



## Taking into account diversity to shape just rural futures: novel indicators for resilient and inclusive development

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### Abstract

This special session showcases approaches (from the Horizon Europe projects GRANULAR) to characterize rural diversity and develop tailored policies for resilient, sustainable, and inclusive rural futures. Presenters will demonstrate how novel frameworks, data sources, indicators, and analytical tools can support evidence-based policy making in rural contexts, addressing key challenges (climate neutrality, socio-economic resilience, food systems, wellbeing) and transitions (socio-economy, climate change and environment, digitalisation) for European rural areas, and rural proofing more generally. This session is open to research that aim at capturing/acknowledging rural diversity for guiding rural transitions. The focus of GRANULAR on developing new datasets, tools, and methods for understanding rural areas aligns with the need for innovative approaches in regional science during turbulent times.

### Pre-identified presentations:

- Rural diversity compass for capturing rural diversity (Oostindie H. & Bock B.)
- Rural Proofing: Applying the rural diversity compass for Policy Assessment (Miller D., Chartier O., Martino G.)
- Climate Neutrality in Rural Areas: an integrated conceptual framework and metrics for rural communities (Damari Y., Berchoux T.)
- Assessing and Enhancing Socio-economic Resilience in Rural Regions (Tapia C. et al.)
- The Living Labs contribution process for rural policies between opportunity and limits (Stortini F. et al.)

### Aims/topics of interest:

- Frameworks and indicators for assessing rural diversity and resilience
- Understanding the application of data-driven approaches in rural policy
- Recognizing the potential for rural proofing to inform tailored policies