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Rural Inspiration Awards 2020

The second edition of the Rural Inspiration Awards recognised projects from across the EU, promoting examples of bioeconomy activity and action on the climate. 71 entries were received from 19 Member States and this online award ceremony assembled the 15 finalists to award the three winners, one from each category, as selected through a jury process, and the winner of a public vote.

Meet the winners

- **Bioeconomy:** [BRICKZ](#) [6]
- **Climate Mitigation:** [EKO FARMA P. MARADA](#) [7]
- **Climate Adaptation:** [FUMOBIL](#) [8]
- **Popular vote:** [ČERNELIČ BIODYNAMIC FARM](#) [9]

The 15 shortlisted nominations

Bioeconomy

- [VIELFALTER](#) [10] - A start-up challenge to support businesses and their sustainable projects - Austria
- [AARDBEITRAYVELD](#) [11] - Elevated growing trays for strawberries to reduce water waste - Belgium
- [JÄRVIRUOKO](#) [12] - Developing the harvesting and use of common reed - Finland
- BRICKZ- Natural soil improver made of regional river sediment, sods and grass clippings - The Netherlands
- [HIŠA VIN KOKOL](#) [13] - Use of waste from grape processing to develop new products - Slovenia

Climate Mitigation

- [FUMOBIL](#) [8] - Developing a regional sustainable mobility scheme to improve inclusiveness - Austria
- [ENFOCC](#) [14] - Generating renewable energy opportunities through knowledge exchange and training - Spain
- [KLIMATKOLLEN I GREPPA NÄRINGEN](#) [15] - Sweden offers farmers free tailored advice on climate - Sweden
- [HIILTÄ SITOVAT KYLÄT](#) [16] - Finnish villages sequestering and storing carbon - Finland
- [ČERNELIČ BIODYNAMIC FARM](#) [9] - No-till farming to improve soil quality and reduce pollution- Slovenia

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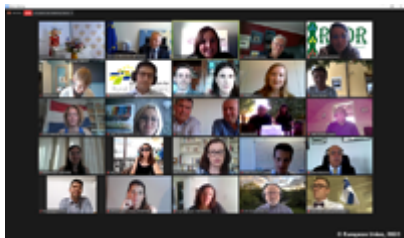
- [EKO FARMA P. MARADA - Agri-environment business focused on adaptation to climate change](#) [7] - Czechia
- [ECOPIONET - Knowledge exchange network to foster collaboration around organic agriculture](#) [17] - Spain
- [GO SETOS - Multifunctional hedgerows for sustainable landscapes and agriculture](#) [18] - Spain
- OSMO - Sharing know-how and tools for a resource-efficient agricultural soil management - Finland
- [PEST CONTROL TUSCANY - Alternative approaches to pest management in wine production](#) [19] - Italy

Recording of the Ceremony

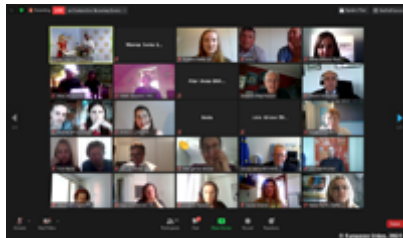


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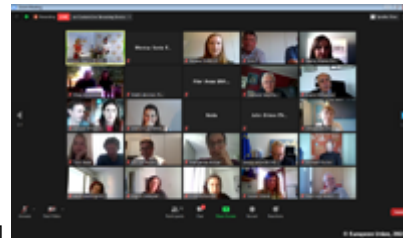
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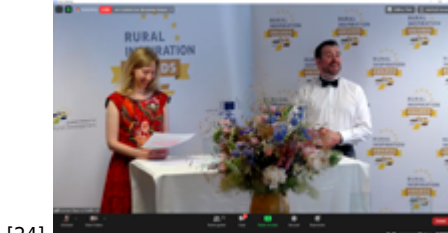
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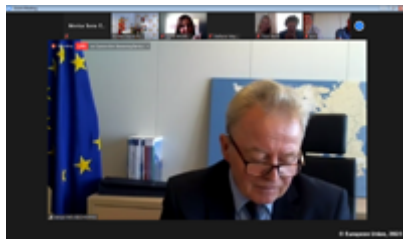
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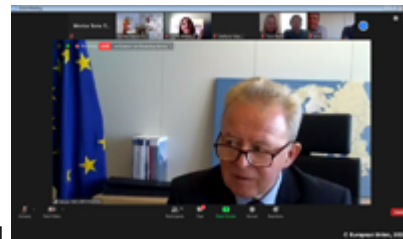
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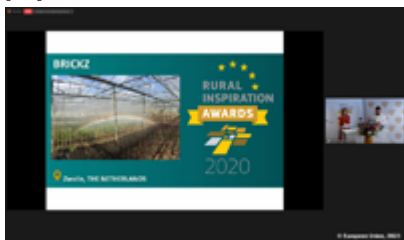
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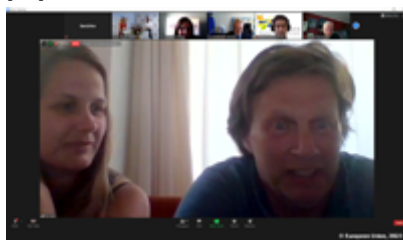
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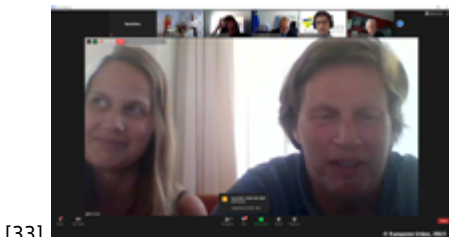
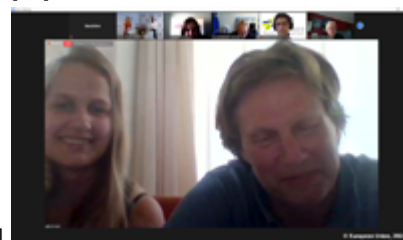
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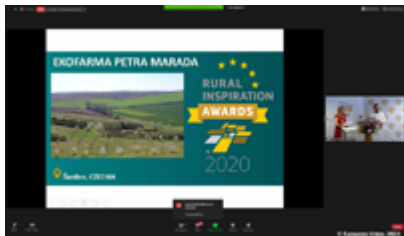
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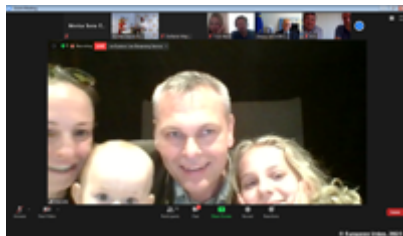
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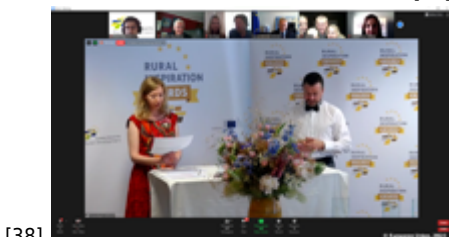
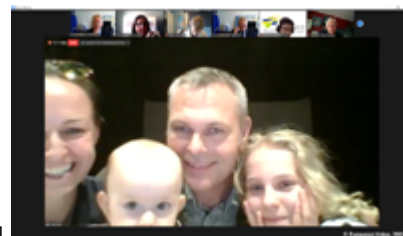
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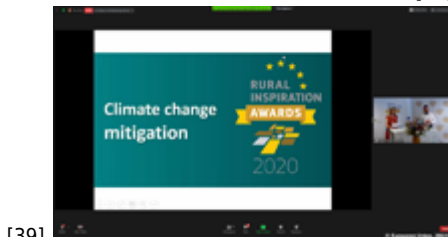
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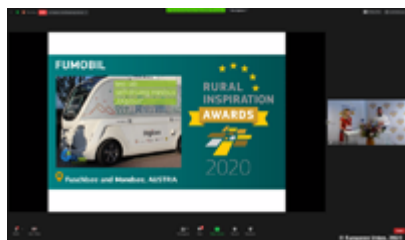
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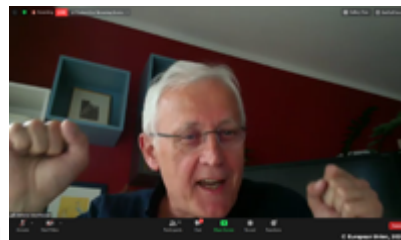
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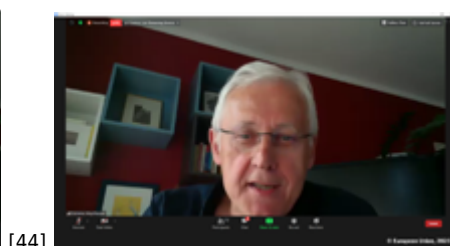
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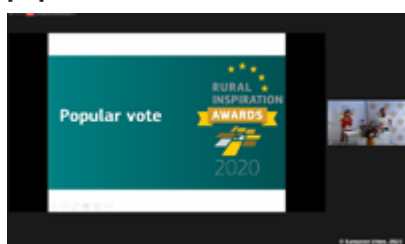
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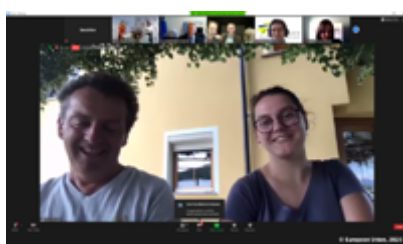
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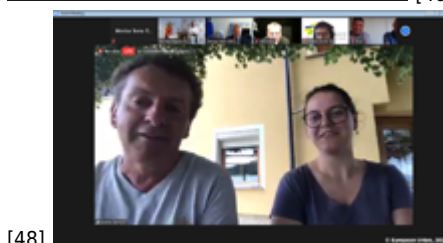
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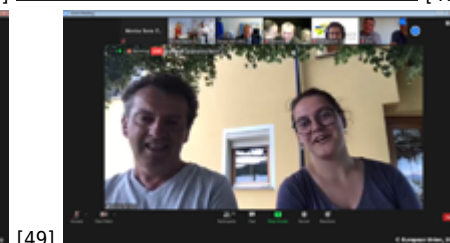
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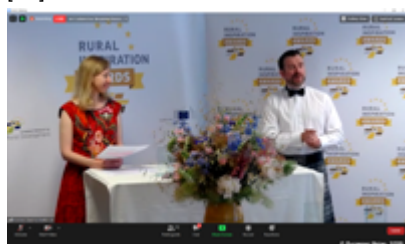
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Rural Inspiration Awards 2019

The very first Rural Inspiration Awards launched in 2018 recognised projects from across the EU. 176 projects were submitted from 23 EU Member States and the award ceremony welcomed the 25 finalists to the networkX event held in 2019 to announce the winners from each of the four categories, as selected through a jury process, and the winner of a public vote.

Meet the winners

- **Improving the competitiveness of rural areas:** [AGROBERRY](#) [52]
- **Environment and climate action:** [Kowalski Farm](#) [53]
- **Rural revitalisation:** [Kuitua Pohjoiseen](#) [54]
- **Social inclusion:** [Enerterre](#) [55]
- **LEADER/CLLD:** [Tiges Chavées](#) [56]
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Improving competitiveness

- [AGROBERRY - Original from Zamora](#) [52] - Spain
- [Brännland Cider](#) [58] - Sweden
- [Kipster – Introducing a modular rearing system for eggs and poultry production](#) [59] - The Netherlands
- [Kyrö Distillery – Investing in improved production capacity](#) [60] - Finland
- [Mid Ireland Adventure](#) [61]

Environment & Climate Change

- [Kowalski Farm - Agri-environment-climate support for sustainable agriculture](#) [53] - Poland
- [Golashane Farm Nature Reserve](#) [62] - Ireland
- [A certification label for the sustainable management of hedgerows](#) [63] - France
- [PUSA project – Clean the lake Pien-Saimaa](#) [64] - Finland
- [SOLAR ENERGY - Promoting the use of solar energy by the primary sector in the Balearic islands](#) [65] - Spain

Rural revitalisation

- [Broadband Network Development in Rural 'White Areas' of Greece](#) [66] - Greece
- [Cowocat_Rural – Network of coworking spaces in rural Catalonia](#) [67] - Spain
- [GrowBiz – Enterprising Rural Perthshire](#) [68] - United Kingdom
- [Kuitua pohjoiseen - High-Speed Broadband Network in the North](#) [54] - Finland
- [Zeitgeist Enns – Pop-up-Shops Concept](#) [57] - Austria

Social inclusion

- [Workshops to combat digital exclusion in rural areas](#) [69] - Poland
- [Enerterre – Fighting against energy poverty](#) [55] - France
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- [Ny på landet – New on the countryside](#) [71] - Sweden
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- [Castlebank Park Horticultural and Environmental Training Centre](#) [73] - United Kingdom
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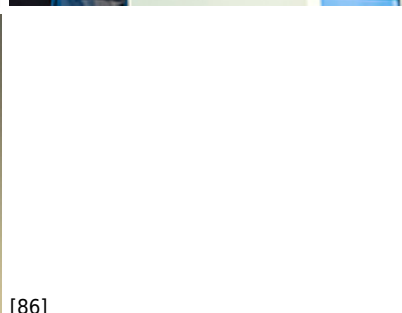
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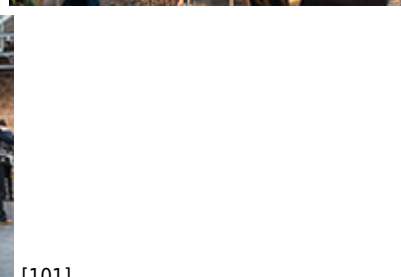
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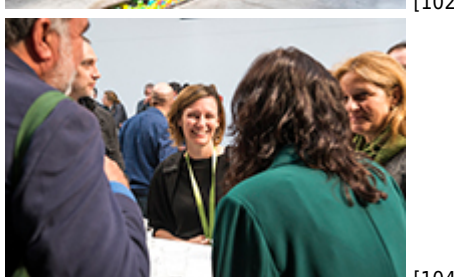
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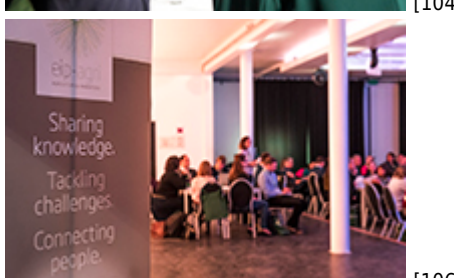
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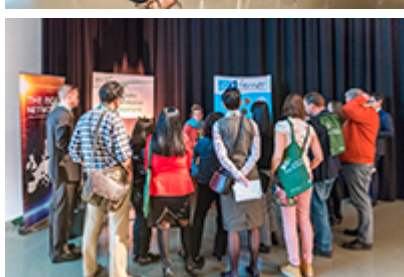
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