

Prepare Partnership for Rural Europe

Webinar – Rural trends and solutions

Day 27.11.2020Time: 9.30-12.30 CETCategory – Future of Rural Europe - Rural development NGO's, local actors/citizens decisionmakersMaximum 100 participants. The organiser reserve the right to select participantsPre-registrations, questions and materials: kim.smedslund(at)suomenkylat.fi by 20.11.2020Zoom webinar. Admission through waiting room / password. Questions during session sent to the chat.

Abstract: Where is rural going? Is urbanisation turning into ruralisation? The webinar tries to look into trends, the cost of these trends and the readiness of change management in politics and decisionmaking. Digital and technolocical transition are key factors for the future of Rural Europe – possibilities, obstacles and equal availability are discussed.

Draft Programme

A story from my home area – The plum beyond the wall **Gent Imeraj** - Albania

Pathways to demographic adaptation – recorded Josefina Syssner – Associate Professor, Department of Culture and Society - Linköping University

Resilient rural communities - How to shape change successfully in the European periphery? Alistair Adam Hernández, Academy for Territorial Development in the Leibinz Association

"Communities, the European Green Deal and the climate emergency facing rural Europe" **Robert Hall**, "Deputy Director, ECOLISE"

Is ruralisation becoming a trend in the covid context? Hanna Lakkala - Finland Futures Research Centre, University of Turku

Discussion

Story - (E-) services that revitalised my territory TBC.

Digital innovation and rural areas: where do I fit in? Linda Randall, Fellow Researcher, Nordregio

Rural technologies at your service?

Hannu Haapala & Liisa Pesonen - FinAgEng Association for Rural Technologies

Final Discussion – How do we see rural areas in 15 years?