

Project Approach



Re-Place is focused on uncovering the drivers of (im)mobility, decline, and inequality, while examining their local impacts, in order to develop policy frameworks that enhance community well-being, in non-metropolitan areas

Phase 1 - Research & Diagnosis

Analyses the (im)mobility aspects of demographically declining areas in Europe, first at national level, and next, at local level, in order to evaluate the demographic, economic, social and cultural impacts of these aspects

Phase 2 - Policy Co-Creation

Designs policies to enhance alternative development and mobility benefits, through participative methods that bring together researchers, stakeholders and local communities

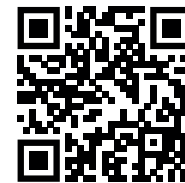
Phase 3 - Outcome and Dissemination

Promotes open science by sharing the research tools, co-creating knowledge with stakeholders and citizens and disseminating project results

Re-Place Partners



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Reframing Non-Metropolitan Left-Behind Places through Mobility and Alternative Development



Through participative research, the Re-Place project will examine the role that spatial mobilities play in the future of left-behind places, and how they can be harnessed to improve these communities quality of life

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Project Objectives

The Re-Place project aims to improve community quality of life in non-metropolitan areas throughout Europe

Develop tools to understand development trajectories in left-behind areas through a tailored human development index and a population survey

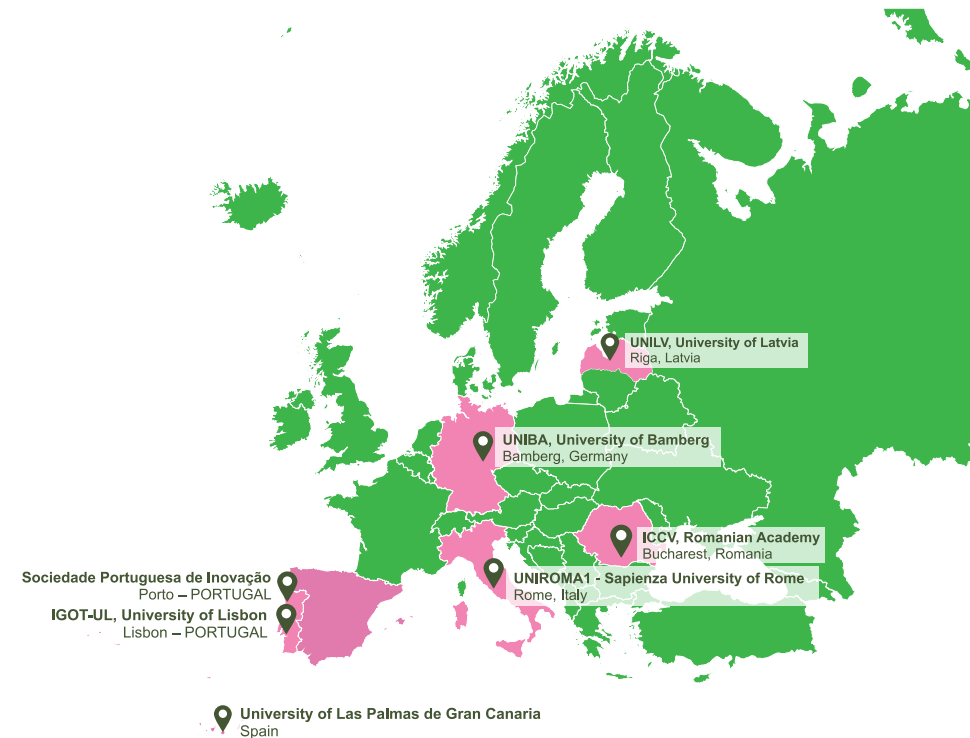
Qualitatively examine the perceptions and livelihood practices of (im)mobile local residents across life domains and localities to understand micro strategies of dealing with peripherality and place-making

Scale down to 12 case study areas, in 6 countries, to examine mobility drivers and their impacts through immersive fieldwork

Co-create place-based policies to enhance alternative local development

Reinforce a sense of place using co-production and visual methodologies

Project Consortium



Partner
7 partners from 6 EU countries

Duration
4 years (from March 2023)

Budget
2.9 M€

Coordinator
Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon

Project Outcomes

Expected outcome 1

Analyze the demographic, economic, social and cultural effects of mobility in European countries, from a sending and receiving side

This outcome will be achieved through:

- ✓ Classification of left behind areas, to understand how effects of mobility are context related
- ✓ Identification of stakeholder perspectives, through in-depth interviews, to understand mobility effects across domains as well as potentials to harness diversity advantages
- ✓ Gathering qualitative data from households living in 12 LBAs to understand their perceptions on effects of mobility
- ✓ Production of visual outputs analysing the effects of mobility in 12 LBAs that may change perceptions of place

Expected outcome 2

Envisage policies that counter brain drain and labour exploitation phenomena and enhance joint building of human capital across regions and countries

This outcome will be achieved through:

- ✓ Co-creation of policies, supported by extensive evidence gathered on livelihood experiences, through surveying migrants and return migrants, in the Re-Place countries and by interviewing (im)mobile households on their livelihood practices and micro-strategies for life in the 12 case study areas as well as employers and other stakeholders.

Expected outcome 3

Identify effective policies to promote rural development and sustainability and address regional inequalities

This outcome will be achieved through:

- ✓ Gathering of extensive evidence from diverse informants (individuals, households, communities and stakeholders), as a basis for developing informed policies
- ✓ Harnessing neo-endogenous development, pursued through the village labs and co-creation of policy to be disseminated and advocated to policy communities and the co-curation of visual output that will feed into reframing narratives on LBAs