

PROTECTED NATURAL SITES: A CONSTRAINT OR AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MOUNTAIN VALUE CHAINS?

EU MAP WEBINAR

5 October 2023 (10 – 12.30 CET), Online

In 2022, the EU MAP within the MOVING project carried out a [study](#) to investigate how the presence of protected natural sites affects value chains across its [23 mountain regions](#). **43.5% of MOVING Regions said that protected natural sites are somehow a constraint to mountain value chains** as they harshen regulations on business activity and prevention, land and resource use as well as restrict tourism and visitor management. Nonetheless, most respondents (**82.6%**) **also said that the presence of natural areas is an opportunity** as it brings economic, environmental, and social benefits.

The aim of this webinar is to foster the exchange and reflect on the **barriers and opportunities** linked to the presence of natural sites in mountain areas, its **implications** for mountain value chains, and **good practices** to reconcile the development of mountain value chains with environmental protection and community well-being. This webinar will take stock of the **International Year of Sustainable Mountain Development** (2022), the **World Network of Mountain Biosphere Reserves** of UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme as well as the [MOVING Cluster on nature and ecosystem services](#). The discussion will be framed in line with the latest progress on the **EU's Biodiversity Strategy** and particularly the **Nature Restoration Law**.

Objectives of the meeting

- Provide an update about the Nature Restoration Law in Europe (expected to be adopted by the end of 2023 and its implementation to start by 2024 in all EU Member States);
- Provide information on the protection of nature in the mountains;
- Exchange knowledge, practices, and lessons learned on the implications that the presence of protected areas has on mountain value chains;
- Present the [MOVING](#) project and publicize the [EU-MAP](#).





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- 10.00 – 10.10 **Welcome and introduction**
Carla Lostrangio (European Association for Innovation in Local Development)
- 10.10 – 10.30 **MOVING progress and results**
Mar Delgado (University of Córdoba)
- MOVING Cluster on Nature and Ecosystem Services**
Tomáš Uhnák (Czech University of Life Sciences)
- 10.30 – 10.40 **Nature Restoration Law**
- 10.40 – 10.50 **Questions & Answers**
- 10.50 – 11.00 **Stocktaking from the World Network of Mountain Biosphere Reserves**
Roberto Aquerreta (World Network of Mountain Biosphere Reserves)
- 11.00 – 11.10 **Results from the MOVING study: impacts of protected natural sites in MOVING mountain value chains**
Blanca Casares (European Association for Innovation in Local Development)
- 11.10 – 11.20 **Questions & Answers**
- 11.20 – 11.30 **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11.30 – 11.45 **Testimonials from mountain value chains**
Moderated by the European Association for Innovation in Local Development
- *Reference Region: Austrian Alps – Sandra Karner (Interdisciplinary Research Centre for Technology, Work and Culture - IFZ)*
 - *Reference Region: Southern Romanian Carpathian Mountains – Alina Alexa (Highclere Consulting)*
- 11.45 – 12.05 **Virtual breakout rooms: Limits and opportunities linked to natural sites' presence**
All participants



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12.05 – 12.10 **Reporting back**

12.10 – 12.25 **Wrap-up round table**

- *Tommaso Campedelli (scientific coordinator of LIFE ShepForBio)*
- *Stefano Sala (UNIMONT and member of Euromontana)*

12.25 – 12.30 **Closing remarks**

Carla Lostrangio (European Association for Innovation in Local Development)

12.30 – 12.35 **STRETCH YOUR LEGS' TIME**

12.35 – 13.15 **Internal session of the MOVING EU MAP**

MOVING EU MAP progress and next steps

Carla Lostrangio (European Association for Innovation in Local Development)

Group discussion: Updating the work plan

Feedback on the work plan, how can the MOVING Community of Practice and the EU MAP contribute to the new knowledge needs? How can the EU MAP get involved in the [MOVING clusters](#)? What are the prospects for the exploitation of the EU MAP towards the end of the project and after it?

*All EU MAP members**

Closing and next steps

Carla Lostrangio (European Association for Innovation in Local Development)

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