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## News | First Seminar Success



More than 60 people attended on September 26 in Santiago the I Symbios Project Technical Seminar. They could check first-hand specific issues connected to the demographic change within the Project's partners Regions, as well as some of the on-going initiatives. The presentations are on the web.

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## Symbios Resources



### The Cartoon

Some humour to condensate the actual developments affecting shrinking areas.

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### Exclusion and Potential

"Territorial exclusion" and "the unused potential of rural areas as an inclusion opportunity" are the subjects in our web-forums.

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### Design for Emptiness

The Dutch city of Heerlen uses design to attract new business to the city center.

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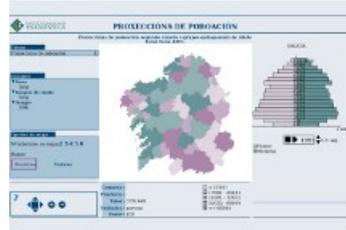
## Available



### Online social work

'Innovation in Community Social Services'. Transferability of methods of online social working to Galicia.

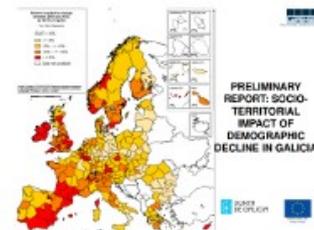
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### Portrait of Galicia

Access now to the interactive charts explaining the latest Galician demographic facts in figures.

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### Demographic Decline

You can download from the web the 'Preliminary Report: Socio-territorial Impact of Demographic Decline in Galicia'.

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**The Interview.** Antonio R. Corbal, from the Rural Development Centre O Viso ([www.cdoviso.org](http://www.cdoviso.org)).



- **What are the most original aspects of your initiative?** -Maybe it's just to avoid pretending to be "so original". ... Quite often, to pretend originality implies to hide the actual original sources. But we have always maintained our commitment to connect and build upon what already has been running in the past, assuming it, assisting it... by giving it a renewed meaning; to think in a new development that honours our past.

- **What is the secret to consolidate the project?** -I understand you consider it consolidated due to the number of years it has been running now... but that is not a guarantee. We are aware that our legitimacy as a group comes from our daily work, our ability to read the life and to understand that every single need has also the potential to become a new shared project aimed at improving the quality of life within the area.

- **Give us some tips to combat territorial exclusion** -We would remark the need for partnership between rural and urban areas; we are one interconnected whole. We need to understand that the others are part of us. This RDC is only meaningful within the context of a firm bet for neighbourliness, for mutual aid. There we may find associated values such as solidarity, cooperation, reciprocity, which play a major role to prevent social exclusion of some vulnerable groups, I.e. the elderly and push to creating facilities and new solutions for them. And all of this is quite relevant in times of social discomfort as a result of a "profit-over-ethics" culture which currently prevails in this predominant capitalism.



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