



Rebuilding local economies after lockdown

Happy Hour webinar series

AEIDL and LDnet invite local development practitioners and researchers to a series of forward-looking webinars on Rebuilding local economies after lockdown, organised in association with RSA Europe an, ELARD.

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented both urban and rural areas with immense challenges. But it has also given rise to many interesting local responses and a good deal of discussion and appreciation. [See our overview.](#)

In this series of short webinars, we'll look at how the lessons from these local responses and the longer-term changes in the social and economic landscape are reshaping the CLLD-type approaches to local development. We'll look at opportunities and trade-offs or conflicts, and what "not going back doing the same as before" means for local strategies.

The webinars will be organised on a weekly basis, "after work" in late afternoon, to allow practitioners and researchers exchange ideas in a relaxed format. They will be short, up to 60 minutes, with short presentations from practitioners, facilitated discussion and scope for participants to share practices.

Series moderator: **Peter Ramsden**

Each webinar will be focused on a specific topic to allow the discussion to go beyond generalities and there will be opportunities for follow up.

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Thursday 18 June at 18:00 CEST	<p>1. Reinventing local shopping and hospitality <i>The big winners in COVID-19 so far have been the big internet platforms such as Amazon. At local level takeaway food has been a winner. The session will explore local alternatives to help save shops, bars and restaurants using new spaces, short circuits and new platforms.</i> Workshop leader: <i>Pietro L. Verga</i></p>
Thursday 25 June at 18:00 CEST	<p>2. New solidarity services <i>New services have sprung up to help people do shopping, collect prescriptions, to promote culture, and to address loneliness and isolation. These are often hyper local or street based. Others such as Fiji's LETS scheme are addressing collapsed tourist incomes by supporting bartering of food for services. How can these local actions be built on to strengthen local development in the post COVID world.</i> Workshop leaders: <i>Peter Ramsden and Rosalba La Grotteria</i></p>
Thursday 2 July at 18:00 CEST	<p>3. Conflicts with staycations (stay at home vacations) <i>The risk of transmission on flights and trains is likely to lead to more people looking to have vacations within their own country or by travelling to nearby countries). This is both an opportunity and a threat for rural, coastal and mountain communities. How can they stay safe while playing host to larger than normal numbers? How can sustainable tourism capitalise on enhanced exchange between hosts and visitors? Workshop leader: <i>Maria Joao Filgueiras Rauch</i></i></p>

Thursday 9 July
at 18:00 CEST

4. Worsening inequalities / social inclusion

COVID-19 has highlighted the inequalities that - both social and spatial in cities, towns and rural areas. Infection and mortality rates show stark contrasts – for example mortality of Black and Minority ethnic people is higher in many countries. Problems of Roma communities have been exacerbated. The poor are dependent on precarious work which the virus has made more challenging. At individual level, children who have no access to a laptop or wifi and no space to study end up with no education. Some initiatives have made a difference but there is a need for concerted integrated action across all levels of government.

Workshop organiser: **Márta Márczis**