



GRANULAR

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IT IS TIME TO REVOLUTIONALISE RURAL POLICIES

This is exactly what GRANULAR aims, providing evidence at better level of granularity to improve rural policies. In the past week, GRANULAR disclosed key insights during during the High-Level Forum on Policy in Rural Areas in Sigüenza. You can re-watch the video of the event [here](#).

And if you would like to learn more on our findings, you are never to late! GRANULAR's highlights will also be featured during the European Week of Regions and Cities 2023 in the workshop titled "We're staying in rural areas: practices, policies and tools for thriving regions" (12 October) and our upcoming webinar "Living Labs in rural areas: HOW TO?" (27 November).

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GRANULAR NEWS

Web scraping data on rural housing in Sweden

Web scraping is a method for mechanically gathering data from webpages. It entails utilizing software to extract data from online pages, including text, photos, and tables. Web scraping can be used to collect pertinent information about farming, the weather, nearby events, or community services in rural locations. This information can be examined to comprehend rural patterns, keep track of environmental changes, or evaluate the resources that are available in various areas. Discover how NordRegio, a partner of the GRANULAR project, used web scraping to investigate rural housing trends in Sweden.

[Check it out!](#)



Towards a GRANULAR territorial typology for rural diversity

In this blog post, Mats Stjernberg, Gustaf Norlén, Anna Vasilevskaya, Carlos Tapia from Nordregio, one of the GRANULAR partners, present some of the key considerations towards developing an EU-wide rural typology in GRANULAR. These considerations are based on the learnings from their "Scoping report on European rural typologies", published recently in the scope of the GRANULAR project. A key starting point for GRANULAR is that there is a need for a more nuanced understanding of the diversity of rural areas and the interlinkages within the rural-urban continuum in Europe.

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GRANULAR defines its next steps: Living Labs & Rural Compass

On the 19th and 20th of June, the GRANULAR Executive Board and Living Lab facilitators met in Ede (The Netherlands) to discuss the upcoming steps of the project. The meeting focused on the role and needs of 7 GRANULAR Living Labs and the Rural Compass. These Living Labs are located in different European countries and represent a variety of rural territories. These cover a wide range of topics, from demographic change in the Pays Pyrénées Méditerranée and Ourense Living Labs to food value chains (Italy, Poland), climate (United Kingdom), and innovation (North of Sweden).

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More than 90 Open Data Sources for Rural Areas

Over the past half year, the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) and other GRANULAR partners have been screened more than 90 potential data and methods to support the sustainable development of rural areas. In this blog post, Martin Hofer and Ian McCallum from IIASA present the work done and their preliminary findings. Rural areas often lack adequate data at the right level of granularity.

[Check it out!](#)

LIVING LABS IN FOCUS



Our Spanish Living Lab presents GRANULAR to local students

Our GRANULAR Living Lab in Ourense, Spain, has succeeded in bringing young students from Galicia together for a day focused on Europeanism and rural development. On 13 September, the municipalities of San Xoán de Río and Trives de Galicia (Spain) in Ourense hosted an event at the Institute IES Xermán Ancochea Quevedo. The main objective of this event was to showcase the opportunities available to young people living in rural areas of Galicia.

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From challenges to opportunities, our Living Lab in Italy

Situated in Val di Cecina, the Italian Living Lab covers an area of about 1,055 km² with 55,900 inhabitants that stretches from a hilly valley to the seacoast. Marco Ricco, facilitator of this Living Lab on behalf of the Val di Cecina Rural District, explains to us more about the challenges and opportunities of this territory, and how GRANULAR would contribute to them.

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Pays Pyrénées Méditerranée: the «raison d'être» of our French Living Lab

Pays Pyrénées Méditerranée is a rural territory characterized by great diversity, from coastal to mountainous areas, near the French-Spanish border. It covers a territory of 1150 km² and it represents approximately 110,000 inhabitants. Pays Pyrénées Méditerranée is also one of the seven GRANULAR Living Labs. In this blog post, Louise Chasset, facilitator of the GRANULAR Living Lab in France, tells us more about the Pays Pyrénées Méditerranée and their "raison d'être" and be part of this international project.

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P10, our GRANULAR Living Lab in the Netherlands

The P10 is a partnership and it gathers 31 of the biggest rural municipalities in the Netherlands. In this blog post, our Living Lab in the Netherlands tell us a bit more about their own rural area and what moved them to join this international project.

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EUROPEAN NEWS

The cost of non-rurality: towards an assessment?

In 2022, the 8th Cohesion Report of the European Commission warned about the widening gap between urban and rural areas. Territorial imbalances and territorial divides in several European countries are indeed on the rise and challenging the social, economic, and territorial cohesion principle stated by the European Treaties, resulting in the so-called geography of discontent. With this respect, a new report has recently been published to shed light on the cost of non-rurality.

[Check it out!](#)



New opportunities offered by EU Rural Revitalisation Platform

The European Commission is committed to addressing the long-term reduction of population in rural areas across Europe, particularly among working-age individuals and youth. To combat this issue and revitalise rural communities, the European Commission launched the Rural Lab.



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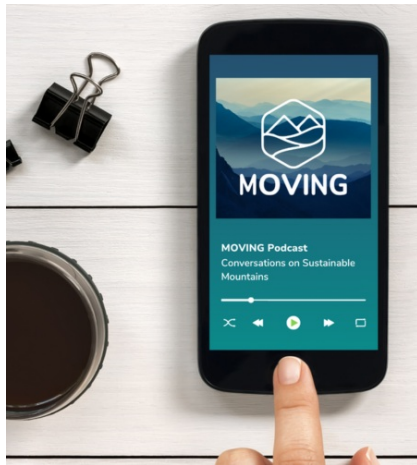
OTHER PROJECTS



New SHERPA Position Paper on multi-level governance in rural areas

The last SHERPA Position Paper on Empowering Rural Areas In Multi-level Governance Processes has just been published! This Position Paper summarises the inputs of the 41 SHERPA MAPs' discussion on governance in 2023 and their recommendations to improve multi-level governance processes in rural areas.

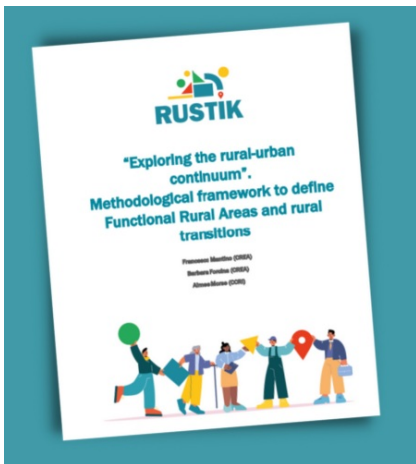
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Conversations on sustainable mountains: the MOVING Podcast is here!

Europe's mountains, often referred to as the "water towers" and its ecological backbone, hold a treasure trove of wonders. The MOVING project has already released its first five podcast episodes, where findings on how to make mountains more resilient to climate change and other pressing threats are presented.

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Report on the methodological



The RURACTIVE project has just been launched!

framework to define Functional Rural Areas & rural transitions

RUSTIK published a report on the concept of Functional Rural Area and the differences/similarities with the current definitions of rural areas at the European level (including EU and non-EU countries) It is now available on their website.

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On the 13-15th of September 2023, the just launched research project RURACTIVE officially kicks off its activities in Bologna, Italy. The multidisciplinary consortium, led by coordinator Prof. Simona Tondelli from the Department of Architecture at the University of Bologna, comprises 26 EU partners and three associated partners, and it will deal with the topic of smart villages in rural areas.

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EVENTS

[MOVING EU MAP webinar | Protected natural sites: A constraint or an opportunity for mountain value chains?](#)

5 October 2023

Online

[Participatory Lab: Emancipation of rural areas in regional and urban policy](#)

9 October 2023

Online

[European Week of Regions and Cities 2023](#)

9 - 12 October 2023

Brussels, Belgium

[Science for Policy in Europe Conference](#)

10 - 11 October 2023

Brussels, Belgium

[We're staying in rural areas: practices, policies and tools for thriving regions, with GRANULAR, AEIDL & PARTENALIA](#)

11 October 2023

Online

[EU CAP Network Brokerage event 'Accelerating the innovation process through Horizon Europe multi-actor projects'](#)

9- 20 October 2023

Belgium

[Agroecology Forum](#)

16-18 November 2023

Hungary

[GRANULAR 1st Knowledge Transfer Event | Living Labs in rural areas: HOW TO?](#)

27 November 2023

Online



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