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The Grisi+ Initiative

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The objective of GRISI PLUS is to improve the effectiveness of and enrich economic development policies in rural areas by increasing the use of geographical information and geomatics tools.

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To achieve this goal, partners will exchange experience, identify and transfer good practices in 2 domains related to their common issues for the revitalization of rural territories:

- Development of the attractiveness of rural territories to attract new inhabitants.**
- Promotion of local products, thanks to the use of geomatics tools and Geographic Information Systems.**

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- P1** Gers Chamber of Commerce and Industry -
- P2** West Regional Authority -
- P3** Galway County Council -
- P4** Vidzeme Planning Region -
- P5** Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments -
- P6** Larnaca District Development Agency -
- P7** Local Councils' Association -
- P8** Regional Development Agency of Usti Region, PLC -
- P9** Development agency Sinergija -
- P10** Centru Regional Development Agency -
- P11** National Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria -
- P12** Tartu Science Park -
- P13** Territorial Initiative for Employment and Entrepreneurship of Kerkini
- P14** Region of Crete -

- France**
- Ireland**
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- Latvia**
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- Cyprus**
- Malta**
- Czech Republic**
- Slovenia**
- Romania**
- Bulgaria**
- Estonia**
- Greece**
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Good Practices

Soho Solo France – Online systems for communities to attract workers to relocate to small towns and villages

Geowine France- GIS coding system to protect the authenticity of product origin

Learning West Ireland - Network of Private Enterprises based in the West Region to facilitate training & development in small towns and villages.

Mura- Drave.BIKE Slovenia – Comprehensive GPS navigation systems for people using bicycling paths

Organisation of Fruit and Vegetable Producers, vasiliki GI, Odou Cyprus

SMART Road Estonia - Project includes data about traffic signs and restrictions, operative information of traffic density, weather conditions with images from road cameras, which is all stored in central database.



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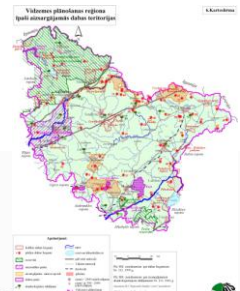
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Data management system, OZOLS, Latvia brings together a number of the database and records for the specially protected natural areas (SPNA) conservation plans for the creation and development of compensation for public record and will be integrated into the Latvian Environment, Geology and Meteorology Agency transferred data base and information by linking all the geographical information system.

Vidzeme Planning Region Development Council, Latvia The project aims to provide quality public transport services, thereby improving people's access to education, health, public administration and other services and the provision of defined competences of the Planning region by Public transport law.

Dingli: Beyond Cliffs, Malta The project revolves around the creation of a heritage and natural interpretative trail within Dingli's rural area allowing for an upgraded environment for tourists to enjoy the panoramic views from Dingli.



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Hop and Beer Temple – Žatec hop growing area tourism promotion Slovakia

Promotion of historical cultural heritage and traditional regional product – Žatec hop through the tourism destination product

GeoSpace, Romania The overall objective of the project was to create and implement a complementary training program designed to improve geography teaching in primary school and high school.

Cretan Diet Festival to promote: **local products** (agricultural products –vegetables, honey etc.-, cheese, yoghurt, milk, local drinks (tsikoudia, wine, rakomelo, etc.)

cuisine (traditional/local gastronomy) **countryside living / traditional habits**



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In summary

We are involved in a project that has compiled approximately 30 good practices that involve rural development and the use of GIS

The issues that the rural areas are facing throughout Europe are common

There is a growing recognition of the Value of Local products/services

There is a growing adoption of GIS as a tool for rural development



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