

## Title: AURORAL's launching session

A launching session of recently approved project AURORAL, led by Alentejo region, ERRIN's member, will take place on 13th January.

The H2020-AURORAL project aims to provide the European Union with a dense network of “Smart Communities”, with a particular focus on rural regions and the establishment on a continent-wide basis of an integrated digital environment that enhances innovative services. (<http://www.auroral.eu/>). The H2020-AURORAL project, whose proposal was developed by IrRADIARE, was approved by the European Commission, under H2020, for this network of “Smart Communities”. The H2020-AURORAL project is led by CCDR-Alentejo and started on January 1, 2021, simultaneously with the Portuguese Presidency of the European Union.

AURORAL's Launching session that is an official part of City x City Festival, will be held on January 13th, 2021, between 16h00 -17h00 CET. The name of the session is Rural Smart Communities and will include the key note interventions from:

Max Lemke, Head of Unit, Internet of Things, European Commission, DG CONNECT

Kerstin Rosenow, Head of Unit, Research and Innovation, European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Maria da Graça Carvalho, Member of the European Parliament, EPP

Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, Member of the European Parliament, S&D

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Jorge Gonzalez Olalla, Project Coordinator, H2020-dRural project

Marcos António Nogueira , Project Coordinator, H2020-AURORAL project

The session will be moderated by Filipa Cardoso, Editor-in-Chief, Smart Cities Magazine

Festival is organised by Open & Agile Smart Cities (OASC). More information about City x City Festival, programme and registration can be found here <https://www.citybycity.com/>.

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