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Policies Against Depopulation in Mountain Areas



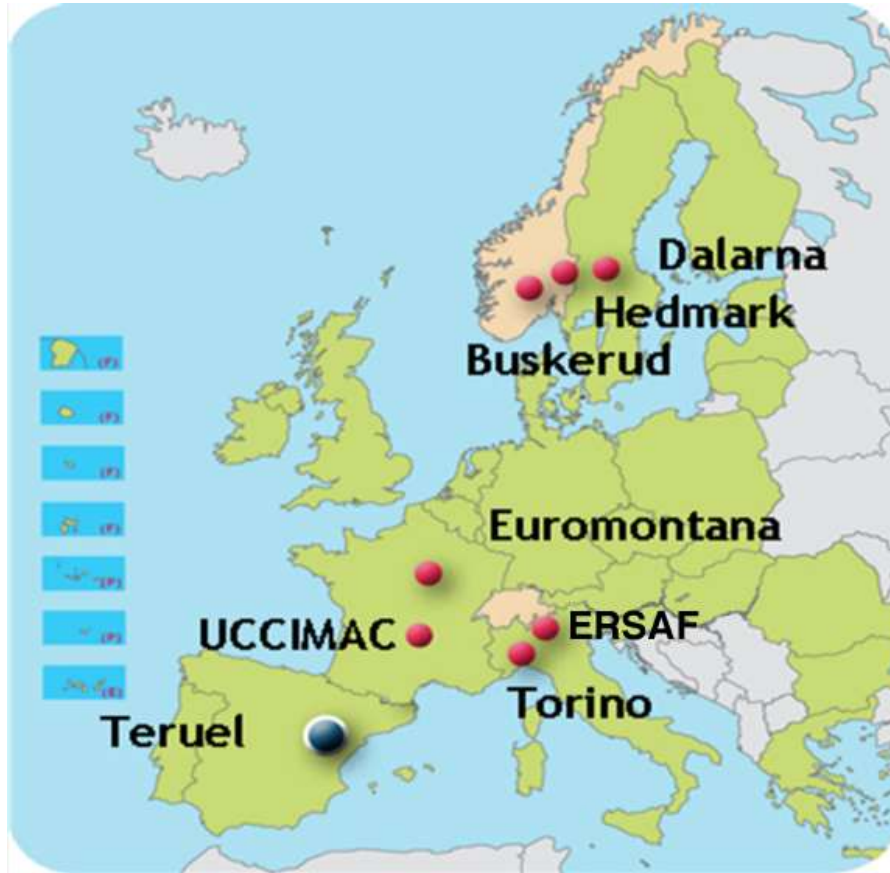
Education in mountain areas:
what correspondence between
youth expectations, available
offer and local needs?

Results from PADIMA project
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Supported by:



8 Mountain partners



- Teruel: LP
- 5 county/regional councils
- Union of chambers of commerce and industry
- One regional development agency
- A European Coordinator

- Budget: 1,4 M€

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3 key levers to improve attractiveness and fight depopulation



Activities & outputs



Surveys

Data
SWOT analysis

Exchange of
good practices

Good practices
sheets

Capitalisation

Analysis of
transferability
Interrelations

Inter-regional
training sessions

GP & policy
recommendations
Guide

Action plan for
integration of GP

Staff with
increased
capacity



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Key findings from surveys with young people -1-

Accessibility of education facilities

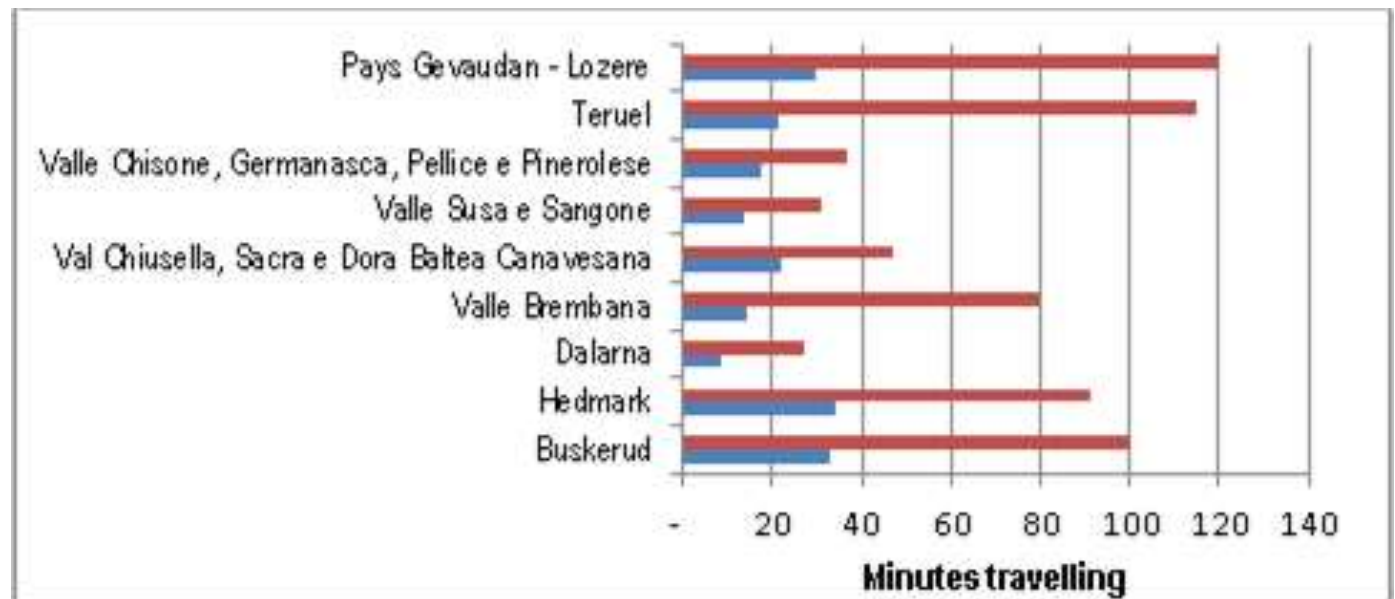
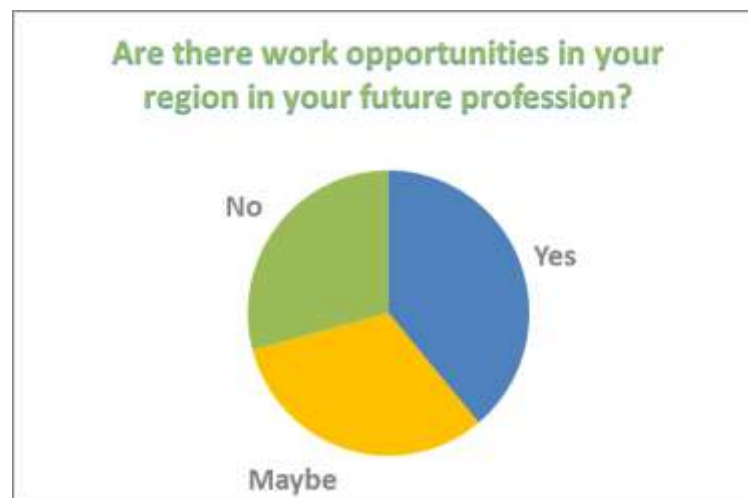
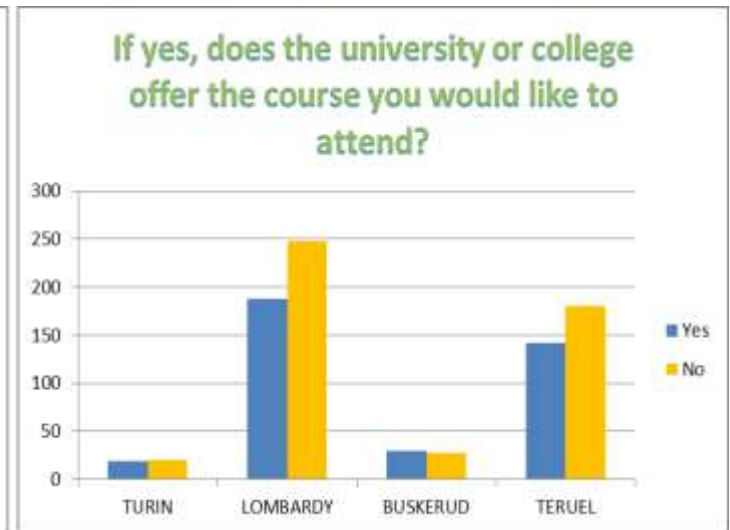
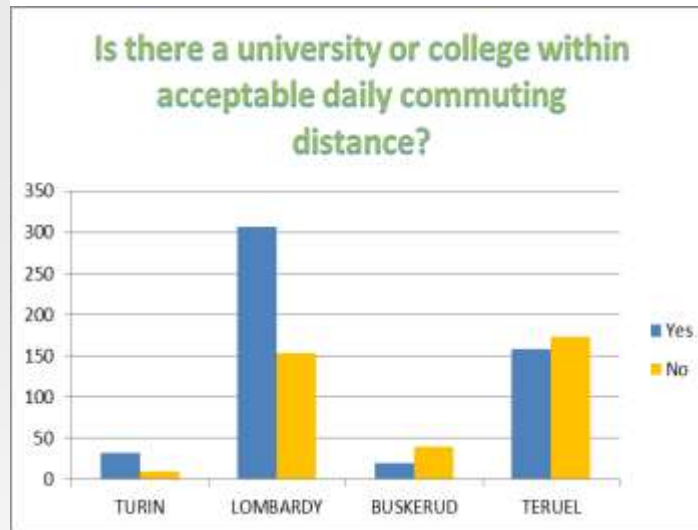


Table: average travelling time to nearest education institution

- Upper Secondary School
- University

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Key finds from surveys with young people -2-



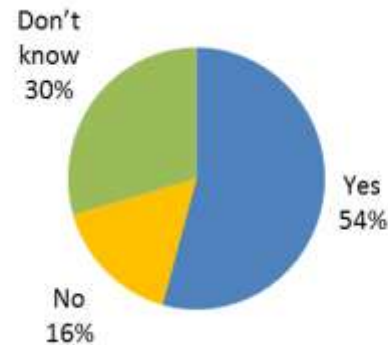
- 57% of respondents plan to study at college or university
- do not point out the tourism & industry as interesting sector



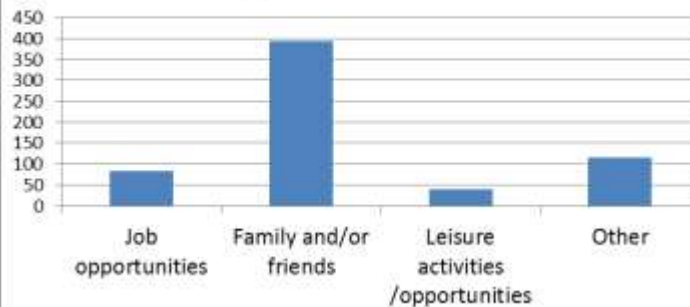
Key finds from surveys with young people -3-



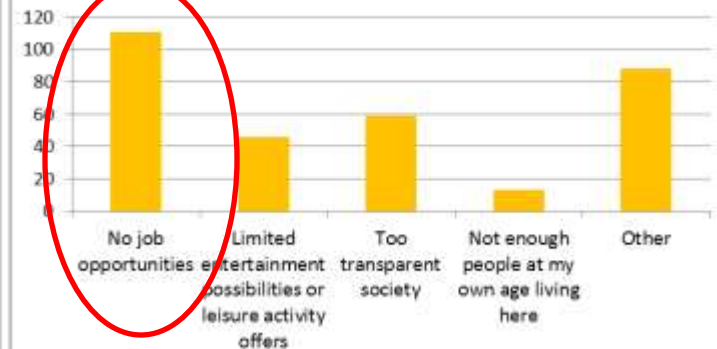
Would you consider living in your region when you have finished education?



If yes, what would be the most important reasons?



If no, what are your reasons?



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In brief:



- A majority of young people think they could find a job in their area of origin after secondary school
- They would consider staying if they could

What do businesses say?



- Polled businesses:
 - do not require competences from higher education
 - report difficulties in recruiting employees possessing the skills needed locally or regionally
 - Agriculture & forestry
 - Tourism
 - Industry

What do businesses say?



- But there is also room for more qualified jobs:

- Public administrations,
- ICT business
- E-health

for example look for specific competences (& university degrees) but have difficulties in finding the right people



Bad correspondance between young people's expectations, the education offer & job offers

Solutions?



- Improve the access to relevant studies and classes
- More contact between business, municipalities and schools
- More information for young people, at the right time



What have PADIMA partners done?



- Recruiting to wood industry (Buskerud, Norway)
- Diversifying via e-learning (ICT college Dalarna, Sweden)
- Specialised training in mechanics (Teruel, Spain)
- Higher education in the mountain region (Røros & Tynset, Hedmark, Norway)

On to our next session!



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