

We're In It For The Mountains

Europe's mountains cover almost 40% of the continent and are home to 17% of its human population. They are vital sources of environmental, economic, and social value.

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MARGISTAR will synthesise interdisciplinary knowledge on drivers of change in marginalised mountainous areas in Europe and mainstream the results into local, national, European, and global discussions and decision-making.

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MARGISTAR COST ACTION

Transforming marginalised mountainous areas towards their green, digital, and healthy futures.



The MARGISTAR Community

MARGISTAR brings together 100+ scientists, policymakers, and local stakeholders from 30+ countries to address sustainability and connectivity challenges faced by marginalised mountainous regions. We reflect on the natural, environmental, social, and economic relationships and interactions within marginalised mountainous areas to collectively work towards real-world solutions, or post-marginalisation pathways.

What We Do



The Challenge

Europe's mountainous areas are characterised by disparity, poorer territorial cohesion, unbalanced protection and use of ecosystem services, exploited natural resources, and marginalisation. These areas often face periphery traps, or problematic conditions that reinforce existing negative development pathways.



The MARGISTAR Remedy

MARGISTAR is a forum for knowledge synthesis, exchange, and co-creation where scientists, stakeholders, and policymakers reflect on the sustainability challenges facing marginalised mountain areas. MARGISTAR also hosts *FAIRWAY in Europe*, an online platform that connects mountain stakeholders with network experts, each other, and EU-level policymakers.

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