional association based in Alsace organised an event bringing together six women farmers – the majority also new entrants in agriculture – to talk about their journey to establish as farmers and the difficulties related to being a woman entrepreneur in the agricultural sector...

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Other EU Projects and rural initiatives

Rural NEET's Youth Network



Rural NEETs' Youth Network (RNYN) is a running four-year COST Action that kicked-off on the 14th of October of 2019. The network aims gathers more than 20 countries at developing a model of comprehension for rural youths not in education, nor in employment or training (NEET)....

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NEWBIE Project



NEWBIE project is a European project funded by the H2020 program that was born to focus on finding solutions and proposals for the problem of rural depopulation, with special focus on young people and new entrants into agriculture...

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H2020 Projects under RUR1 and RUR2 Coordination meeting



On January 9, 2020, representatives of the RURALIZATION project attended a coordination meeting of a group of Horizon 2020 projects financed under RUR1 and RUR2. This meeting included the presentations of various projects of interest with common objectives: DESIRA, POLIRURAL and SHERPA...

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