

Fighting depopulation in rural areas – identifying development potential in rural regions

22nd- 23rd May 2018, Parador Hotel, Soria

AGENDA

Moderator: Richard Tuffs, ERRIN

15.00	Registration and welcome coffee	
16.00	Welcome	Carolina de Carvalho Cantergiani , ESPON Contact Point in Spain (UAH- IELAT)
PART 1: Setting the scene: Spain		
16.20		<p>Edelmira Barreira Diz, Commissioner for the Demographic Challenge (Comisionada para el Reto Demográfico), Ministerio de la Presidencia, Spain</p> <p>Jesús Rodríguez Rodríguez, General Director of Social Economy and Self – Employed Persons, Regional Ministry of Employment - Government of Castilla y León</p> <p>Manuel García Benítez, General Director of Sustainable Development of Rural Areas of Junta de Andalucía, Agriculture, Fishing and Rural Development Secretariat</p> <p>Alejandro Alonso Núñez, Director General, Directorate General for Coordination and Planning, Castilla La Mancha</p> <p>Javier Allúe, Government of Aragon, Commissioner for Combating Depopulation</p>
17.45	Coffee break	
18.15	A wider overview from the South of Europe	Alina Huzui-Stoiculescu , Counsellor, Directorate for Policies and Strategies, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration, Romania
18.30	ESPON projects	
	ESPON Policy Brief: 'Shrinking rural regions in Europe'	Marjan van Herwijnen , Project Expert, ESPON EGTC
	PROFECY	Héctor del Alcázar , University of Valencia
	ACTAREA	Nathalie Wergles
19.30	Conclusions from Day 1	
20.30	Networking Dinner at hotel Parador	

10.00	Welcome	Carolina de Carvalho Cantergiani , ESPON Contact Point in Spain (UAH- IELAT)
PART 2: Case studies of rural support schemes		
10.15	<p>Grecanica-Calabria, Italy</p> <p>Monti, Spain</p> <p>Fundão, Portugal</p> <p>Murcia</p> <p>Valencia</p> <p>Castilla y León SOCENT project</p> <p>Castilla y Leon, El Hueco</p>	<p>Andrea de Toni, University of Valencia</p> <p>Héctor del Alcázar, University of Valencia</p> <p>Paulo Águas, Councillor at the Municipality of Fundão</p> <p>Carmen María Sandoval Sánchez, General Director for Agricultural Funds and Rural Development</p> <p>Toni Such, Director General for Local Administration of Generalitat Valenciana Valencia AVANT Strategy (Agenda Valenciana Antidespoblamiento)</p> <p>Paula Arribas Martín, coordinator of ‘Social Entrepreneurship and Demographic Challenge in Castilla y León’</p> <p>Joaquín Alcalde Sánchez, Director de El Hueco, Soria</p>
11.45	Coffee break	
12.00	Introduction to panel session	Carolina Gutiérrez Ansótegui , Subdirectora General de Innovación y Modernización del Medio Rural, D.G. de Desarrollo Rural y Política Forestal
12.10	<p>Panel session</p> <p>Audience discussion</p> <p>Recommendations</p>	Speakers from case studies
13.00	Conclusions	
13.30	Light lunch and farewell	