

ENRD Workshop on Combatting Rural Depopulation Group Work 1

Room 1: Mobility & Basic services



SMARTA (Smart Rural Transport Areas) aims to understand the current relevance and future potential of on-demand and shared mobility services integrated with public transport in the European rural areas. More information: www.ruralsharedmobility.eu

Presented by Giorgio Ambrosino



PUEBLOS VIVOS (Living Villages) is a LEADER cooperation project aiming to fight depopulation in the region of Aragon in Spain by offering information and guidance services to new settlers. The project wants to promote the return to rural areas in a positive way, focusing on the quality of life and the benefits of living in small towns not only in Aragon, but throughout Europe.

More information: www.cedersomontano.com

Presented by Patricia Sanchon



SIMRA (Social Innovation in Marginalised Rural Areas) is a project funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme. The project seeks to advance understanding of social innovation in marginalised rural areas across Europe. More information: www.simra-h2020.eu

Presented by Blandine Camus

Room 2: Entrepreneurship



SILTA project supports entrepreneurship among young people in Finland by providing a cooperative structure through which they can grow their business ideas and receive training, mentoring and peer support. More information: https://silta.rkropisto.fi

Presented by Ville Laitila



RURAL TICKET offers financial support through EAFRD to entrepreneurs who want to set up a non-agricultural company, business or economic activity within one of the eleven LAG territories in the region of Asturias, Spain. The aim is to reduce the bureaucracy and complexity of certain administrative procedures to achieve more easily its objectives: creation of employment and fight against depopulation of rural areas. More information: https://readerasturias.org

Presented by Juan Lazaro



MagosVölgy Ökológiai Gazdaság (SeedsValley Organic Farm) is one of the most remarkable shared model of Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) initiative in Hungary. The organic farm is run by young farmers Zoltán and Judit Dezsény, who decided to leave behind the city life of Budapest and move to the remote village of Terény in 2013. The small-scale business promotes an agroecological approach to food, farming and community, while looking to connect the urban and rural world.

Presented by Zoltán Dezsény





Room 3: Vulnerable groups



ENIL (European Network on Independent Living) is a user-led organisation promoting the rights of persons with disabilities to live independently and to be included in the community. In this context, EAFRD can be used to address the lack of community-based services in rural areas, such as personal assistants and other professionals, inaccessible mainstream services (health, transport and employment) and accessible housing solutions.

More information: https://enil.eu

Presented by Ines Bulic-Cojocariu



DEL BOSQUE A TU CASA (From the forest to your home) is a social project driven by women from Orea, in the Castilla La Mancha region of Spain. The exceptional natural environment provides for high quality forest products. The aim of the project is to collect, process and market these forest products while preserving the environment and revitalise the mountain villages, as well as encouraging entrepreneurship and self-employment among women and young people. More information: www.delbosqueatucasa.online

Presented by Marta Corella



STEP BY STEP project focuses on integrating migrants on the labour market in rural Sweden. The aim is to collaborate with local actors to help newcomers settle in the rural areas affected by depopulation. The project, funded by both EAFRD (through LEADER) and ESF, has benefitted more than 250 newcomers in the area. More information: http://framtidsbygder.se

Presented by Kerstin Carlsson