

RURBANCE



Rural-Urban inclusive governance strategies and tools for the sustainable development of deeply transforming Alpine territories.

- AS priority area: Competitiveness and Attractiveness of the Alpine Space
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Project summary

Sectorial policies are inefficient to offset the relation among urban and rural areas and their development model due to the complexity to merge in an organic whole a lot of solutions which have been carried out to tackle the critical situation in terms of loss of competitiveness, landscape degradation, lack of water and soil quality, loss of biodiversity, territorial fragmentation and abandonment, intense use of the resources, quality of life decay. A balanced development can not be achieved with sectorial interventions but only by crossing the segmentation of the territorial policies. Therefore, Rurbance is developing cooperative and integrated governance models towards the implementation of Joint Development Strategies that induce territorial requalification processes in order to hand back value to the economic, social, environmental and cultural heritage that constitutes the identity of the territories from the top to the bottom. As a result, rural/mountain and urban communities become “equal players” in an inclusive decision making process. Source: [RURBANCE project summary](#)

Hypotheses

- Rural-urban partnership requires vital networks and processes)
- Cross-sectoral and integrated approaches are needed to slow down impacts in rural areas)

Keywords

- urban-rural partnership
- governance
- territorial development
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- peri-urban development

Topics

- Territorial cohesion through balanced social and economic development
- Improving urban - rural relationship and Alpine-perialpine relationship

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