Supporting Smart Villages with a focusing on

'Better connected rural areas - improving rural mobility'

27th of January 2022, Ostana, Italy

Practical information

Organisers

The event is organised by E40 (Project Coordinator) in the framework of the 'Preparatory Action for Smart Rural Areas in the 21st Century' (Smart Rural 21 project) supported by DG AGRI, in collaboration with Ostana selected village of the Smart Rural 21 project in Italy. To contact the organisers see contact details below.

Dates & schedule

26th of January (13.00-16.00): Meeting the 'Human Library of the Alps' – for face-to-face participants only (optional for those who arrive earlier)

27th of January (9:00-13:00): Plenary of the 3rd Regional Workshop & interactive sessions: Presentations from Smart Rural 21 villages, Discussion on Smart Villages Policy developments with a focus on supporting mobility – face-to-face & live streaming

27th of January (14:00-15:30) : a walk through the hamlets of Ostana with professor Antonio De Rossi and Giacomo Lombardo, the former major of the village– face-to-face & live streaming

Event venue & livestreaming

The event will be organised face-to-face, the sessions also being livestreamed. **Please indicate on the registration form your preference** for a face-to-face or online event.

The face-to-face sessions will be held in **Lou Pourton Cultural Center of Ostana.** Transportation from and to the hotel will be provided for both days to the participants.

The online sessions will be made available on Smart Rural 21 YouTube and/or Facebook – to be confirmed.

Please keep in mind, that there may be technical interruptions or disruptions during the interactive online event.

Accommodation

Accommodation will be provided (for the nights of 26 & 27 Nov 2021) in Ostana and in the nearby village Crissolo in double and single rooms.

Prices:
1 night with breakfast in a single room costs 70 euros/ room/ person
1 night with breakfast in a double room in case of single use costs 70 euros/ room/ person
1 night with breakfast in a double room in case of double use costs 100 euros/ room (50 euros/person)

Please indicate in the registration form for which nights do you request accommodation and if you are willing to share a double room with one of the participants that you know. **Once we confirm your registration**, the hotel is going to get in touch with you regarding your booking.

Registration & fees

You can register for the event through the following **link** until 20th of December 2021

If you plan to participate face-to-face, you can also indicate through the registration link your travel preferences.

The event is free of charge (no registration fee applies). Support is available for a limited number of representatives towards their travel costs. The cost of up to one participant per organisation might be supported. You can apply for support through the registration form (link above). We will get back to participants who requested support as soon as possible.

📢 **Please do not make any travel arrangements/ booking until your registration is confirmed by the organisers.**

In case of large interest in the event – and to ensure a country balance - the organisers might not be in a position of approving all registrations for the face-to-face event.

How to get there?

The closest international airports to reach Ostana are in **Torino** (104 km) or **Milano** (250-270 kms depending on which airport you arrive)

📢 **Please do not book your flight prior to receiving confirmation of your registration for the event.**

<u>**From the airports to hotels:**</u>

By car: you can reach the hotels by car in 1 :40 minutes (approx. 80 kms) from Turin airport and in 3:00 hours from Milan airports (approx. 250-270km)

The organisers will offer group transfers by bus from Turin airport /Turin train station to the hotel. Please indicate your interest in transfer from the train station/ airport of Turin on the registration form. You can also indicate on the form if you are planning to hire a car at the airport and/or willing to share a car with other participants.

From Milan airports to Turin:

From Milan-Bergamo airport to Turin: there are frequent shuttle bus connections to Turin. Information on shuttle buses is available here: https://global.flixbus.com/

From Milan-Malpensa airport to Turin: there are frequent train connections to Turin. Information on train connections and timetable in Italy is available here: https://www.trenitalia.com/en.html

From Milan Linate Airport to Turin: you can arrive by bus and train. Please check travel options here: https://www.rome2rio.com/s/Milan-Linate-Airport-LIN/Turin

Shuttle transport will be provided to and from the session venues during the event

📢**Please note the current Covid rules in Italy state that Green Passes/ EU digital certificate for long-distance and inter-regional train/ bus journeys are requested for passengers getting on**

board and mask is obligatory when traveling by public transport in the country (See further rules regarding Covid restrictions within Italy on the following link: https://www.italia.it/en/covid19

COVID rules and restrictions

Due to the continued uncertainties caused by the COVID-19 situation - including participants' individual circumstances as well as different country rules – we will kindly ask you to plan your trip carefully and make a joint effort to follow the relevant reservation and Covid rules:

- **Applicable COVID rules & travel restrictions:** Currently borders of Italy are open to travellers from the majority of EU/EEA countries and Italy allows **travelers with a COVID-19 Green Certificate or with a negative molecular or antigen swab test taken prior to entering Italy** to enter without the need to quarantine.

  You need to carefully study the applicable COVID travel restrictions from and to Italy and your country through the official site of the Ministry of Health of Italy:

  https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/dettaglioContenutiNuovoCoronavirus.jsp?id=5412&area=nuovoCoronavirus&menu=vuoto

  Please note: Digital Passenger Locator Form (PLF), must be completed by all passengers arriving in Italy, by any means of transport, before entering national territory. See the instructions for completing the dPLF in the dedicated section here.

  Rules can of course change until the end of January 2022. **Participants need to check specific rules applicable to their own countries and Italy**, however, the organisers will also aim at providing more detailed information regularly to registered participants.

  The proof of testing, vaccination or recovery is also checked at the beginning of each event and a list of participants will be created for potential contact tracing.

Refund for supported participants

- As specified above, a limited number of travel support will be offered by the organisers. Even in such cases the above rules and suggestions apply. **Refund or support for travel can only be made to those participants who physically participated at the event** (and provided supporting evidence: boarding passes/ hotel invoices, etc.)

- If you are traveling by plane, please check carefully the applicable COVID rules on and the conditions for refund in case of Covid. Normally, airlines need to reimburse travel costs in case of cancellations due to Covid or offer exchange vouchers, however, the situation might not be straightforward. **Please check the rules and consider additional travel insurance accordingly**. Organisers cannot take the responsibility to refund individual flight costs in case of cancellation of the event or of individual participation due to Covid restrictions

Contacts

For any practical matters about travel and organisation contact: Anita Balogh at
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For any other questions on the Smart Rural 21 project, you can also contact Edina Ocsko(Project Coordinator) at edina.ocsko@e40.eu.