RURALITIC

RURAL REVIVAL,
A LIFE IN THE INSPIRATIONAL
COUNTRYSIDE

How are we rethinking rurality?

A scientific adventure from research to policy that supports just and sustainable rural futures

1. Defining

Conceptual framework
Three dimensions of rurality

Social space

Who are they?
Position, resources and trajectories

Symbolic space

What do they do?
Practices, lifestyles, perceptions and relations with institutions

Physical space

Where and how do they live?
Territories, infrastructures and environments

2. Measuring

Territorial proxies and indicators
Ecological and contextual data

Socio-economic and demographic indicators

- Gross value added per capita
- Knowledge employment
- Regional inscription (NUTS 3)
- Population projections 2050
- Old age dependency
- EU Cohesion Policy funding
- Average internet speed
- Housing rental affordability
- Travel time to health services
- Energy capacity
- Index of land degradation

Attitudinal, cultural and institutional indicators

- Tourism nights spent
- European Quality of Government Index
- Migration volatility and demographic dynamism
- Voter turnout in national elections
- Anti-EU voting

Spatial and environmental indicators

- Rural typologies
- Location of activities and populations
- Use of infrastructures and services
- Housing rental affordability
- Average internet speed
- Travel time to health services
- Energy capacity
- Index of land degradation
- Environmental indicators (e.g. CO_2 emissions, night-time lighting)

3. Understanding

Individual-level operationalisation
Survey and complementary data

Individuals and households

- Social class (occupation-based)
- Household income and assets
- Educational capital (ISCED)
- Working hours and arrangements
- Class of origin
- Land ownership and use
- Housing characteristics
- Sociographic profile (gender, age, nationality...)

Practices and meanings

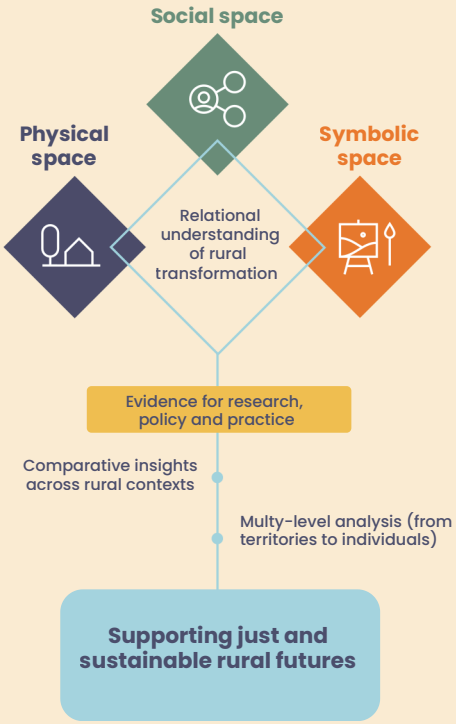
- Everyday practices and lifestyles
- Classifications and representations
- Social capital and contact formation
- Circulation and mobility practices
- Relationship with policy and planning
- Historical inscription of rural experiences

Places and environments

- Location of activities and populations (in survey contexts)
- Use of infrastructures and services
- Relationship with built environment
- Mobility and circulation
- Perceptions of environmental change
- Experience of spatial transformations

4. Integrating

Linking concepts, data and policy insights



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