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

The RURALIZATION team has been working for more than a year now to foster EU rural development. In this period we have carried out several activities to **develop new knowledge and support policy-making process in addition to addressing the challenge of rural decline.**





Our project is already half way through, and to celebrate it, we organized the **RURALIZATOIN Mid-term Conference** on **November 8th and 9th 2021**, dedicated to the **H2020 Ruralization project results and future projections**. Within the course of an on-site and virtual meeting with experts and stakeholders, the debate was developed across 3 *discussion rooms*: ***rural research, rural generations and policy-making for rural areas***, particularly focused on the **central theme underpinning this conference, the question of bridging the EU level with local level practices**. [Read more](#)



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Ten actions on emerging land issues



This field work was analysed in a new [report](#), which highlights both what is specific about each of the pilot actions, which tackle emerging issues in their specific contexts, and what is common to all these processes of innovation on land issues, guided by social and environmental concerns. [Read more](#)

Read summarised “handouts” on each pilot action

Innovative land actions led by A2L organisations		
Common Issue	Action 1	Action 2
Land stewardship	Assessing biodiversity on TDL farms (TDL)	Improving hay meadows conservation in Alt Empordà (XCN)
Commons and public farmland	Creating a new vision for council farmland (SA)	Exploring the potential of common lands for agroecology and generational renewal (ER)
Farm restructuring	Transforming a large farm into a diversified, agroecological, incubator farm (TDL)	Explore innovative organisational, legal, and financial building ownership models (KL)
New models to fundraise for land	A new form of community farmland trust adapted to Romania’s realities (ER)	Securing land with retirement savings (KL)
Farm succession	Making collective land purchase work for farm succession (DLg)	Explore farm succession as a way to trigger a sustainable rural transition in the Vall del Corb area (XCN)

[New RURALIZATION deliverable on “Novel Land Practices”](#)





During the RURALIZATION intermediary conference, the most voted photos were announced. Also, Aranzazu Anaya, the author of the most voted picture by the consortium was invited to the conference.

The most voted photo by the RURALIZATION consortium





Esther Naval (Huesca, Spain)
Title: Raíces / Roots

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Stewarding land, preserving soils

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How can we create the conditions for the development of agroecology and restoration of land in Europe?  [Read more](#)



[Online discussion on “Access to Land: Case Studies Legal and Policy Arrangements”](#)

Topics discussed were related to national legislation and policies as well as regional practices in Poland, Hungary and Romania, in addition to regional policies in France, Belgium and the Netherlands  [Read more](#)

Did you miss the RURALIZATION trend analysis? Keep reading!

Under **RURALIZATION WP4**, different kind of trends that affect rural regeneration in Europe were identified: megatrends, trends and weak signals. Check last deliverables and project results related to rural trends [here](#)

**1 AGEING POPULATION**

Average age of the population is quite high and increasing in many rural regions, which increases the demand of targeted services

Type: megatrend
Drivers: demographic change, globalisation, economic growth; skills and competences, human capital
Impacts: expansion of silver economy implies more demand for care and health services – structural evolution of farms will be hampered or slow down, e.g. succession, land use, resources – migration from rural to urban areas will increase

**2 ALTERNATIVE FOOD SYSTEMS**

Diverse community-, delivery-, diet- and practice-oriented food systems challenge the dominant food regime

Type: trend
Drivers: environmental awareness – availability and demand for local, healthy, sustainable food products
Impacts: expansion of client population (online or new segments) for rural businesses – genesis of novel producer, prosumer or consumer organisations – prospects for non-mainstream farms will improve, e.g. local, ecological, educational, CSA, care, energy

Check trend cards out!

Articles and publications

Green shoots for a greying countryside



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Most farm managers in Europe are nearing retirement. There is a need to revitalise rural areas in Europe and create opportunities for younger people. Social scientists are scrutinising the problem of rural decline, highlighting success stories and policy actions and tracking paths back to a more prosperous countryside. [Read more](#)

Looking to the future of family farms in Ireland



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How can Irish family farms become more viable, and how can the younger generation be encouraged to commit to the family business? Through organic farming, says a new EU-funded study. [Read more](#)

Irish Organics, Innovation and Farm Collaboration: A Pathway to Farm Viability and Generational Renewal



The family farm has been the pillar of rural society for decades, stabilising rural economies and strengthening social and cultural traditions. Nonetheless, family farm numbers across Europe are declining as farmers endeavour to overcome issues of climate change, viability, farm structural change and intergenerational farm succession. [Read more](#)

[European project lacks means in the CAP for generational renewal](#)



The Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) lacks sufficient instruments to encourage young people to enter farming, according to the coordinator of the European Ruralization project, Willem Korthals Altes, who is more confident that changes will come from local initiatives. [Read more](#)

Events & RURALIZATION



[Horizon 2020 Summer school](#)

Five European Union funded Horizon 2020 projects – Rubizmo, Ruritage, Ruralization, Liverur and Polirural focusing on **Rural Enterprise, Tourism and Heritage Development** have come together to offer a free short online Summer School. [Read more](#)

The RURALIZATION team participated on the [Knowledge Transfer Session](#) event, organized by the H2020 LIVERUR project, based on round tables where experiences, different points of view and debates were shared. It covered topics related to the Pilot Regions and the H2020 Summer School organized by the Rubizmo project. [Read more](#)



RURALIZATION has been observing **future trends & dreams of our European youth** for years, but we always seek new opportunities to learn and discover new angles to our research. While some studies have a specific regional focus, many foresight and trend analyses lack the spatial dimension. Indeed, what is the nexus between places and futures? [Read more...](#)

Rural Connections: Vision for the Future of Rural Areas - Webinar series for knowledge exchange among EU Rural projects such as RURITAGE, SHERPA and RURALIZATION. This online meeting aimed at exchanging knowledge and best practices related to rural development. [Read more](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS



UGI-IGU Paris - 18-22 July 2022

The 100th Congress of the IGU (International Geographic Union) is an important international event, as it celebrates the 100 years of the IGU. In this context, the RURALIZATION partners from the CNRS team has proposed a session to present and discuss the research related to the RURALIZATION project to geographers from all around the world. Our session is entitled **"European Ruralization project: Is it Time for Rural Regeneration?"** and brings together several members of the ruralization project. [Read more](#)



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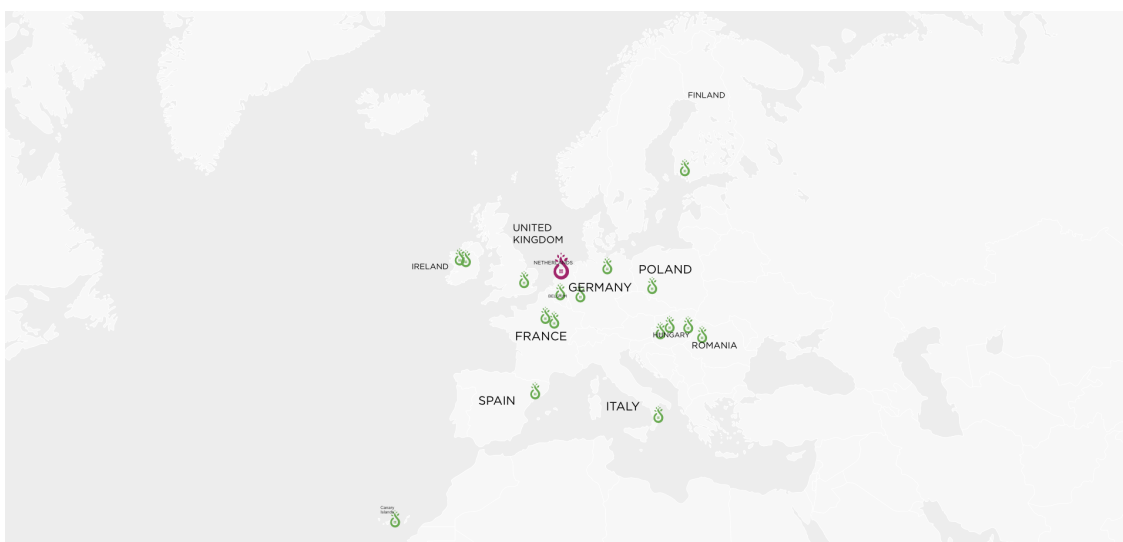
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