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Outline

1. Presentation of the Topic HORIZON-CL2-2022-TRANSFORMATIONS-01-02
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2. Presentation of the Project Proposal
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The impact of spatial mobility on European demographics, society, welfare system and labour market (1)

**Expected Outcome(s):** Projects should contribute to all of the following expected outcomes:

- Analyse the demographic, economic, social and cultural effects of *mobility* in *European* countries, from a *sending* and *receiving* side.

- Envisage *policies* that counter *brain drain* and *labour exploitation* phenomena and enhance joint building of *human capital* across regions and countries.

- Identify effective *policies* to promote *rural* development and sustainability and address *regional inequalities*. 
Topic HORIZON-CL2-2022-TRANSFORMATIONS-01-02:
The impact of spatial mobility on European demographics, society, welfare system and labour market (2)

Scope: Proposals should analyse **drivers** and **effects** of **demographically declining** and **left behind areas** in Europe. They may develop a typology of such areas that would help in developing policies best aligned with the needs of different areas. Projects should focus in particular on **spatial mobility**, including, but not limited to, **urban-rural**, **inter-regional** and **intra-EU mobility**, and the interactions of different policies affecting these flows, as well as linkages to mobility flows of **non-European migrants**. The proposals should assess, in an **interdisciplinary** way, the **pros and cons** of spatial mobility from an individual, economic, labour market and administrative perspective in both **sending** and **receiving** areas, in order to provide a new framework to understand these flows. Different temporal forms of mobility, such as **circular**, **chained**, **short term** and **permanent**, should be addressed, as well as differences between **labour**, **student**, **lifestyle**, **leisure** and **retirement** motivated mobility. Proposals should also include considerations on the circulation of workers in the EU and on the disruption caused by the **COVID-19** emergency and its impact on European borders and freedom of movement.
Topic HORIZON-CL2-2022-TRANSFORMATIONS-01-02:
The impact of spatial mobility on European demographics, society, welfare system and labour market (3)

Scope: Proposals should analyse the relation between freedom of movement within or between EU Member States and Associated Countries and the development of both sending and receiving areas, taking into account demographic and historical trends, gender, age, social and labour market characteristics. Research should focus on practices that lead to synergetic benefits for both areas concerned, going beyond a framework of mobility with winners and losers. Proposals should include a focus on the return of individuals to their place and/or country of origin, on the conditions upon which this occurs and to the benefits that this may lead to. Proposals should also consider determinants of immobility, and study patterns, drivers and effects of mobility in conjunction to analyses of those individuals that under the same circumstances decide not to move. Projects analysing these elements should also consider the impact of such forms of mobility for the livelihoods of individuals moving and of those who stay.
Topic HORIZON-CL2-2022-TRANSFORMATIONS-01-02: The impact of spatial mobility on European demographics, society, welfare system and labour market (4)

Scope: Proposals should help policymakers developing policies that contribute harnessing the positive elements of mobility and may limit the negative effects. They should do so by considering the different types of areas of origin, and catering for the different needs that these may have. Proposals should select cases from a wide variety of EU and Associated Countries, and comparative research across cases is highly encouraged.
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Reframing Non-Metropolitan Left-Behind Places through Mobility and Alternative Development

Project Overview
Re-Place is a Horizon Europe project that aims to improve community quality of life in non-metropolitan areas throughout Europe.

**Re-Place Project** is set to explore the complex issues faced by peripheral non-metropolitan areas which have been the subject of mixed narratives during the COVID-19 pandemic. While some people see these areas as struggling and left behind, others see them as offering a higher quality of life compared to big cities. Through participative research, Re-Place will examine the role that spatial mobilities play in the future of these places, and how it can be harnessed to improve these communities’ quality of life.
1. Consortium

- **6 countries - 7 partners**
- Strong expertise in migration and mobility studies
- **Coordinated** by Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning (IGOT) – University of Lisbon
2. Conceptual framework and approach

- Building a new framework for understanding spatial mobilities: A placed-based approach
- Beyond left-behind narratives
- Reframing the development agenda for LBAs
- Analysing impacts and mobility transformations through intersectional gender+ approaches
3. Objectives

The overall objective is to mobilize participative research in non-metropolitan left-behind areas (LBAs), to examine the impact that spatial (im)mobility has on origin and destination areas and how it can be harnessed to improve local alternative development, cooperative building of human capital, wellbeing and sustainability across contexts.

Specific objectives

- Develop empirical tools, namely a typology and population survey
- Scale down to 12 areas in 6 countries to examine (im)mobility drivers and impacts
- Qualitatively examine perceptions and livelihood practices and placemaking in peripheral places
- Co-create place-based policies to enhance alternative local development
- Using co-production and visual methodologies to reinforce a sense of place
4. Research design and Methodology

Phase A: Research and diagnosis

Step 1 – National level
- LHDI
- LBA typologies
- National survey
- 12 LBA case studies

Step 2 – Local level
- Mobility profiles
- Expert perspectives
- (Im)mobile households

Phase B: Policy co-creation

- Village labs
- Visual outputs
- Policy toolbox

Phase C: Outcome and dissemination

- Policy recommendations
- Reframing place narratives
- Research agenda
5. Workplan

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- WP5: Mobility drivers and impacts in case studies
- WP6: Mobility and peripherality: local household strategies
- WP7: Spatial mobility and local development: new policies
- WP8: Dissemination, Communication and exploitation

Timeline:

- Mar. 2023: Kick-off meeting
- 2024: Riga (April)
- 2025: Bucharest (March)
- 2026: Bamberg (April)
- Feb. 2027: Final conference Las Palmas
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