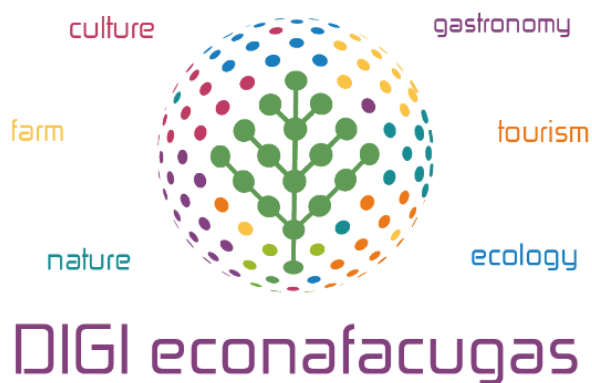


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Best practices guide - Erasmus+ DIGI ECONAFACUGAS Project



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A team of European Partners Launches a Best Practices Guide as Part of the Erasmus+ DIGI ECONAFACUGAS Project

This Erasmus+ partnership - between 5 environmental NGOs from Spain, Slovakia, Romania and Austria - is pleased to announce the successful completion of the DIGI ECONAFACUGAS project, co-funded by the Erasmus+ program of the European Union. The primary goal of the project was to promote digitalization in rural tourism and develop sustainable practices in the management of natural and agricultural resources.

The project, conducted between 2023 and 2024, included two workshops held in Romania and Spain, with the participation of experts in nature conservation, agriculture, and tourism. The outcomes of these workshops were compiled into a **practical manual**, which provides a summary of existing digital tools and concrete examples of best practices in the field.

The best practices guide developed within this project aims to enhance knowledge about digitalization in rural tourism, thereby contributing to population retention in rural areas and sustainable management of agricultural, forestry, and livestock activities. Additionally, the manual includes a **network of digital tool developers and**

successful initiatives that can serve as models for other regions.

"This project represents an important step in promoting digitized rural tourism and in conserving our natural and cultural heritage. We hope that our guide will inspire other communities to adopt sustainable practices and leverage technology to develop rural tourism," said Miryam Palomo Sepulveda, Biodiversity project Officer and Researcher, from CESEFOR, Spain, coordinator of the DIGI ECONAFACUGAS project.

The DIGI ECONAFACUGAS project is an example of international collaboration that emphasizes innovation and sustainability, demonstrating the potential of technology to support the development of rural communities.

For more information and to access the full manual, please visit our [website](#).

The partners:

About Cesefor (Spain)

Cesefor is a Spanish foundation dedicated to the sustainable development and management of forest resources. The organization provides technical support, research, and training aimed at enhancing the economic, social, and environmental benefits of forestry. Cesefor works closely with public and private entities to promote innovation in the forest sector, encourage the use of digital tools, and implement best practices that contribute to the conservation and sustainable management of natural resources.

About Fundación Monte Mediterráneo (Spain)

Fundación Monte Mediterráneo is a Spanish foundation committed to the sustainable management and conservation of the Mediterranean agro-ecosystem known as the "dehesa." The foundation focuses on preserving biodiversity, promoting sustainable farming practices, and integrating livestock management with environmental stewardship. Through various educational programs and initiatives, Fundación Monte Mediterráneo aims to protect the natural heritage of the region while fostering innovation in sustainable agriculture and rural development.

About Hochschule für Agrar - und Umweltpädagogik (Austria)

Hochschule für Agrar - und Umweltpädagogik, based in Vienna, Austria, is an institution dedicated to higher education and research in agricultural and environmental education. The university specializes in training future educators and experts in sustainable agriculture, environmental management, and rural development. With a strong emphasis on practical knowledge and sustainability, the Hochschule plays a key role in shaping the next generation of professionals who will contribute to the responsible stewardship of natural resources and the advancement of rural communities.

About Propark - Foundation for Protected Areas

Propark - Foundation for Protected Areas is an organization dedicated to nature conservation and environmental education. Through its projects, Propark supports local communities in sustainable development and

promotes active involvement in protecting natural heritage.

About Lišov Múzeum (Slovakia)

Lišov Múzeum is a cultural institution in Slovakia dedicated to preserving and promoting the rural heritage and traditions of the Lišov region. The museum offers visitors a unique glimpse into traditional Slovak village life through its exhibitions of folk art, crafts, and historical artifacts. Lišov Múzeum is also involved in educational initiatives, workshops, and community events that foster an appreciation for the region's cultural history and support the sustainable development of rural tourism.