



## Welcome on board of Montana174!

**What is it?** Montana174 is a 1-year communication campaign to help you understand Cohesion Policy and how it can support projects in the mountains.

**Who are we?** 5 mountainous regions united to guide you through the numerous opportunities of the Cohesion Policy and how you can use them to finance projects and initiatives in your region.

**Get to know us** at a glance with the [Montana174 presentation brochure](#), available in 6 languages!

This first newsletter **introduces you to Cohesion Policy with examples of initiatives** that have supported employment, the fight against climate change, mobility, innovation and tourism in mountain areas in the past years. With our mountain walks, we also share with you the life stories of Maja, Carlos, Louis and other citizens living in the mountains like you.

Their journeys **illustrate how Cohesion Policy can improve the lives of mountain citizens** like entrepreneurs, students, retirees or farmers.

Enjoy your reading!  
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## GET INSPIRED!



**15 citizens' stories to see how Cohesion Policy makes a change in mountains**



**25 ways to improve living conditions in mountains via the Cohesion Policy**

Whether you are an entrepreneur, a mountain guide, a retiree, a student or an employee, you may unknowingly encounter Cohesion Policy in your daily life. Through the profiles of 15 mountain citizens, Montana174 shows you how Cohesion Policy improves people's lives.

Get inspired! Take a look at our brochures to see how Cohesion Policy has recently supported the development of mountain areas in Europe. From mobility to youth employment and combatting climate change, these brochures offer inspiring examples of initiatives in our regions.

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## NEWS ABOUT COHESION POLICY



### **From theory to practice: young people tell how Europe helps Lombardy's mountains**

In the framework of Montana174, the Regional Agency for Agricultural and Forestry Services of the Lombardy's region (ERSAF) is launching a call for young people in Lombardy who, through the creation of short but significant "works of art" (short films, interviews, comic strips), will illustrate the benefits of Cohesion Policy in the mountains.

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### **How can the Cohesion Policy benefit Slovenian citizens?**

The Regional Development Agency for Podravje - Maribor, was invited by the municipality of Vitanje to the "Conference on the development of tourism in the municipality of Vitanje". With the new financial perspective 2021-2027, the meeting promoted the absorption of funds and, consequently, the further development of tourism.

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### **Let us know about the 2021-2027 Cohesion Policy in your mountain areas!**

Most of European countries are finalising the Operational Programmes to distribute the funds of the 2021-2027 Cohesion Policy. What will the next Operational Programmes focus on? Will they include specific measures for mountains? Montana174 is launching an open call to investigate how the 2021-2027 Cohesion Policy will address the needs of the mountains.

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### **What future for small municipalities in the depopulated Spain?**

On 15th and 16th November, the Province of Teruel participated to the conference "Depopulated Spain", organised by the Spanish Government in Teruel with the close collaboration of the European Parliament and the European Commission. The European Cohesion Policy can support some of the measures identified to cope with depopulation in mountain villages.

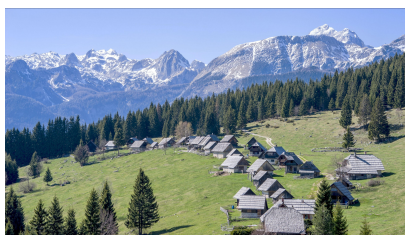
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### **Montana174 meets the students of the Delnice High School, Croatia**

On 23rd November 2021, the Local Development Agency PINS presented the Montana174 project at Delnice High School, in Croatia. Some examples of initiatives financed by the Cohesion Policy in the Gorski Kotar region between 2014 and 2020 were presented, like the renovation of the elementary school in Ivan Goran Kovačić Vrbovsko.

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### **More than half of European citizens want to prioritize remote & mountainous areas**

According to the findings of the last Eurobarometer on citizens' awareness of the European Regional Policy, more than half of European citizens believe that the European Cohesion Policy shall prioritize investments in rural remote and mountainous areas. Montana174 will follow up on how funds will be used to meet the needs of mountain areas.

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## DID YOU KNOW?



**54%** of European citizens want to **prioritise remote and mountainous areas** through Cohesion Policy.

This was revealed in a European Union [survey](#) in the autumn 2021. Check out what people say in your country!

## GET INVOLVED IN YOUR REGION!

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Oct 2021

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Be part of the Youth Lab in the Lombardy Region!

Jan 2022

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Find out how you can benefit from the current Cohesion Policy in our factsheets and videos

Feb 2022

Check out our [video stories](#) to see how [people from mountain areas](#) experienced Cohesion Policy

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