

DIGITISATION: ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACTS IN RURAL AREAS

# Introduction to the workshop

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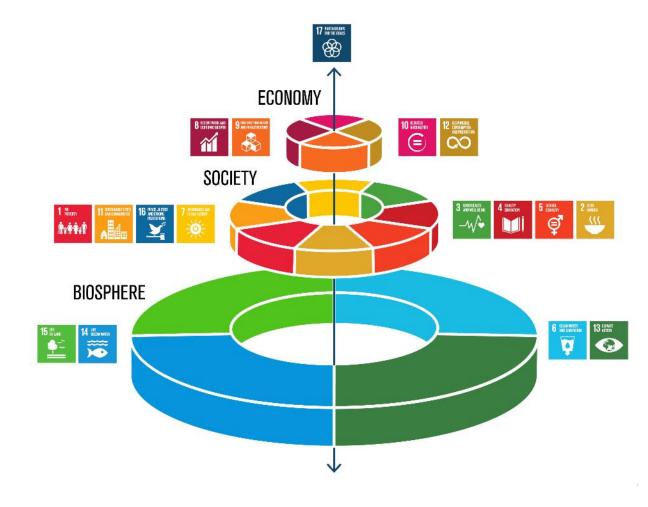




#### **DESIRA** Messages



The digital transformation of rural areas generates winners (who benefit from the change), but also losers (who are marginalised by the change), as well as opponents (who resist to change) and proponents (who support or advocate for the change).



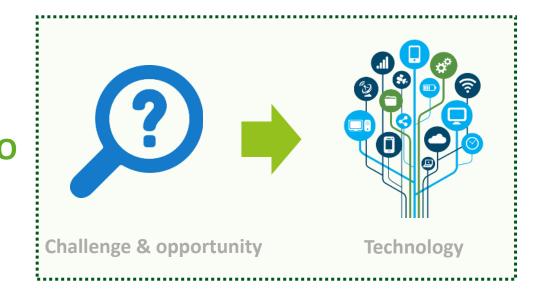
## **DESIRA Approach**



#### From technology as an end itself



#### To technology as the means to an end



**FROM** 

#### What is DESIRA about?



Improve the capacity of society and political bodies to respond to the challenges of digitalisation in rural areas, agriculture and forestry

by

building a knowledge and methodological base that makes it easier to assess the past, current and future socioeconomic impacts of ICT-related innovation.

## **DESIRA Objectives**



- 1. to fill the socio-economic knowledge gaps on digitisation in agriculture
- 2. to assess the past and current **socio-economic impact** of digitisation
- to improve the capacity of rural communities to reflect on future risks and opportunities
- 4. to improve the capacity of rural communities to **reap the opportunities** offered by digitisation
- to promote online interaction and learning among a wide range of stakeholders
- 6. to increase the **uptake of societal concerns** in ICT-related policy and innovation

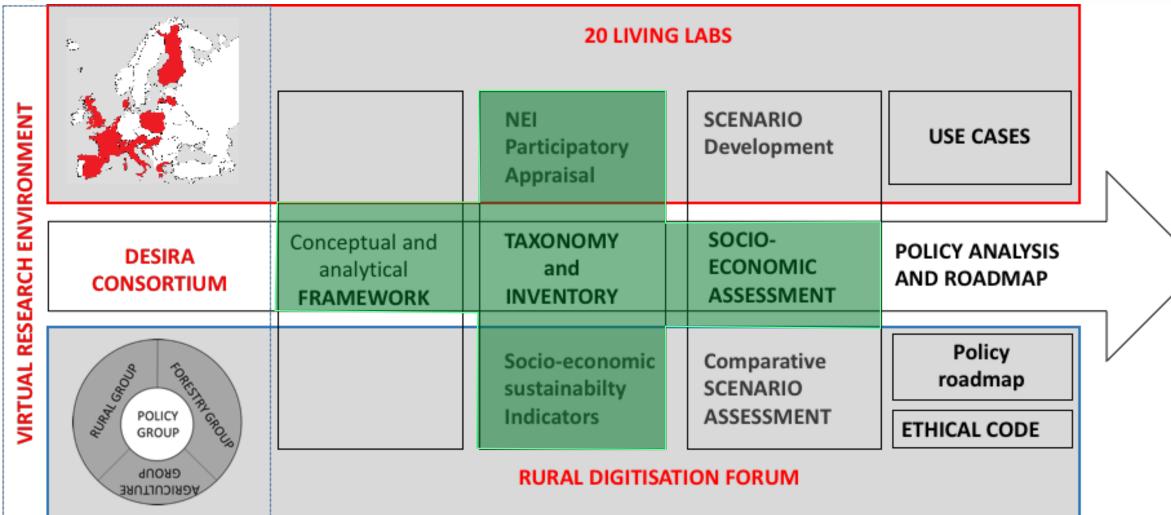
# The flow of the project



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|------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
| VIRTUAL RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT |         |                                     | NEI<br>Participatory<br>Appraisal             | SCENARIO<br>Development               | USE CASES                      |  |  |
|                              |         | Conceptual and analytical FRAMEWORK | TAXONOMY<br>and<br>INVENTORY                  | SOCIO-<br>ECONOMIC<br>ASSESSMENT      | POLICY ANALYSIS<br>AND ROADMAP |  |  |
|                              |         |                                     | Socio-economic<br>sustainabilty<br>Indicators | Comparative<br>SCENARIO<br>ASSESSMENT | Policy roadmap  ETHICAL CODE   |  |  |
|                              |         | RURAL DIGITISATION FORUM            |   |                                       |                                |  |  |

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