

The seminar aims to provide a meeting point for debate and sharing of knowledge, policies, and innovation on the possibilities of addressing socio-territorial cohesion issues through accessibility. The rural gap is a global phenomenon repeated with slight variations in different countries. Difficulties in implementing efficient public transport systems in sparsely populated areas and increasing reduction of service networks deepen rural disparities. However, in the context of the transition towards a sustainable mobility new policies and regional strategies have been developed, such as car sharing, on demand and nonconventional transport. While the habitat structure, demographic imbalances and poor accessibility prevent many rural territories from consolidating a clear future for young people and social capitalisation, these new forms of mobility can indeed be seen as vehicles for transformative rural-urban connections.

International Seminar

## ADDRESSING THE RURAL GAP: SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY

**21-22 October 2021**  
**Pamplona-Iruñea**

### Organisers:

i-Communitas Institute for  
Advanced Social Research (Public  
University of Navarre)

Theory, Methodology and Social  
Change Department (National  
Distance Education University)

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Jerónimo de Ayanz  
Building

Arrosadia Campus - Public University  
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Attendance is free but registration is  
recommended



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## Thursday 21 October Research findings

**Opening. Bernardo Ciriza** Counsellor for Territorial Cohesion of the Government of Navarre

### 10:30 Rural Accessibility in European Regions

**Elisabetta Vitale Brovarone** Politecnico di Torino, Interuniversity Department of Regional and Urban Studies and Planning (DIST).

### 11:30 Transformative mobilities and urban-rural connections in Greece

**Loukia-Maria Fratsea** Harokopio University of Athens, Department of Geography

### 12:30 Coffee Break

### 13:00 Round Table I. Focus on n Rural Gap (RURAL ACCESS)

### Methodological strategies for researching the rural divide

**Luis A. Camarero** National Distance Education University

**Mobility in rural areas of Castellon**  
**Vicent Querol.** Jaume I University

### Accessibility, Mobilities and Social Inequalities

**Jesús Oliva** Public University of Navarra

## Friday 22 October Policies and Innovation

### 10:30 Mobility as a tool for territorial cohesion

**Berta Miranda** Director-General of Transport and Sustainable Mobility (Government of Navarra)

### 11:30 On-demand rural transport in Castilla y León

**Ignacio Santos** Director-General of Transport (Government of Castile-Leon)

### 12:30 Coffee Break

### 13:00 Round Table II. Shared mobility

**Sommobilitat Coop.** (Cataluña) **María Medina**

**Kudea Go!** (Navarra)  
**Patxi Miranda**

**Mobionrural** (Castellón)  
**Xavier Ginés**

**Movilidad El Hueco** (País Vasco) **Antxon Benito**

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