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Good practices for rural youth employment

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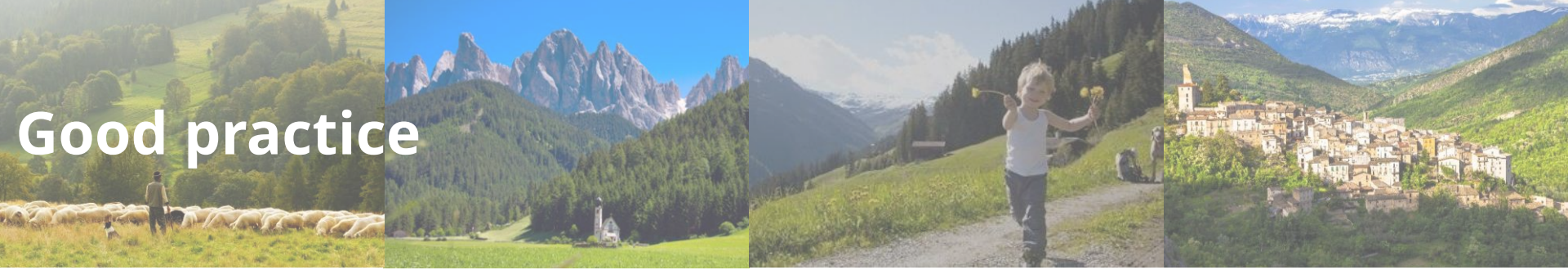
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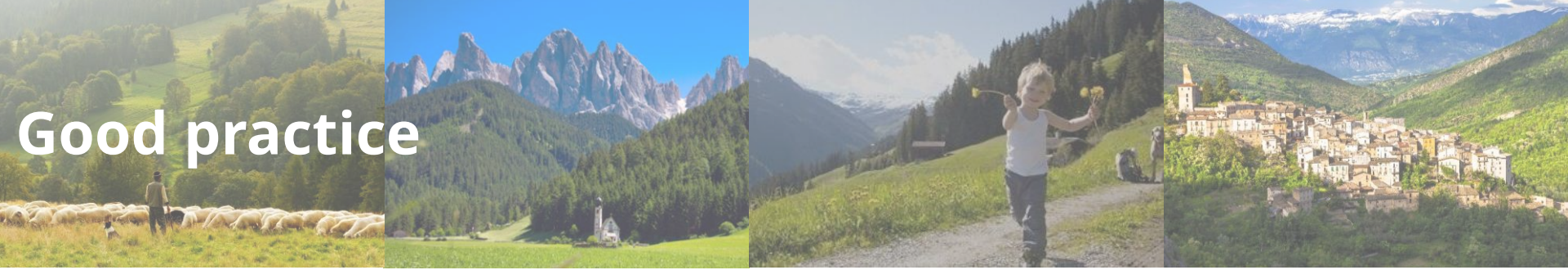
► EMER-N (Portugal)

- Encourage the creation of small and micro businesses in rural mountainous areas
- Offers support create a business
- Already 344 companies in Northern Portugal have received support (400 jobs)
- Dates: 2016-2018
- Funding: European Regional Development Fund



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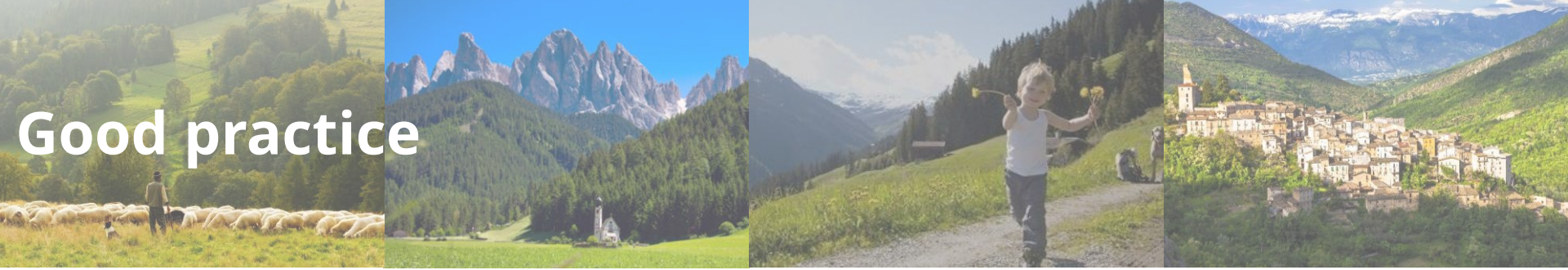
► Aragón Retorno Joven (region Aragón, Spain)

- Facilitates the return of young Aragonese who have left the territory due to the lack of jobs
- Connects young people with companies
- 332 young people have returned to settle in the region since the programme creation
- Exists since 2018
- Budget (for 2018-2022): 2.509.500 euros from the region

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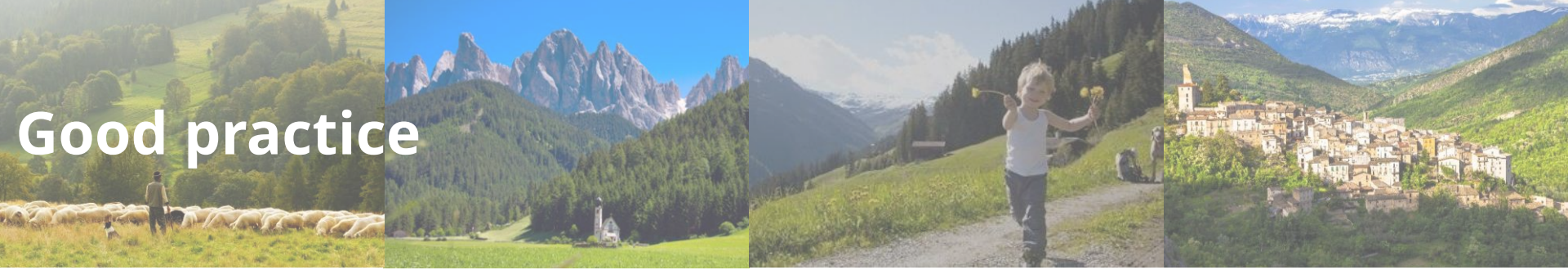
► “Stay in the countryside – it pays off” (Poland)

- Encourages young people to stay in rural areas by promoting the funds & opportunities they can access through rural development funds
- 4 mountain regions: Małopolskie, Świętokrzyskie and Podkarpackie and Lubelskie.
- Date: 2018
- Funding: support & funding from the Polish national rural network



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► Desafio - rural internship programme (region Aragon, Spain)

- Proposes to Zaragoza University student internships in rural areas
- Programme covers daily allowance / travel costs / accommodation & more
- Part of an overall strategy against depopulation of the Chair on Depopulation
- Since 2018
- Others: ODISSEU (Catalonia), InSite (France)



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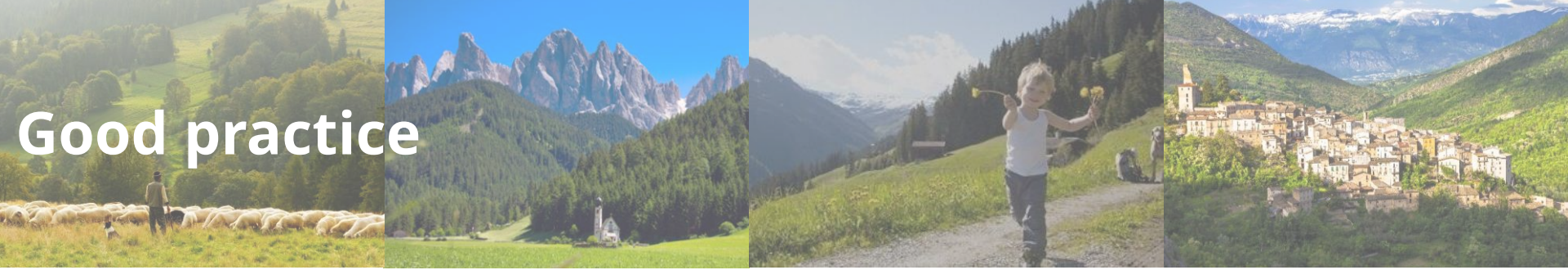
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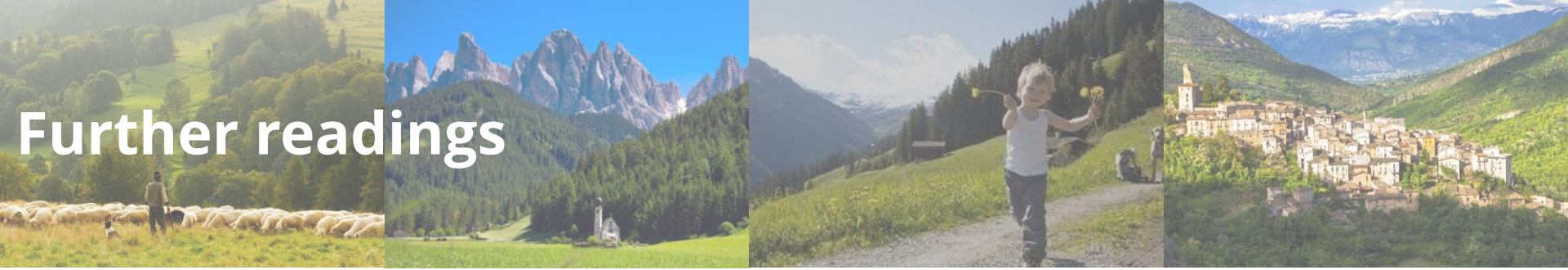
► Go remote project (HR, BG, FI, NO, LV, IS)

- Aims to reduce youth unemployment by promoting the opportunities offered by remote working
- Offers training for specific promising sectors and training in teleworking
- Date: since 2022
- Funding: €1.168.039 grant from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway through the EEA and Norway Grants Fund



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Further readings



- ▶ Euromontana, [Contribution to the European Commission consultation on brain drain](#), June 2022
- ▶ Montana174 - brochure [The Cohesion Policy supports youth & employment in mountain areas](#)
- ▶ Montana174 factsheet [How can the Cohesion Policy be used to finance projects in the mountains? Youth and Employment](#)

A man in a dark blue jacket and black pants is hiking on a grassy mountain trail. He is carrying a young child in a grey and red backpack. The child is wearing a black beanie and a red jacket. They are looking towards the right, where a vast mountain range stretches into the distance under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. The foreground is filled with tall, golden-brown grasses.

Thank you !

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