

RURAL DIGITALISATION FORUM

1ST WEBINAR

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DESIRA: Digitalisation: Economic and Social Impact in Rural Areas is a four-years project (2019-2023) with 25 partners funded by the Horizon 2020 programme (see [leaflet](#)).

The **Rural Digitalisation Forum (RDF)** is a platform, hosted by DESIRA, bringing together a wide range of stakeholders working on digitalisation of rural areas. The RDF intends to be a space to share experiences, ideas and recommendations and communicate them across Europe.

In this first RDF meeting, participants will:

- exchange about the results of the **Pan-European assessment on the digitalisation** of rural areas carried out by DESIRA;
- get a common understanding about the **key conceptual foundations of the project**, namely digital transformation, digital game changers and socio-cyber-physical systems;
- discuss about the practical implications of the **mapping and taxonomy of digital technologies** based on the analysis of about 600 digital tools and applications from across the EU;
- learn about the draft set of socio-economic and sustainability indicators for **measuring the impacts of digitalisation** in agriculture, forestry and rural areas.



Indicative timing

- 09.30 – 09.50** **Welcome to participants and introduction to the day**
Gianluca Brunori, UNIPI (IT); Enrique Nieto AEIDL (BE)
- 09.50 – 10.50** **The state of digitalisation in Europe**
Preliminary results of the assessment on the state of digitalisation of rural areas.
Michael de Clercq, Gent University (BE)
- 10.50 – 11.00** **COFFEE BREAK / STRECH YOUR LEGS**
- 11.00 – 12.00** **DESIRA's conceptual and analytical framework for the assessment of socio-economic impacts of digitalisation**
Key concepts - Digital transformation, Digital Game Changers and Socio-Cyber-Physical Systems (SCPS). Exchange about implications for practitioners.
Lurissa den Dulk, Wageningen University (NL)
- 12.00 – 13.30** **LUCH BREAK**
- 13.30 – 14.15** **Draft set of socio-economic sustainability indicators (SESI) for measuring the impacts of digitalisation in rural areas**
Exchange on the set of indicators and sustainability areas.
Kirsten Gaber, KIT-ITAS (DE)
- 14.15 – 15.15** **Proposed classification of digital technologies**
Practical implications of the mapping and taxonomy of digital technologies.
Manlio Bacco, CNR (IT), Silvia Rolandi (UNIPI)
- 15.15 – 15.30** **COFFEE BREAK / STRECH YOUR LEGS**
- 15.30 – 16.15** **Rural digitalisation: lessons from H2020 projects**
Experiences on digitalisation of rural areas
- *SHERPA, Sustainable Hub to Engage into Rural Policies with Actors, Michael Kull (Nordregio)*
 - *SmartAgriHubs, Grigoris Chatzikostas (BioSense Institute)*
 - *RURITAGE, Heritage for Rural Regeneration, Francisco Barrientos (CARTIF)*
- 16.15 – 16.30** **Closing Remarks and Next Steps**