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Symbios Project Newsletter N° 10 – December 2014

News | Symbios at the Philoxenia Plus Final Conference



Carlos Santos, Head of Servizo de Coordinación de Servizos Sociais Comunitarios (Xunta de Galicia), introduced the Symbios Project and some of its studied initiatives at the Final Conference of the European Project Philoxenia, about policies on receiving new inhabitants in rural areas. Presentations can be seen [here](#). Read more [on the web](#).

Resources



Cartoon

A peculiar way of preventing shrinking in rural and mountain areas.

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Plan your Attendance

On the 27th and 28th May 2014, Symbios will hold its final seminar.



Consultation Success

A consultation of local corporations on demographic change challenges had a high participation.

[Read more on the web](#)

Materials



Euromontana Documents

Documents from the last Euromontana Convention on making the best use of environment can be looked up.

[Read more on the web](#)

New Symbios' Study

The study on demographic change, knowledge society, and the prospect of public services in Galicia is now available.

[Read more on the web](#)

Methodological Guide

It is possible to look up Philoxenia Plus guide on policies receiving new inhabitants in rural areas.

[Read more on the web](#)

The Interview. Maruxa Bardasco Pérez. Cáritas and CDR Ancares.



Which are the specific elements needed when it comes to social intervention in mountain areas?

The main difference between mountain and other areas is the isolation factor. This is more acute in mountain areas. Therefore, compensatory or support measures need to be applied. A positive discrimination is needed to reduce isolation's negative effect. These measures have to involve bringing services closer to population, instead of population expelling. However, most of the measures that are been carried today are expelling the population, as they place services far away. Intervention in mountain areas has to be planned in

these areas, bearing in mind people and the territory, listening to their necessities and respecting their rights, such as the right of the elderly to stay at home. It is not a costs issue, as it would cost the same paying for a residence somewhere outside the area as to stay and live with dignity at home. In addition, this solution would create job opportunities in mountain areas. It is an issue of listening to people and to plan measures together with them.

What is the potential that the new ICT have for the lives of people living in scattered and isolated areas?

New technologies are essential to keep connected to the rest of the world, specially for young people and children, but also for the rest of the population. When there is no access to these technologies a new isolation factor is created. In these areas we are always behind than in others, such as urban areas, and to be able to access these technologies it always involve an additional cost, another burden for these territories.



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