AGENDA

TOWARDS A POLICY ROADMAP FOR VIBRANT MOUNTAIN ECONOMIES

EU MAP WEBINAR

8 May 2024 (10.00 – 12.00 CEST), Online

A few weeks are left to the European Parliament's elections and the set-up of the discussions for a proposal of the post-2027 EU policies. The last **MOVING EU MAP webinar "Towards a Policy Roadmap for Vibrant Mountain Economies"** takes place in this crucial moment to reflect on the future of EU policymaking and its priorities.

This webinar will contribute to **raising the voice of >900 mountain actors consulted by the MOVING project, and they need to better integrate mountains in the EU political agenda**. During the event, key experts will provide an overview of trends and proposals likely to govern the **post-2027 policy developments** in the EU's mountain areas.

Hence, the MOVING project will unveil its proposal for **Strategic Options** and a **Policy Roadmap** to ensure that rural and mountain areas are not excluded from EU's future policy development. The webinar will contribute to validating and enriching both elements, which will be presented during the **MOVING Final Conference** (13-14 June, Brussels- Belgium).

Objectives of the meeting

- Present the MOVING's **Strategic Options** and **Policy Roadmap**;
- Provide an overview of the current discussions concerning **post-2027 policy development**, in particular the ones related to mountain and territorial development;
- Discuss how MOVING's Strategic Options and Policy Roadmap can be **supported within the post-2027 EU policies**.

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10.00 – 10.10 **Welcome and introduction**
Carla Lostrangio, European Association for Innovation in Local Development

The MOVING Project: An Overview
Mar Delgado, University of Córdoba

10.10 – 10.40 **Post-2027 Territorial Development in Europe: What is at stake? Where do we stand?**

- *Silvia Nanni, DG AGRI- European Commission*
- *András Balazs Szechy, European Parliament Research Service*

10.40 – 10.55 **Strategic Options for Vibrant Mountain Economies**
Dominique Barjolle, Origin for Sustainability

10.55 – 11.10 **Questions & Answers**

11.10 – 11.25 **MOVING Policy Roadmap**
Mark Redman (Highclere Consulting)

11.25 – 11.50 **Roundtable: Feedback on MOVING Policy Roadmap**
Moderated by Carla Lostrangio, European Association for Innovation in Local Development

- *Guillaume Corradino, Euromontana*
- *Michael Schmitz, Council of European Municipalities and Regions*
- *Klaus Boele, EU Committee of the Regions, NAT Commission*

11.50 – 12.00 **The European Local Innovation Forum (ELIF)**
European Association for Innovation in Local Development

Closing remarks
Carla Lostrangio, European Association for Innovation in Local Development

Background materials

- European Commission (2021). A long-term Vision for the EU's Rural Areas - Towards stronger, connected, resilient and prosperous rural areas by 2040. COM/2021/345 final
- European Commission (2024a). The long-term vision for the EU's rural areas: key achievements and ways forward. COM/2024/450 final.
- European Commission (2024b). 9th report on Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion
- Letta, E. (2024). Much More than A Market Report.
- MOVING (2024). Synthesis report, including a Repertoire of Strategic Options.

Key Questions on the Ways Forward for the EU's Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas (LTVRA) (European Commission 2024a).

- What are the key challenges arising from depopulation, ongoing transitions and structural changes for which EU interventions provide added value?
- What are the best ways to address them in a targeted way that considers the different needs of various rural communities?
- How to enhance financial support for rural areas and communities through EU, national and regional funds, including improving synergies and complementarities between them?
- What is needed to improve financing, quality of delivery and effectiveness through territorial tools such as CLLD/LEADER?
- How to improve the monitoring and assessment of the resources targeted to rural areas and communities from the different EU funds and programmes?
- What is needed to improve access to support for the final beneficiary through simpler rules, optimised procedures and improved administrative capacities?
- What can be done for wider and more efficient implementation of the rural proofing mechanism at EU, national and regional level?
- What are the best policy tools to ensure institutional, governance and integrated support for rural areas at all levels?
- At EU level, would turning the rural vision into a strategy have added value in terms of meaningful actions on the ground?
- How can the EU further help Member States, regions and local communities develop national and regional rural strategies and action plans?
- How to improve the availability of policy-relevant rural statistics and data, without increasing the administrative burdens?