

# Climate Change and Rural Communities – Invitation to Join the Rural Network

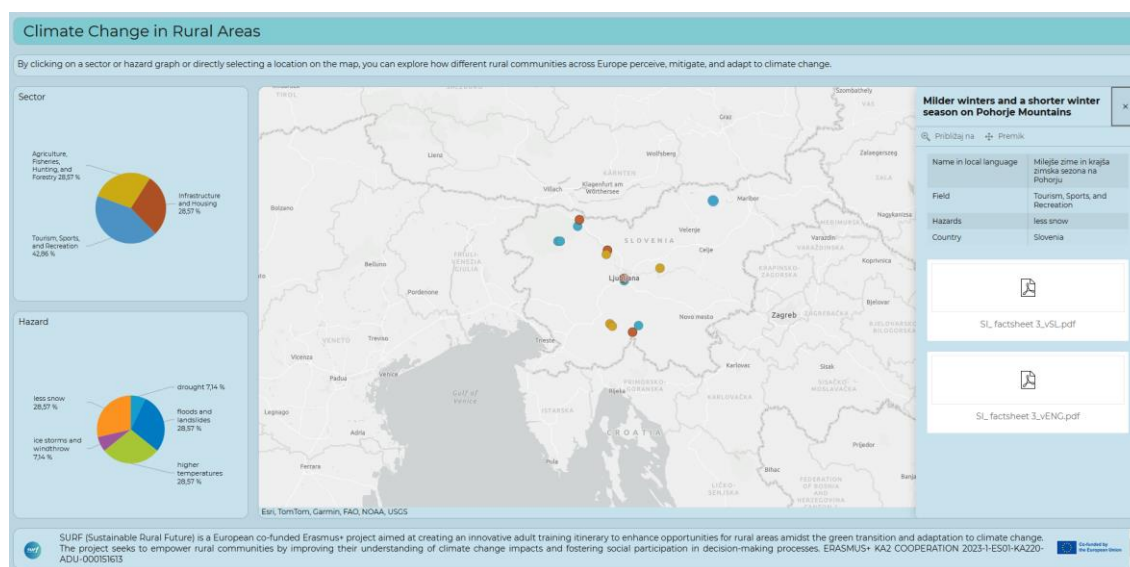
## An Invitation to Explore and Present Cases on How Rural Communities and Areas Perceive, Mitigate and Adapt to Climate Change

Dear Sir/Madam,

The [SURF](#) (Sustainable Rural Future) focuses on two key thematic areas:

1. How **rural communities perceive, mitigate, and adapt to climate change** – To support this, we have developed the [SURF Handbook](#).
2. How **participatory tools can connect and develop rural communities** – We have designed a **blended (online and in-person), accredited SURF training** for relevant rural stakeholders and actors.

Through a **participatory approach**, we have gathered a wealth of information and compelling examples, which we have integrated into the [SURF online browser](#). By using two filters (**economic sector** and **type of risk**), you can explore in detail how rural communities across different European countries are responding to climate change.



Our ambition is to connect diverse rural communities that are tackling climate change in various ways into the **SURF European Rural Network**. Therefore, we invite you not only to explore the examples provided by SURF project partners but, more importantly, to **co-create the network, exchange insights, and explore potential collaboration**.



We kindly invite you to **share your experiences** by completing a short [online questionnaire](#), describing how your rural community is addressing climate change and becoming more resilient. The SURF project partners will carefully review your submission and integrate it into the **SURF online viewer**.

## What Do You Need to Do?

1. **Do you have an interesting case?** Think about an activity or measure in your rural community that enhances resilience to climate change.
2. **Briefly describe your case.** Answer the questionnaire in **English**, include **relevant photos** and **GPS coordinates**.
3. **Receive SURF feedback.** The responsive **SURF project team** will review your submission and integrate it into the **online viewer**.

## What Are the Benefits?

1. **Visibility and recognition.** By being featured in the **SURF online viewer**, your rural community gains greater visibility and recognition.
2. **Inspiration, ideas and guidance.** Your approaches to perceiving, mitigating, and adapting to climate change can serve as both inspiration and guidance for other rural communities across Europe facing similar challenges.
3. **Innovative solutions.** An opportunity to explore **innovative practices** from rural communities and regions that are developing **sustainable approaches** to tackling climate change.
4. **Collaboration and networking.** Connect with **stakeholders and actors** who have valuable ideas and are interested in **future collaborations, knowledge exchange, and potential joint project applications**.

If you are an individual as student, farmer, local development technician, educator/researcher, unemployed, we warmly invite you to participate and to formally consent to [join our SURF European Rural Network](#). Let's work together to make rural communities and areas more resilient in addressing climate change!

If you represent an association, authority, company, university, NGO we warmly invite you to participate and to formally consent to fill in this template and to send to your referral country.

To the kind attention of the Association/Entity

(partner organization)



**Subject:** Request for Membership in the **EUROPEAN RURAL NETWORK** for the project

called **SURF – Sustainable Rural Future 2023-1-ES01-KA220-ADU-000151613** presented

within the framework of Erasmus+ Programme – KA2 Cooperation Partnerships in Adult

Education

With this letter, the undersigned \_\_\_\_\_ (name of the organization), located at \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ street, No. \_\_\_\_\_, ZIP code \_\_\_\_\_, represented by \_\_\_\_\_ (name and position), wishes to join the EUROPEAN RURAL NETWORK to be implemented within the framework of the project **SURF Sustainable Rural Future**

This membership is not binding, nor does it entail any financial obligation for the participating entity. On the contrary, numerous benefits are provided, as well as the opportunity to participate in workshops, webinars, and other project events.

Place and date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

**CONSENT TO THE PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA REGULATION (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR)**

The undersigned \_\_\_\_\_



## CONSENTS

pursuant to and for the purposes of Article 7 et seq. of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, by signing this form, to the processing of personal data in accordance with the methods and within the limits of the [attached](#) information, including those considered as special categories of data.

Read, confirmed, and signed

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Place and Date: