European Cross Case Workshop

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On January 11, over 50 high-level European experts gathered in Brussels for the European Foresight Workshop for resilient mountain areas, organized by the EU-funded MOVING project. The workshop aimed to set strategic pathways for mountain regions up to 2030, focusing on Economy, Nature, Knowledge and Innovation, and Niche and Diversification.

Dominique Barjolle presented 2050 foresight scenarios for the 23 MOVING mountain regions, emphasizing local communities' role in transforming their future through empowerment, collective action, and improved governance. The discussions explored policies to scale up strategic options for mountain value chains, with insights from France and Catalonia, Spain.

Key recommendations from the workshop highlighted the need to recognize mountains as vital living spaces and to consider mountain resources as a common good, with governance adapted to diverse needs. Emphasizing the connection between people and nature, the workshop stressed the importance of long-term sustainability in policymaking and diversified development of mountain policies.

The participants recommended creating a research platform to facilitate the use of existing scientific research, focusing on capacity building for local representatives and professionals through initiatives like an “Erasmus Altitude.” They also suggested establishing a "triple helix of capacity building" for mountain nature-based businesses, combining traditional knowledge and modern technologies. Additionally, adapting governance to be inclusive and flexible, recognizing non-economic benefits of value chains, and sharing failures and challenges to foster learning and innovation were emphasized as crucial steps for sustainable mountain development.

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