

## RURALIZATION launches a MOOC, starting 1 March 2023

RURALIZATION is a EU-funded project aiming at developing forward-looking policies fulfilling the 'future dreams' of new rural generations and foster sustainable development of rural and marginal areas. In this light, RURALIZATION and INCULTUM recently established a [cooperation agreement](#) for cross-dissemination and knowledge exchange. The RURALIZATION project has identified a series of 'innovation stories' to better understand the problems associated with rural living, the importance of sustainable and inclusive farming practices, and how new thinking (dream scenarios, foresight activities) can help to transform rural communities. The ultimate aim is to open up rural areas to renew rural generations, jobs and farms.



Among other actions, RURALIZATION is launching a MOOC "**Creating New Opportunities in Rural Areas**", which will be offered by TU Delft University and will focus on how to study the dynamics and trends in rural regions and how to create concepts, plans, and initiatives to improve rural development. This course provides ideas and insights that help to offer opportunities to young generations in rural areas.

This MOOC is mainly for:

- (Young) professionals aiming to work on rural development policy and strategy design.
- People aiming to make a difference in the future of rural areas, for example in the field of rural innovation and local economy.
- Students aiming to strengthen their knowledge to become better equipped professionals in this field.

The course, free of charge, starts on 1 March 2023 with a instructor-paced format. The duration of the course is 6 weeks with a required effort of 4-5 hours per week.

**Enrolling is open:** <https://www.edx.org/course/ruralization-creating-opportunities-for-new-generations-in-rural-areas>

The course will be promoted also via the INCULTUM Training Portal and in the INCULTUM network.

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