

ROBUST [Virtual] Final Conference PROGRAMME

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day 1, 21 September 2021, 09:30 – 14:45 CEST

09:30 Welcome and Introduction

Welcome and Rural-Urban Netiquette, **Allison Wildman**, ICLEI

Introduction to ROBUST – Reflecting on Four Years of Work, **Han Wiskerke**, Wageningen University

09:55 Keynote: Rural-Urban in the EU's Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas

Alexia Rouby, European Commission, DG-AGRI

10:15 Session 1: Unlocking Rural-Urban Synergies – What is there to unlock and synergize?

A discussion about the main findings and lessons learned from the empirical work carried out in ROBUST and what it means for governing rural-urban relations and territorial policies.

Moderator: **Han Wiskerke**, Wageningen University

Panelists:

Damian Maye, University of Gloucestershire, CCRI

Hilkka Vihinen, Natural Resources Institute Finland (LUKE)

Vincent O'Connell, Peri-Urban Regions Platform Europe (PURPLE)

11:30 90-minute Screen Break

13:00 Session 2: Living Labs in ROBUST – innovations, outcomes, challenges

Practical experiences from the ROBUST Living Labs: reflections on intended Living Lab innovations and the challenges experienced in pursuing their goals.

Moderator: **Daniel Keech**, University of Gloucestershire, CCRI

Panelists:

Michael Woods, Mid Wales Living Lab

Kerstin Hausegger-Nestelberger, Metropolitan Region of Styria Living Lab

Sabrina Arcuri, Lucca Living Lab

Carlos Pina, Lisbon Living Lab

14:30 Outside Impressions: Reflections from the Graphic Recorder

Paolo Masiero, Housatonic

14:45 End of Day 1

day 2, 22 September 2021, 09:30 – 12:00 CEST

09:30 Welcome Back

Han Wiskerke, Wageningen University

09:45 Session 3: More Than Just Money – Wellbeing Approaches for Thriving Regions

Moderator: **Bettina Bock**, Wageningen University

Panelists:

Marc Hameleers, Dutch Ministry for Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality

Ellen Van Selm, Mayor, Opsterland, The Netherlands

Rosemarie Harris, Councillor, Powys County, Wales

Stephan Bartke, German Environment Agency

11:00 Introducing the Rural-Urban Learning Hub

Allison Wildman, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability

11:15 Keynote: Back to the Future: Re-engaging to Build New Relationships

Tom Jones, President, European Rural Community Alliance

11:30 Conference Closing Activity

12:00 End of Conference



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