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News | Second Symbios Technical Seminar: Edited Proceedings Now Available



On June 2014 the 2nd Symbios Project Technical Seminar was held under the title 'Socio-Territorial Inclusion. Initiatives Supporting Smart, Sustainable, and Inclusive Territories. Analysis and Debate'. In the Proceedings interventions and the results of discussions can be looked up. More information [here](#).

Resources



Cartoon

Compatible economic opportunities with mountain areas conservation.

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Network of Regions

DCRN are European regions are affected by the demographic change, such as Galicia.

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New Study Visit

On Euromontana Convention, Symbios visited initiatives in Basque mountains.

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Materials



Research: O Couto

Symbios promoted a research on the sustainable recovery of this village.

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Info-Ancares

Web for communication in the mountains of Lugo. It is part of Symbios Project.

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Municipalities participation

Symbios is launching a consultation of local corporations on demographic change.

The Interview. Ángeles López Agüera. Group of Sustainable Energy Applications, USC.



Do you think that issues addressed in the study and the experience itself in Aldea do Couto are transferable to other Galician realities?

Yes, without a doubt, and not only in Galicia. In fact, the protocol used in the experience "Aldea do Couto" is the one applied in every Unesco Sustainable Community project. Its evaluation practice is completely transferable, as it is based in the planification of different actions which allow to exploit their own resources using appropriate proceedings. This exploitation would allow the reactivation of Communities in risk, as it reverts situations of need, and turning villages in a sound and viable option for people who want to settle permanently

in the area.

In the study different specific economic activity proposals are presented. Which conditions are necessary to make these proposals turn into actions?

A group of conditions is necessary. Of course, in order to start, public or private initiatives are necessary, and, if possible, these initiatives should be supported by proactive policies that encourage them, in addition to training and support people, as well as monitoring and evaluation of initiatives. In fact, the research group which I am directing has specialized in these support tasks which we have identified as crucial when it comes to make actions sustainable. In the particular case of Aldea do Couto, it should be easier as there already exists a local action group, Fundación Eduardo Pondal, which has a long history of work in the village, and it could act as an element of connection.



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