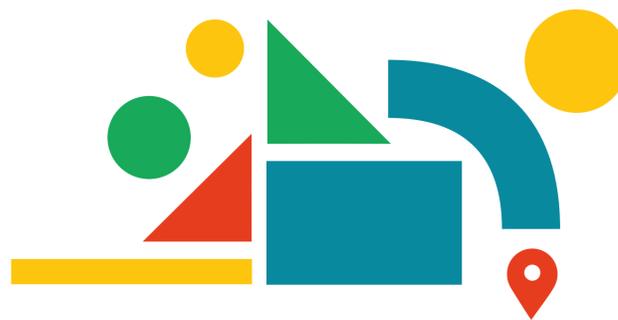


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RUSTIK

About RUSTIK

Duration:

September 2022 to August 2026 (48 months)



Budget:

EU contribution 5 838 693.88€
+ UKRI 1 099 629.70€ = Total budget 6 938 323.58 €

Expected outcomes



Data bases at regional and European level

- 14 databases at regional level.
- RUSTIK information system.

Improved knowledge and capacity



- Novel data collection and analysis methods.
- Understanding of diversity and dynamics of rural areas.



Methods and processes for policy and strategy design and assessment

- Standardised model for decentralised rural proofing.
- Intervention design approaches.
- Improved policy governance framework.

Rural functions

A multiple-criteria approach will be used to characterize the rural areas' diversity, including a classification based on the different functions rural areas can play (production, consumption and eco-system functions).

Rural areas will respond differently to the main transition challenges in the rural-urban continuum: socio-economic and demographic, climate-environmental and digital. RUSTIK will try to explore which factors influence the capacity to respond to these challenges at the territorial level.

Rural Sustainability Transitions through Integration of Knowledge for improved policy processes

RUSTIK is a four-year transdisciplinary research project aiming to enable rural communities' actors and policy makers to design better strategies, initiatives and policies fostering sustainability transitions of rural areas.

In consideration of increasing social and ecological challenges, the project envisages an analysis of current adaption requirements and the support of effective rural policy-making processes. The project will contribute to an advanced understanding of different rural functionalities and characteristics as well as the potentials and challenges of rural areas.

Objectives

A robust methodological framework for functional rural areas.

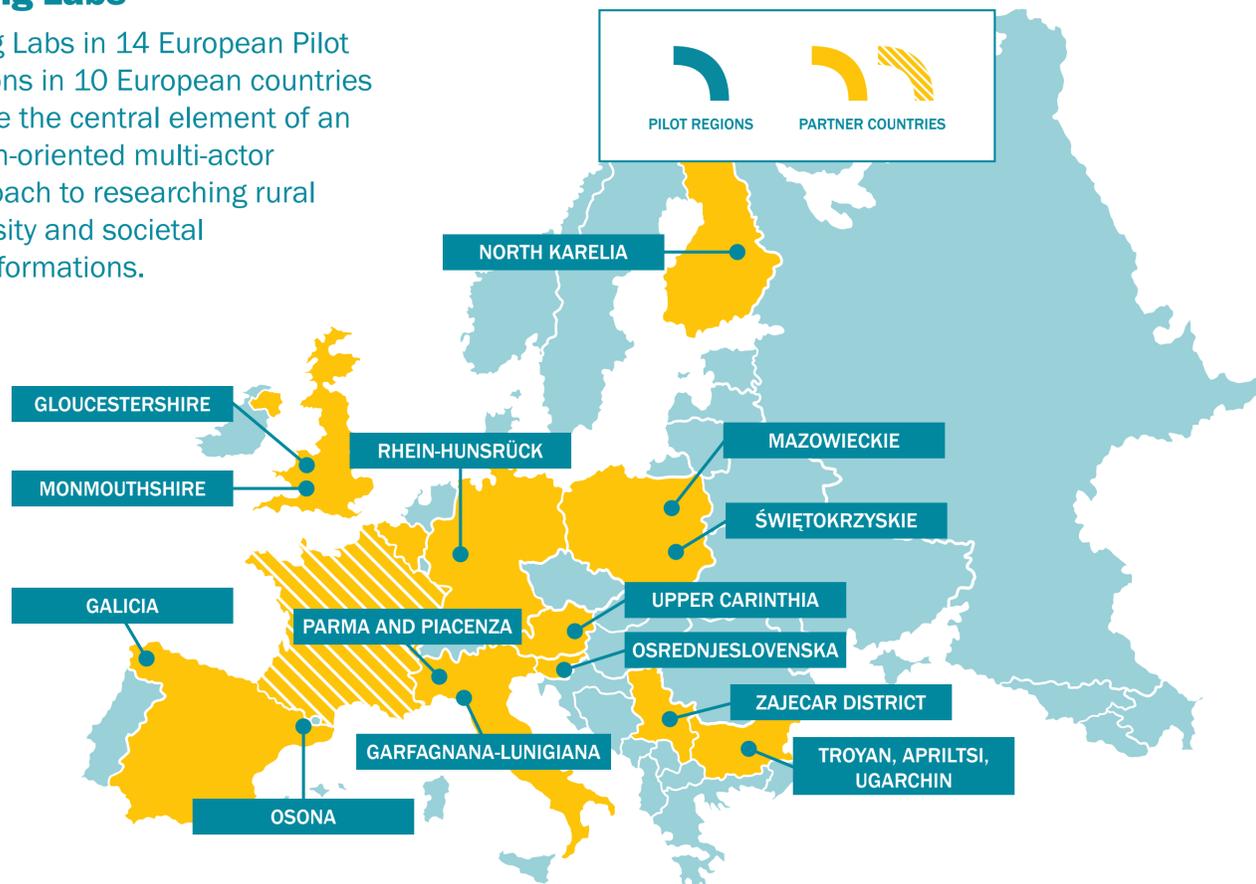
Databases integrating data of different types and sources.

Improved strategies and governance approaches for rural decision makers and stakeholders.

Improved approaches for rural impact assessment and decentralised rural proofing.

Living Labs

Living Labs in 14 European Pilot Regions in 10 European countries will be the central element of an action-oriented multi-actor approach to researching rural diversity and societal transformations.



Partners

The RUSTIK project is coordinated by the Institute for Rural Development Research (IfRS) from Germany and involves 31 partners from 10 European Countries.

