



GRANULAR

Newsletter 1 - April 2023

Welcome to GRANULAR Newsletter

We are excited to launch our first project's newsletter to keep you up-to-date with our activities! Also, don't forget to check our website to learn more about GRANULAR and our outputs.

[GRANULAR Website](#)

GRANULAR NEWS

What are GRANULAR objectives?

GRANULAR's motto and reason to exist is "better knowledge for better rural policies".

In a video of less than 2 minutes, Tristan Berchoux- GRANULAR Coordinator points out the three main objectives for our project to be a fundamental milestone to accelerate sustainable development in rural areas. Our Rural Compass aims to guide rural actors to design place-based policies that are fitted to the needs of rural areas.

[Check it out!](#)

WHY DOES GRANULAR EXIST?

Read more about GRANULAR in our leaflet

Rural areas need better data and tools to design place-based policies that are targeted to their needs.

The overarching ambition of the GRANULAR project is to identify, develop and provide novel data and reusable tools to understand the characteristics, dynamics and drivers of rural areas and hence support place and evidence-based policy making. Find out how our leaflet explains the project!

[Read more!](#)



Montpellier: Europe's spotlight for rural development

From 1st to 3rd February 2023, the GRANULAR project held its first General Assembly at the premises of the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Montpellier (CIHEAM), in Montpellier- France.

The meeting was the first opportunity for GRANULAR partners to meet in person and

discuss progress and activities occurred during the first six months of the project. Find out more on the progress done!

[Check it out!](#)



Explore all GRANULAR Tools

GRANULAR will develop different tools to shed light on the multiple dimensions of rurality from a multi-spatial lens.

Among these, there are our Rural Compass to map rural diversity, our Digital Platform as a one-stop shop to rural data gathered by our project partners and more!

Discover our upcoming Tools in our website!

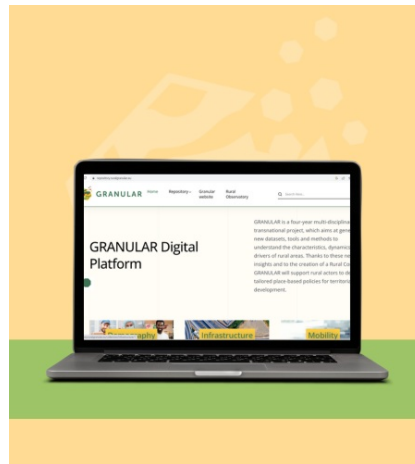
[Read more!](#)

GRANULAR Digital Platform is live!

We are very proud to announce the launch of our project's Digital Platform!

GRANULAR Digital Platform is an online interface to visualise and analyse the datasets of interest for rural areas and rural communities. It already contains more than 50 datasets relevant for rural territories and communities.

[Check it out!](#)



LIVING LABS IN FOCUS

Discover GRANULAR Living Labs

Co-creation and multi-actor engagement are at the core of GRANULAR approach.

Therefore, GRANULAR will run 7 Living Labs and 9 Replication Labs in different regions of Europe. Discover them in our interactive map and read more about their rural context, challenges and dreams!

[Check it out!](#)



Join the Rural Pact community!

The Rural Pact is a flagship initiative of the European Union aiming at bringing together rural actors and empowering rural communities!

The Rural Pact Support Office helps the implementation of the Rural Pact. In particular, the Support Office aims to amplify rural voices and bring them higher on the political agenda, enable networking, collaboration and mutual learning as well as to encourage voluntary commitments to act and contribute to the Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas. Learn more about it and how to get involved!

[Check it out!](#)



Rural Observatory: 1st thematic analysis on Rural Europe!

The Rural Observatory published its first thematic analysis on "Rural Europe".

This publication provides a concise view of subnational statistics linked to education and training, labour market, income and living conditions, and digital society and economy, demographic developments, women and men, and quality of life in rural areas.

[Read more!](#)

Targets and tools for a Smarter Rural Europe

The European Committee of the Regions voted the Opinion on "Targets and Tools for a Smart Rural Europe". This Opinion was presented by CoR's rapporteur on the EU Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas, Radim Srsen.

The Opinion emphasizes the need to better use the smart village concept and partnership tools such as activities for the development of rural economy supported through the LEADER programme and Community-Led Local Development.

[Check it out!](#)





RUSTIK: first deliverable on rural functional areas

This report provides methodological framework to define Functional Rural Areas and rural transitions. It defines the report aims to define the concept of Functional Rural Area (FRA) and the differences/similarities with the current definitions of rural areas at the European level (including EU and non-EU countries).

[Read more](#)



SHERPA Final Conference on rural areas: registration are open!

SHERPA Final Conference will take place on 1-2 June 2023 in Brussels, Belgium. The conference will be an opportunity to co-create SHERPA final recommendations and present the project's results.

[Read more](#)



CODECS: a new project on rural digitalisation

The CODECS (maximising the CO-benefits of agricultural Digitalisation through conducive digital ECoSystems) project's website is now available!

What do you know about digital ecosystems in rural areas or the costs of agricultural digitalisation? Check out their website and keep an eye on their progress!

[Read more](#)

EVENTS

Swedish Rural Week

02-07 May 2023

Sweden

Rural Pact Conference

3-4 May 2023

Uppsala, Sweden

SHERPA Final Conference

1-2 Jun 2023

Brussels

EU Sustainable Energy Week

20 Jun 2023

Brussels

3rd European Conference Rural Geographies in Transition

26-29 Jun 2023

Groningen, The Netherlands

Smart Village Forum

28 Jun- 3 Jul 2023

Romania

**European Society for Rural Sociology Congress: Crises and the futures
of rural areas**

03 Jun - 07 Jul 2023

Rennes, France



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