

Room 1: Mediterranean Member States



NATIONAL STRATEGY TO TACKLE THE DEMOGRAPHIC CHALLENGE, SPAIN, is a transversal and multidisciplinary strategy designed to give a coordinated and long-term solution to the demographic challenge that the country is facing. It focuses on three demographic aspects: territorial depopulation, aging society and effects of temporary population.

Presented by María C. Arias Calle and Aránzazu Benito Sánchez-Camacho



INNER AREAS STRATEGY, ITALY, is a comprehensive and integrated strategy for tackling the problems of depopulation and low access to services in Italy. All four European Structural and Investment Funds (EAFRD, ERDF, ESF and EMFF) are combined with national finance to support strategies for both local development and service innovation in 72 pilot areas.

Presented by Sabrina Lucatelli

Room 2: Nordic Member States



KAINUU REGION, FINLAND, has experienced a heavy loss of workforce in the healthcare, industry and forest sectors. The integrated regional strategy is focusing on attracting new inhabitants and qualified professionals to the area to re-balance the labour market.

Presented by Jouni Ponnikas



NORRBOTTEN REGION, SWEDEN, is one of EU's most sparsely populated regions characterised by long distances between villages, public and commercial services, as well as business and community services. A new concept focusing on collaborative solutions for this area has sought to use digital services that can create new conditions and improve quality of life. These include public transport, e-health and e-governance, among many others.

Presented by Johanna Lindberg

Room 3: Central & Eastern European Member States



REGIONAL STRATEGY FOR APUSENI MOUNTAINS, ROMANIA, aims to reverse the trend of population decline that has heavily affected this area. For this reason, the strategy has been developed under an Association for Inter-community Development that gathers local authorities from 5 counties and 745 municipalities.

Presented by George Sinca

AUSTRIAN STRATEGIES FOR REGIONS FACING POPULATION DECLINE are led by the Austrian Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism and the Land Tyrol, being partly funded through EAFRD technical assistance. The initiative focuses on two aspects: an in-depth analysis of different drivers and correlations; and a communication process, targeting regions particularly affected by depopulation in order to improve their image.

Presented by Michael Fischer

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ALPINE REGION covers several countries: France, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Italy and Slovenia. Within this region, national and regional governments operate to promote local development and reduce social and economic inequalities. Established in 1992, EURAC is a research centre working on relevant topics of the area, including good practices on how to tackle population decline.

Presented by Valentina Cattivelli