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First on-site SAB meeting in Southern Austria

On the 25th of February the first on-site Regional Stakeholder Advisory Board (RSAB) meeting in Southern Burgenland - Austria, took place. In the sub-group for the tourism sector current challenges and future possibilities for the region were discussed. AURORAL project was presented and also how it can effectively contribute to the development of digitalisation applications for tourists and the population of Southern Burgenland. A successful start of the RSAB meetings with many more to come!



H2020-AURORAL presented at the first edition of “The Sustainable Energy and Construction Fair”

The Sustainable Energy and Construction Fair (FECS) took place on February 17th, 18th and 19th of 2022, bringing together business networks related to sustainable energy production and bio-construction.

The two partners of the Penedès pilot region, CBC and Aiguasol, attended as speakers in the specific biomass conferences. Arnau González, Aiguasol's Innovation Project Manager presented the AURORAL project in the innovation and technology block.

In addition, CBC had a stand at the fair to promote AURORAL and also dedicated to specific meetings with biomass management companies.



H2020-AURORAL at the FIDESTRA International Seminar

Patrícia Gomes da Silva, from CCDDR Alentejo, presented AURORAL project at the Fidestra International Seminar - Association for the training, research and social development of workers.

The event took place in Olhão, between February 10th to 13th, 2022 Patrícia Gomes da Silva presented the ambition of the project, focusing her intervention on the need to increase connectivity and on the need of a digital environment of interoperable service platforms of smart objects capable of triggering dynamic rural ecosystems of innovation, applications and services chains.

In relation to Alentejo, Patrícia highlighted the goal for creating innovative digital services focused on rural areas in the 5 smart domains of AURORAL, which are fully aligned with the EREI - Regional Strategy for Smart Specialization of Alentejo. The focus is on improving the quality of life for residents, boost business investment, reverse the depopulation trend, and diversify, innovate and integrate touristic offers.



H2020-AURORAL referred on scientific paper published on the prestigious Society international journal

Article was authored by our Scientific Committee, led by Prof. Pekka Leviäkangas from the University of Oulu with contributions from partners from University of DEUSTO and CERTH - Centre for Research & Technology Hellas.

This Special Issue covers rural area innovation policies, innovative cases and trials, rural area business digitalisation, innovation and social ecosystems. The themes are built on several general-purpose technology applications such as IoT, sensorised systems, communication systems, semantic interoperability, communication systems and digital platforms.



Transforming Europe's communities with smart solutions

On the 17th of March 2022, at 10.30 CET, the European DIGITAL SME Alliance will launch the Focus Group Smart Communities.

Join the launch event of DIGITAL SME Focus Group Smart Communities.

A network of innovation-driven SME and public authorities from the EU, national and regional level working together to deliver the digital transformation of cities, regions, and municipalities across Europe.

If you represent a digital SME which is developing tailored services for public authorities or a representative of a City, Region, or Municipality looking for trustworthy digital services, you can request to join the Focus Group Smart Communities!

Register now on <https://www.digitalsme.eu/events/transforming-europes-communities-with-smart-solutions/>



2nd meeting of Communication Focus Group

The 2nd meeting of the Communication Focus Group took place on February 14th, 2022. AURORAL partners had the chance to co-create ideas on the following topics:

- AURORAL Communication (Website, Newsletter and social media).
- Stakeholder Engagement.
- Cooperation with EU projects and Initiatives.

The meeting was guided by IrRADIARE, supported by SIN and DIGITAL SME and engaging with all project partners.



Engaging local stakeholders in Lapland

The kick-off meeting of AURORAL project Lapland pilot's Stakeholder Advisory Board (SAB) took place on the 31st of January, online. The meeting had the representation from multiplier organisations of digital service providers, AURORAL end-users, multiplier organisations of potential end-users, regional decision makers and research centres.

Marcos Nogueira, H2020-AURORAL coordinator and Celine Berggreen-Clausen, Senior Advisor Smart Cities & Communities at SIN joined the meeting where they presented the need of large collaboration between pilot regions and the framework for SAB work in general.



