

19th EUROPEAN WEEK of
REGIONS and CITIES

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2021

Together for Recovery

*Long Term Vision
for EU's
Rural Areas*

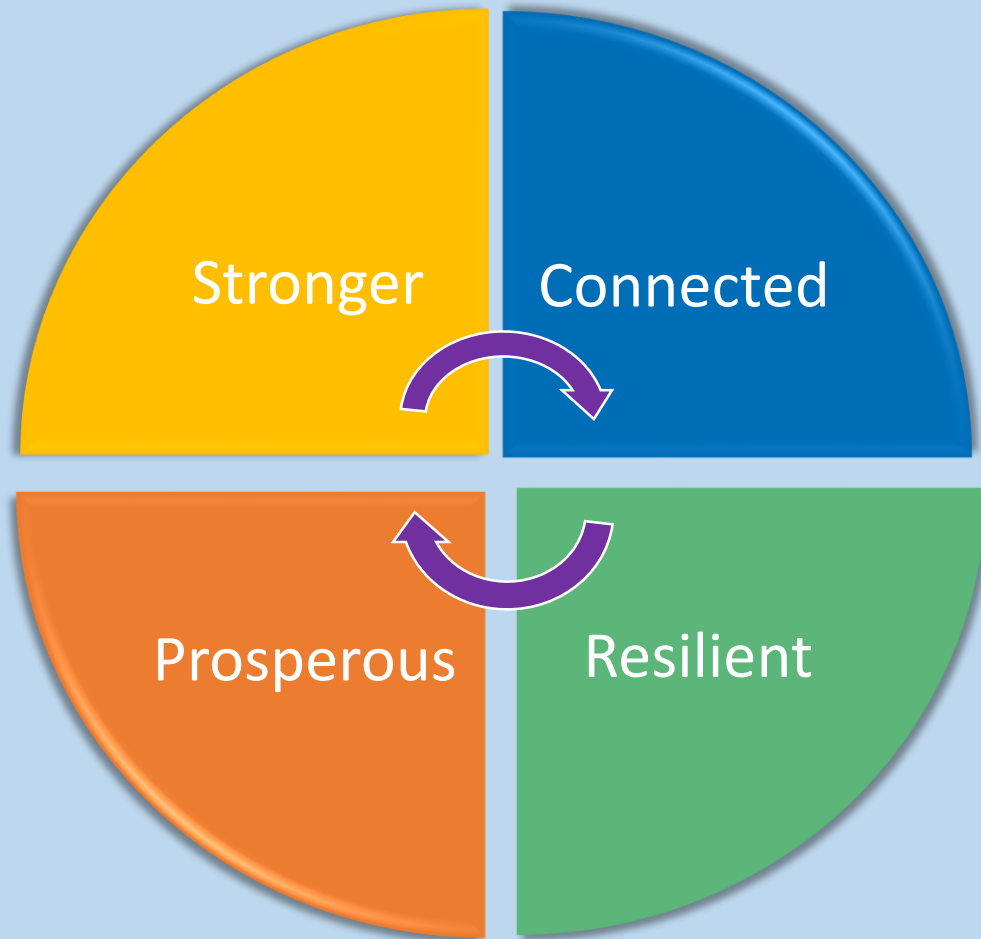


Flagship "Research and innovation for rural communities"
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The Rural Action Plan (RAP) - EC



9 flagships : (short titles from the Communication)

- ✓ Rural revitalisation platform
- ✓ **Research and innovation for rural communities**
- ✓ Sustainable multimodal mobility best practices for rural areas
- ✓ Rural Digital Futures
- ✓ Support rural municipalities in energy transition and fighting climate change
- ✓ Climate action in peatland through carbon farming
- ✓ EU mission « A soil deal for Europe »
- ✓ Social resilience and Women in rural areas
- ✓ Entrepreneurship and social economy in rural areas.

and
15 accompanying
actions

R&I for rural communities *Objectives*

Stronger rural areas: empowering rural actors to innovate



Support the development of innovation by
and for rural communities



Training and knowledge exchange to
accelerate spread and adoption of
innovation



Strengthen innovation ecosystems and the
analysis of factors triggering rural innovation



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R&I for rural communities *Actions*

Rural focused R&I activities under Horizon Europe

- Expertise and training centre on rural innovation (call 2021)
- Smart solutions for smart rural communities (call 2022)
- Women-led innovation (call 2022)
- Analysis on spatial mobility (accompanying action)
- More to come in 2023-2024!

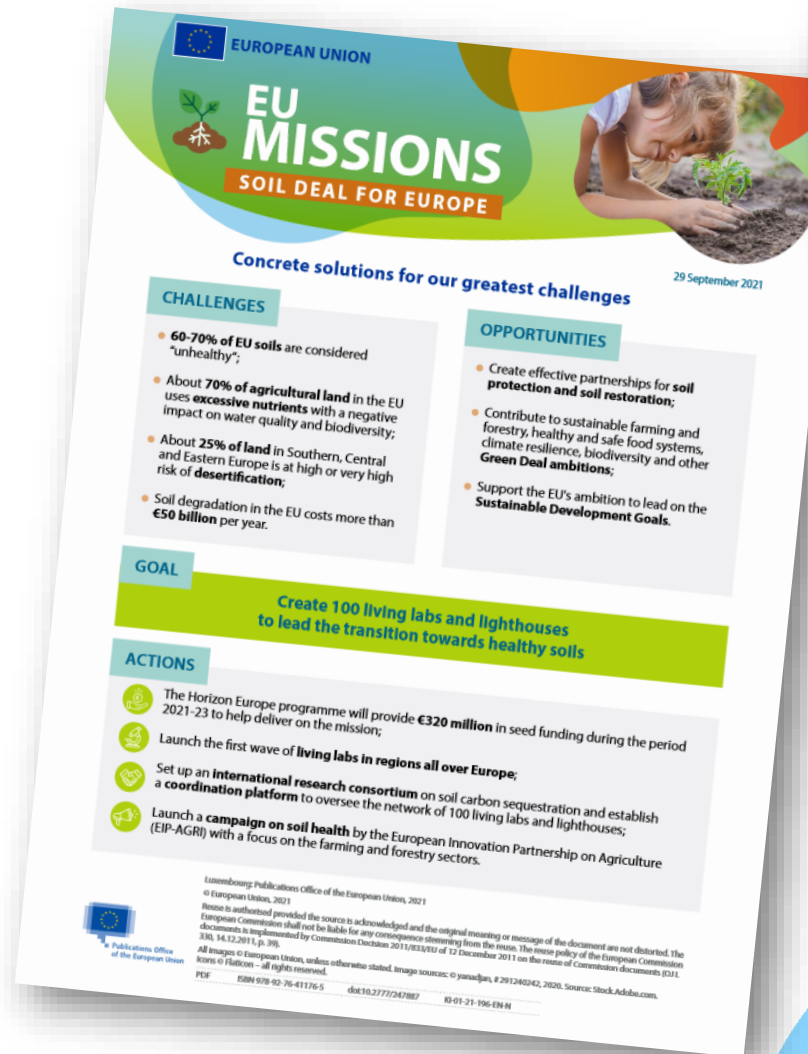
Connecting rural innovation actors

- Rural networks (ENRD, EIP-AGRI)
- Preparatory actions on smart villages
- R&I Smart specialisation platforms
- Yearly forum of start-up villages (launch event on 16.11.21)



Other research related activities

Flagship: EU Mission
« A soil deal for Europe: 100 living labs and lighthouses to lead the transition towards healthy soils by 2030 »



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Concrete solutions for our greatest challenges

29 September 2021

CHALLENGES

- 60-70% of EU soils are considered "unhealthy";
- About 70% of agricultural land in the EU uses excessive nutrients with a negative impact on water quality and biodiversity;
- About 25% of land in Southern, Central and Eastern Europe is at high or very high risk of desertification;
- Soil degradation in the EU costs more than €50 billion per year.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Create effective partnerships for soil protection and soil restoration;
- Contribute to sustainable farming and forestry, healthy and safe food systems, climate resilience, biodiversity and other Green Deal ambitions;
- Support the EU's ambition to lead on the Sustainable Development Goals.

GOAL

Create 100 living labs and lighthouses to lead the transition towards healthy soils

ACTIONS

- The Horizon Europe programme will provide €320 million in seed funding during the period 2021-23 to help deliver on the mission;
- Launch the first wave of living labs in regions all over Europe;
- Set up an international research consortium on soil carbon sequestration and establish a coordination platform to oversee the network of 100 living labs and lighthouses;
- Launch a campaign on soil health by the European Innovation Partnership on Agriculture (EIP-AGRI) with a focus on the farming and forestry sectors.

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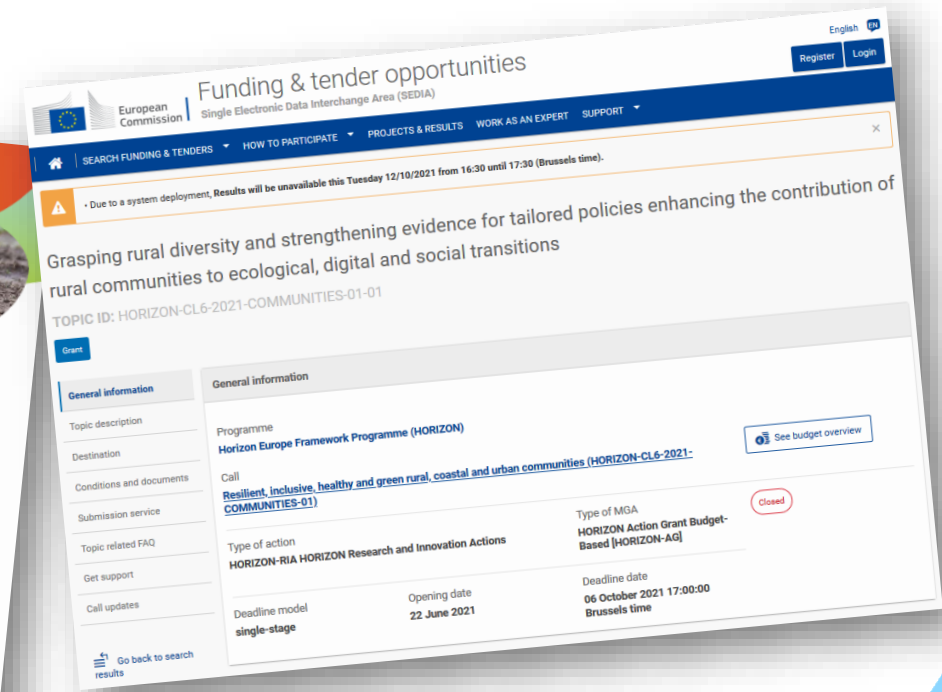
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Research and innovation for the rural observatory



European Commission Funding & tender opportunities
Single Electronic Data Interchange Area (SEDIA)

SEARCH FUNDING & TENDERS HOW TO PARTICIPATE PROJECTS & RESULTS WORK AS AN EXPERT SUPPORT

Due to a system deployment, Results will be unavailable this Tuesday 12/10/2021 from 16:30 until 17:30 (Brussels time).

Grasping rural diversity and strengthening evidence for tailored policies enhancing the contribution of rural communities to ecological, digital and social transitions

TOPIC ID: HORIZON-CL6-2021-COMMUNITIES-01-01

General information

Topic description	Programme Horizon Europe Framework Programme (HORIZON)
Destination	Call Resilient, inclusive, healthy and green rural, coastal and urban communities (HORIZON-CL6-2021-COMMUNITIES-01)
Conditions and documents	Type of MGA HORIZON Action Grant Budget-Based (HORIZON-AG)
Submission service	Type of action HORIZON-RIA HORIZON Research and Innovation Actions
Topic related FAQ	Opening date 22 June 2021
Get support	Deadline date 06 October 2021 17:00:00 Brussels time
Call updates	Deadline model single-stage

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