

ENGAGING YOUTH IN MOVING MOUNTAINS



Over 1300 young people engaged



54 youth engagement activities
(fieldtrips, workshops, seminars and festivals)



23 mountain regions across Europe and beyond

OBJECTIVES

- Understand the views and experiences of young people living/working in mountain areas.
- Identify the potential roles of young people in shaping the future of mountain areas and value chains.

KEY LEARNINGS

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Young people are **proud to live and work in mountain areas** and are eager to help to reduce the emerging impacts that climate change and depopulation are having in many rural mountain areas. At the same time there is a **lot of fear and concern** over these emerging issues.

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Key issues identified by youth people included: lack of investment in services, infrastructure and jobs, cost-of-living, out-migration, lack of capacity, climate impacts, water shortage, land abandonment, loss of ecological knowledge, merging of farming activities.

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Young people **offered a range of economic, environmental and socio-cultural suggestions** around improving the sustainability and resilience of the mountain areas and value chains, including **diversification** of products, **reducing barriers** for new young entrepreneurs, **education, training** and **networking** opportunities.

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Community building and networking opportunities (including through MOVING) were considered **key to strengthening the future role** of young people in mountain areas – to simultaneously improve infrastructure and create new secure and attractive jobs.

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Overall, our findings support those of the Euromontana survey of young mountain people and the Long-Term Vision for Rural Area's **fours areas** of action.

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READ OUR FINDINGS!

We offer **recommendations for policy and practice** going forward to ensure young people remain or move to rural mountain areas to live, work or study.



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