

Special Issue

From Rural Decline to Generational Renewal: Pathways towards a New Rural Frontier

Message from the Guest Editors

Generational renewal relates to the levels of young people living and working in farming and rural areas. It is a key part of the regeneration challenge facing European rural areas and farms in overcoming rural decline. The papers in this Special Issue examine issues related to rural regeneration and generational renewal from this expanded perspective. They are based on research conducted as part of the Horizon 2020 RURALIZATION project. The project was examined how a process of 'ruralisation' can be created in rural areas where rural regeneration leads to generational renewal. This is a positive, reinforcing spiral of new rural opportunities. Ruralisation acts as a counterforce to urbanisation to promote development towards a new rural frontier where new generations have strong economic and social sustainability opportunities in rural areas. The papers here are concerned with better understanding the key levers and potential new policy instruments to support rural generational renewal and regeneration. We look forward to receiving your contributions.

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