**In the SIMRA project we aim to advance understanding of social innovation and innovative governance in agriculture, forestry and rural development, and how to boost them, in marginalised rural areas across Europe and around the Mediterranean, including non-EU countries.**

**Social innovation refers to "the reconfiguring of social practices in response to challenges associated with society, economy or environment based on novel ideas and values. These practices include the creation of new institutions, networks, and governance agreements, and seek to enhance societal outcomes, especially but not exclusively for disadvantaged groups, and recognizing the likelihood of trade-offs among competing interests and outcomes. While these practices may include diverse institutions, they necessarily include the voluntary engagement of civil society actors." (Note – *It is a working definition of social innovation to be revised as the project evolves).***

**If you are aware of an example of social innovation developed in a marginalized rural area (e.g. in mountain, arid, island or sparsely populated area) during the last fifteen years, please let us know a bit more about it by answering the following questions. You can leave questions blank where the answers are not known. We are grateful for any information you can provide.**

**Personal Information**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Contact Person Name:** |  |
| **Organization:** |  |
| **Tel:** |  |
| **E-mail address:** |  |
| **Are you available to meet to discuss your Social Innovation (SI) case?** |  |
| **If selected, are you available to present your SI case during the 6th Mediterranean Forest Week in Lebanon (1-4 April)? If not name the person who can present.**  |  |

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**Questionnaire for examples of Social Innovations**

**Example of a Social Innovation**

 **1. Name of the example**

**2. Where was it developed?**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| ***Country:*** |  |
| ***Place:*** |  |

**3. When was it developed? (Please state if the project is ongoing)**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| ***From:*** |  |
| ***To:*** |  |

**4. Please describe the social innovation** *(What is it about?)***:**

**5. How has the social innovation led to changes?** *(e.g. positive or negative, environmental, social, political, cultural, and/or economic impacts, etc.)*

6**. What is the most important challenge being addressed by the social innovation?**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Demographic challenges (e.g. declining or ageing population) |
|  |  |
|  | Environmental sustainability |
|  |  |
|  | Improvement of services / infrastructures |
|  |  |
|  | Supporting / encouraging entrepreneurship |
|  |  |
|  | Improvement of governance |
|  |  |
|  | Poverty and social exclusion |
|  |  |
|  | Employment |
|  |  |
|  | Education |
|  |  |
|  | Other (please specify): …cultural acceptance……………………………..  |

**7. Please describe how local conditions hindered and /or facilitated the development of this example of social innovation**

**8. Which key partners and stakeholders were involved?**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| ***Leading actor:*** |  |
| ***Other key partners:*** |  |

**Description of the Social Innovation**

**9. What was the scale of the social innovation?**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | Local |
|  |  |
|  | Regional |
|  |  |
|  | National |
|  |  |
|  | International |

**10. Which one of the following structures best describes the organisation of this example of social innovation?**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | There was no formal structure / institution |
|  |  |
|  | Company |
|  |  |
|  | Cooperative |
|  |  |
|  | Contract |
|  |  |
|  | Association |
|  |  |
|  | NGO or Charity |
|  |  |
|  | Foundation |
|  |  |
|  | Network |
|  |  |
|  | Partnership |
|  |  |
|  | Project |
|  |  |
|  | Other (please specify): ………………………… |

**11. Strategy of the social innovation:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
|  | It was a single project or initiative (i.e. no links to other projects / initiatives) |
|  |  |
|  | It was Part of a wider set of initiatives (e.g. multiple linked projects in different places, part of a larger project, etc.) |

Please comment on your answer:

**12. Which practices are an important part of this social innovation? (Please tick up to four of the most important)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Networking |  | Teaching / Training |  | Marketing of goods / services |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Public Participation |  | Production of goods |  | Evaluation |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Social Media |  | Services delivery |  | Experimentation |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Assistance and advice |  | Fundraising |  | Action – Research |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Technical support |  | Project management |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Other (please specify): ………………………… |

**13. Can you give us any further information about the processes in this example of social innovation?**

*(e.g. were there any supporting policies, financial support or other kinds of contribution from external agents?; what do you think worked well and what did not)*

***14*. Where can we find more information about this initiative? (websites, publications, etc.)**

**End of the questionnaire**

**Thank you for completing this questionnaire. If you are aware of other examples of social innovation, please some brief details in the box below** *(e.g. title, description, and a link or contact where we can find more information about it )*