

Location: La Nave della Sila Museum

09.00 - 10.20

Session 4: How can research and innovation help boost the attractivity and resilience of mountain areas?

Moderator: **Bernat Claramunt i López**, Researcher at the Research Centre for Forest Ecology and Applications (CREAF) and coordinator of the Network for European Mountain Research (NEMOR)

- Research and innovation as drivers of vibrant, sustainable and attractive rural areas. Enrique Nieto, Head of Policy Unit at AEIDL
- How to develop social innovation in marginalised rural areas? Policy lessons and practical examples. Bill Slee, Honorary Research Fellow at James Hutton Institute
- Understanding drivers of change in mountain areas to enhance resilience: findings from the MOVING project. Mar Delgado-Serrano, Researcher at University of Cordoba and Coordinator of MOVING
- Technological innovation for the management of natural resources in the mountains. Gian Antonio Battistel, Senior technologist at CRI-FEM

Questions and answers

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10.20 - 10.50

Coffee-break

10.50 - 12.35

Session 5: Which economic tools and sectors to encourage? Sharing good practices

Smart Economy

How can the mountain economy contribute to the Green Deal objectives?

Cooperation partnership for the sustainable development of tourism in the Pohorje mountain (Slovenia)

Klavdija Gornik, Project Manager at the Regional Development Agency for Podravje - Maribor

CreaTur: developing the sharing economy in the Innlandet county (Norway)

Veronica Blumenthal, Senior Researcher at the Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences

Enabling tools

How can digitalisation benefit mountain areas?

Smart Villages in mountain areas (Alps)

Gianluca Lentini, Researcher and Project Manager at Poliedra - Politecnico di Milano, Interreg Alpine Space Smart Villages project

Deploying broadband in mountain areas (Europe)

Broadband Competence Office Network Support Facility

Smart management of natural resources

How can innovation support sustainable management of resources?

Sustainable management of mountain grasslands (Spain)
Javier Pérez Pérez, Natural Environment Area Officer at HAZI, LIFE OREKA MENDIAN project

Technology and environmental monitoring of the Arcadian mountains (Greece)

Georgia Dimopoulou, Volunteer at the Social Cooperative Enterprise for the Protection of Menalon

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Official closure

12.50-13.00

The measures and actions for mountain areas in the Rural Development Programme of region Calabria. Dr. Giacomo Giovinazzo, General Director of the Agriculture Department and Managing Authority of the RDP Calabria

13.00 - 13.10

The new professional: the shepherd 4.0. Pasquale Tridico, President of INPS

13.10 - 13.20

Final intervention and acknowledgements: Gianluca Gallo, Councillor for Agriculture at the Region of Calabria & Nicodemo Podella, Regional President of the Cia Agricoltori Italiani Calabria

13.20 - 13.30

Policy Declaration for Smart Mountains. Juanan Gutiérrez, President of Euromontana and Guillaume Corradino, Director of Euromontana

13.30 - 15.00

Networking lunch

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How to make our territories attractive and future-oriented?

25 - 26 - 27
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AGENDA

Venue

Camigliatello Silano, Italy
Sila National Park and Biosphere Reserve



Introduction

The European Union has entered a new programming period, 2021-2027, which is characterised by the introduction of new policies including to support territories in the post-COVID-19 recovery and in the energy crisis, but also by budget cuts in key policies such as the Common Agriculture Policy and the Cohesion Policy.

At the same time, mountains are territories of opportunities that must be seized: a better quality of life, a rich natural and cultural heritage, quality agri-food products, and the provision of ecosystem services to the benefit of all European citizens. Mountain people must build on these strengths in order to strategically develop our mountains and meet the challenges of the European Green Deal and digital transition as well as to deliver on the EU Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas.

In this context, the XII European Mountain Convention will discuss how to overcome the structural challenges of mountain areas – such as accessibility problems, sensitivity to climate change, natural hazards, etc. – and define a sustainable strategy for the development of smart mountains towards 2050.

To do so, the European Mountain Convention will showcase smart initiatives implemented in various key sectors from mountains all over Europe and will provide the basis for more integrated and effective public policies. All ideas and experiences shared during the European Mountain Convention will feed the preparation of a Final Declaration shaping the smart mountain concept and outlining the concrete actions required to make it a reality.

DAY 1 | TUESDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2022 | STUDY VISITS

Location: La Nave della Sila Museum

8.30 – 17.00

Three study visits will be organised around the Sila National Park and Biosphere Reserve

18.00 – 20.00

General Assembly of Euromontana (for Euromontana members only)

From 20.30

Dinner at La Nave della Sila Museum

DAY 2 | WEDNESDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2022

Location: La Nave della Sila Museum

8.30 – 9.30

Registration

9.30 – 9.45

Official opening: Welcome by **Juanan Gutiérrez Lazpita**, President of Euromontana

09.45 – 10.10

Welcome words by Italian organisers:

- **Roberto Occhiuto**, President of the Calabria Region
- **Cristiano Fini**, President of CIA agricoltori Italiani
- **Francesco Curcio**, President of Sila National Park

10.10 – 12.00

Session 1 - High level panel: how can European policies support a smarter approach in mountain areas?

Moderator: Juanan Gutiérrez Lazpita, President of Euromontana

- **Elisa Ferreira**, Commissioner for Cohesion and Reforms (via video message)
- **Ole Gustav Narud**, State Secretary in the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development, Norway
- **Herbert Dorfmann**, Member of the European Parliament and member of the Intergroup on Rural, Mountainous and Remote Areas & Smart Villages
- **Władysław Ortyl**, Marshal of the Podkarpackie Region, Poland & member of the European Committee of the Regions
- **Roberto Berutti**, Member of the Cabinet of the European Commissioner for Agriculture Janusz Wojciechowski
- **Giuseppe Blasi**, Head of Department for European and International Policies and Rural Development at the Italian Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry Policies

Questions and answers

12.00 – 14.00

Lunch break

14.00 – 15.30

Session 2: How can smart governance help shape future-oriented mountain areas?

Moderator: Guillaume Corradino, Director of Euromontana

Specific governance in EU mountains - Panorama of good practices in different EU countries. **Stefano Sala** - UNIMONT, University of Milan

Round table: how can we leverage new participatory processes to design and implement smarter territorial development strategies?

- The importance of participative democracy in cohesive communities. **Tom Jones**, President of the European Rural Community Alliance (ERCA)
- The New European Bauhaus of Mountains. **Giulia Paoletti**, Researcher at Eurac Research
- Perspectives from the Trans-Pyrenean Youth Forum. **Idoia Arauzo González**, Coordinator of the Development and Dynamisation Unit of the Pyrenees Working Community
- Perspective from the EUSALP Youth Council. **Maxime Bernard**, Youth Councillor for EUSALP
- The importance of governance in a smart village project. **Thierry Antoine-Santoni**, Senior Lecturer at the Pasquale Paoli University of Corsica & Scientific coordinator of the Smart Paesi project

Questions and answers

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15.30 – 16.00

Coffee-break

16.00 – 17.45

Session 3: How to develop innovative solutions for a better quality of life in the mountains? Sharing good practices

Three parallel workshops to exchange good practices from the field and to see how a better quality of life can be developed in the mountains. Each workshop will consist in the showcase of inspirational initiatives, followed by an interactive discussion on how to tackle the challenge. The output of the discussions will directly feed the Final Declaration of the European Mountain Convention.

Smart Living

How to improve quality of life and maintain access to qualitative services in mountain areas?

Innovangson (Norway)
Torunn Kornstad, Senior Advisor at Innlandet County

Digitalisation of rural multiservice points (Spain)

Laura Gascón Herrero, Senior Project Manager at the Provincial Government of Teruel, office of Territorial development and European Projects Affairs

Smart employment

How to maintain jobs, including skilled jobs, all year round in the mountains?

Demanda Coworking Rural (Spain)
Javier Ruiz, Employment and Entrepreneurship Officer of the LAG AGALSA Sierra de la Demanda

YESpecialists (Norway, Spain, Italy, Croatia, Denmark)

Barbara Harterink, Senior adviser at Vestland County Council

Smart and clean mobility

How to develop new, clean and alternative modes of transport for people and goods?

Overcoming Barriers to Transcarpathian mobility (Romania)

Mihaela Lite, Superior councillor at the International Relations Office of Maramures County Council, Romania

Developing hydrogen mobility (Pyrenees)

Idoia Arauzo González, Coordinator of the Development and Dynamisation Unit of the Pyrenees Working Community

From 20.00

Gala Diner at Torre Camigliati