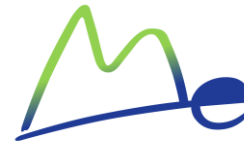




RUMRA Rural, Mountainous
& **SMART VILLAGES** and Remote Areas



**European Committee
of the Regions**



EUROMONTANA

"A European Rural Agenda is urgently needed for rural areas after COVID crisis"

27 November 2020 (9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.)

Online webinar

An event co-organised by the **European Committee of the Regions' NAT commission** and the **RUMRA and Smart villages intergroup** with the support of **RED** and **Euromontana**

9.30 a.m. Introduction

- Dubravka Šuica Vice-President for Democracy and Demography at the European Commission
- Franc Bogovič (SL/EPP), Member of the European Parliament and Co-President of the Parliament's RUMRA and smart villages Intergroup

10.00 am Experiences and lessons learned by rural areas during the COVID-19 crisis.

Moderator: Juan Andrés Gutierrez, President of Euromontana

Policy Implications of Coronavirus Crisis for Rural Development: Jose Enrique Garcilazo, Head of Regional and Rural Policy Unit, OECD

Examples of projects and initiatives primarily launched by rural communities in coping with the COVID-19 emergency: Paul Soto, European Network for Rural Development, European Union

Joke Schauvliege (EPP/BE), Member of the of the Flemish Parliament and rapporteur for the European Committee of the Regions opinion on Experiences and lessons learned by rural areas during the COVID-19 crisis

Lessons learned by regions and cities during the COVID-19 crisis: Gianluca Lentini, Researcher and Project Manager - Climate Change and Environmental Projects at Poliedra - Politecnico di Milano

Discussion

11.00 a.m. break

11.30 am A new long-term vision for rural areas

Moderator: Gérard Peltre, President of the Rurality-Environment-Development network (RED) and the European Countryside Movement (ECM)

Enda Stenson (IE/AE), Member of the Leitrim County Council and rapporteur for the European Committee of the Regions opinion on the EU strategy for a Rural Revival

Joël Giraud, Secretary of State for Rural Affairs, French Minister of Territorial Cohesion and Relations with Local Authorities: Presentation of the French rural agenda

Carme Ferrer, Vice-chair of the Association of Microvillages of Catalunya, Mayor of Senan: Presentation of the Catalan rural agenda

Melina Hanhart, Representative of the European Rural Youth Parliament

Discussion

12.30 a.m. Conclusions

- Ulrika Landergren (SE/renew E.), Chair of the NAT commission of the European Committee of the Regions
- Clara Aguilera (ES, S&D) Member of the European Parliament and Co-President of the Parliament's RUMRA and smart villages Intergroup

Practical arrangements

Simultaneous interpreting from and to French – English – Spanish

Simultaneous interpreting from Swedish

Information: helene.moraut@cor.europa.eu, mn.neven@ruraleurope.org and marie.clotteau@euromontana.org