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Being young in a mountain area in 2021

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JEUNESSE ET MONTAGNE

SYNTHÈSE DES TRAVAUX PRÉPARATOIRES MENÉS PAR EUROMONTANA
EN VUE DES VIIIèmes ASSISES EUROPÉENNES DE LA MONTAGNE

LES JEUNES AU SOMMET : LA VOIE VERS L’AVENIR DES MONTAGNES
2-4 OCTOBRE 2012
Mountains are attractive
Do you want to continue living in the mountains?

- Yes, I want to continue living in the mountains: 573 (66%)
- I would like to leave for a short time (education, travel) but would like to return in the future: 253 (29%)
- No, I would like to leave: 45 (5%)
Why?

- Life close to nature / environment
- Quality of life
- Leisure activities
- Sense of place/attachment to area
- Family
- Human values (solidarity, being part of a community)
- Friends
- Employment opportunities
- University / School / training programme
- Other
Would you like to settle in a mountain area?

- 122 (46%) Yes, I have wanted to live in the mountains for a long-time
- 97 (37%) Yes the Covid-19 crisis has influenced my desire to live in the mountains
- 31 (12%) Perhaps
- 13 (5%) No
Youth and services
Most satisfying services

Internet access: 75% satisfied
- Italy: 79%
- Romania: 54%

Healthcare: 73% satisfied
- Romania: 50%
- Norway: 78%
Most unsatisfying services

Public transport
52% dissatisfied

Education
35% dissatisfied
Youth call for more sustainability
15. Wilderness
15. Behavioural change
15. Climate Change
15. Social activities
15. Cultural services
15. Intergenerational links
15. Participatory democracy
15. Lifelong education and vocational learning
15. New comers
15. Create my own business
15. Digital solutions and social innovations
15. Other
Re-wilding, limitation of urbanism, of the tourism flow, of the environmental abuses linked to tourism

Engineer in population and natural habitats management from the County of Haute Savoie, France

“A place which is not polluted, with well-developed ecological infrastructures, clean water, where people live in harmony with nature

Young employee in an administration from Podkarpackie region, Poland

“A green space, with a great recycling culture, ecological, with reduced CO2 emissions

Young journalist from Gipuzkoa, Spain
The accommodation units should be agritourism. Supporting local businesses in the mountain area (farms, agriculture) through local businesses. For example, agritourism pensions should only buy products from local producers.

Student from the Cluj County, Romania

I believe that mountain villages that now depend heavily on a tourist economy are not an effective solution, we should develop the local economy as it was in the past. That way there would be less depopulation and more attention to the different problems that arise over the years.

Young pizzaiola, unknown region, Italy

A mountain that is open to all but also to a population that lives there all year round and that everything is not designed for tourism because this leads to desertification and the social fragility of those who live there.

Young job seeker, region Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur, France
Vibrant & populated mountain areas
Would like to welcome newcomers?

- **I agree 100%!**
- **I don’t agree:** my mountain area is already too crowded, it must remain wild
- **I would like to have more inhabitants, but maintained a balance (not too many newcomers)**

- 584 = 52%
- 183 = 16%
- 367 = 32%
Who do you feel closer to?

- a citizen from your nationality, no matter where he or she lives
- a foreign person living in a mountain area just like you

627 = 59%

436 = 41%
Some final invitations

- European Mountain Convention, “Smart mountains: how to make our territories attractive and future-oriented?”
  - 25-27 October 2022 in Sila Natural Park in Italy
Thank you!

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