

**SUSTAINABILITY OF MOUNTAIN
COMMUNITIES. THE NEED FOR
SPECIFIC POLICIES FOR
SUSTAINABLE SERVICES?**

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**Territoriality, Relevance, Local Participation and Control,
Adaptation to Local Conditions**

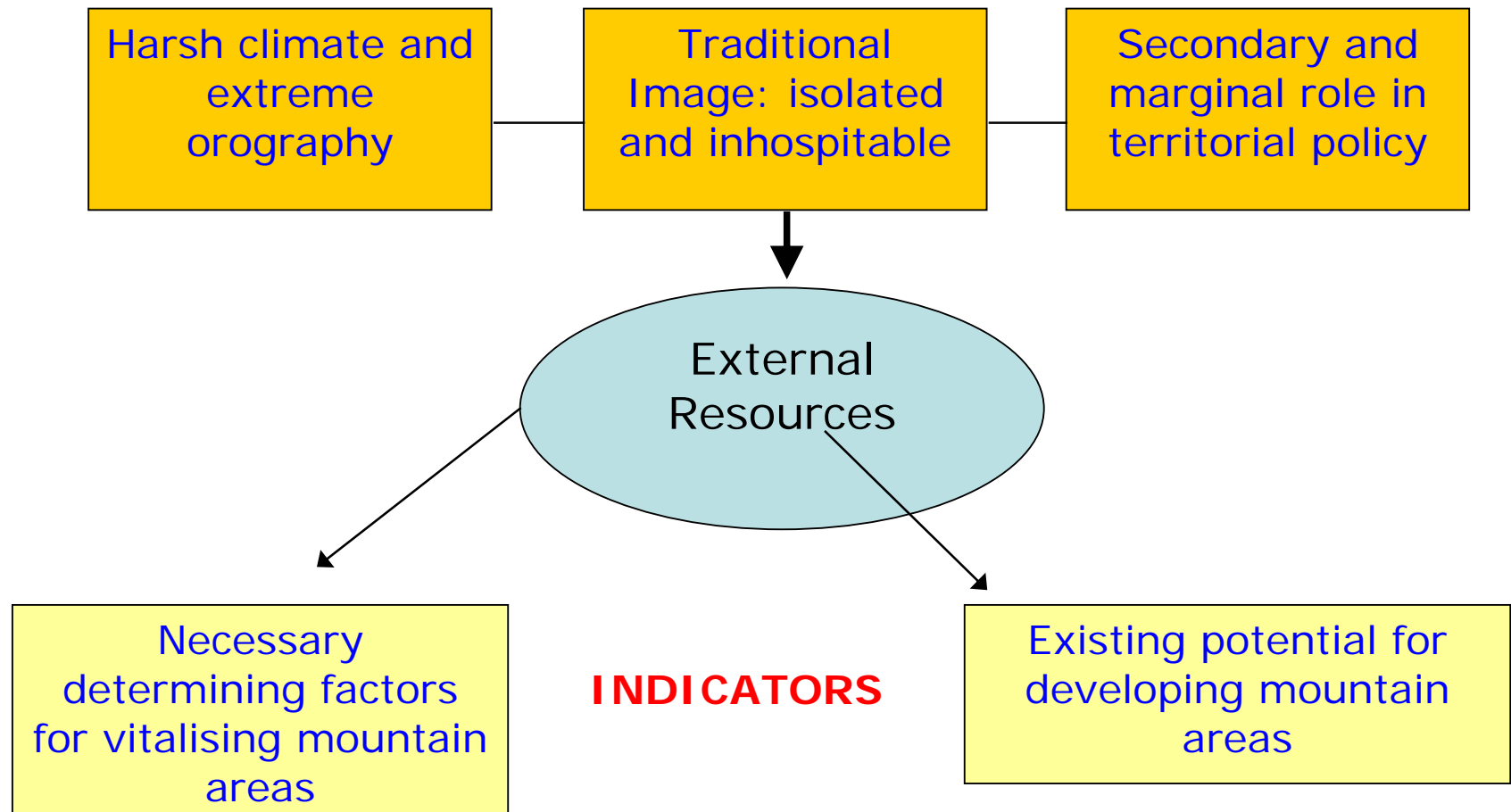
**TERRITORIAL ANALYSIS OF MOUNTAIN AREAS. DETERMINING
FACTORS AND POTENTIAL FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:
THE CASE OF THE MOUNTAIN AREA IN PALENCIA**

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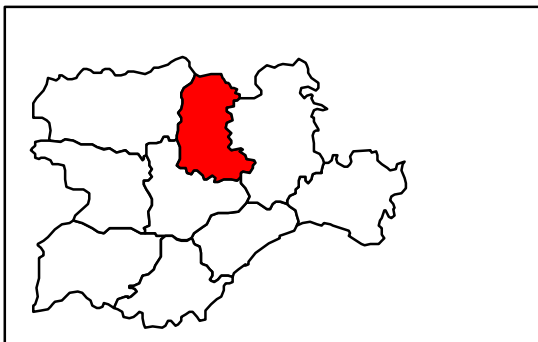
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Introduction.



Determining factors in the development of mountain areas

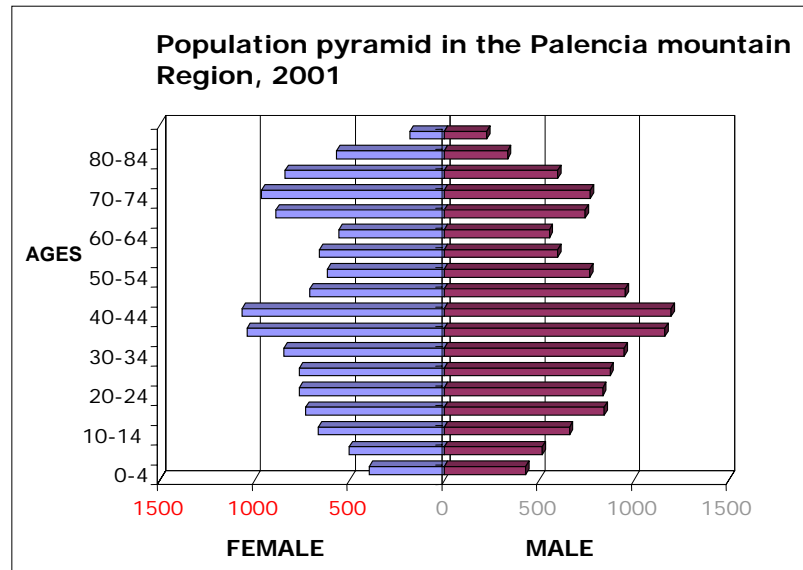
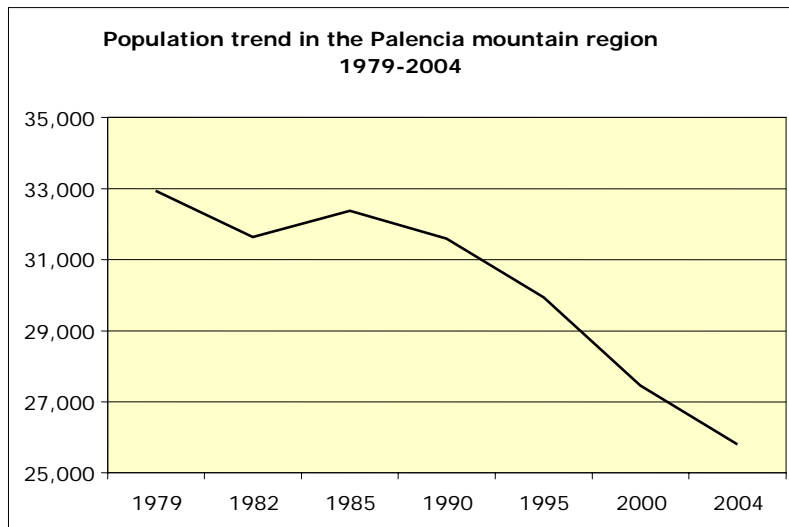
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Determining factors in the development of mountain areas

➔ Socio-economic factors

Demography



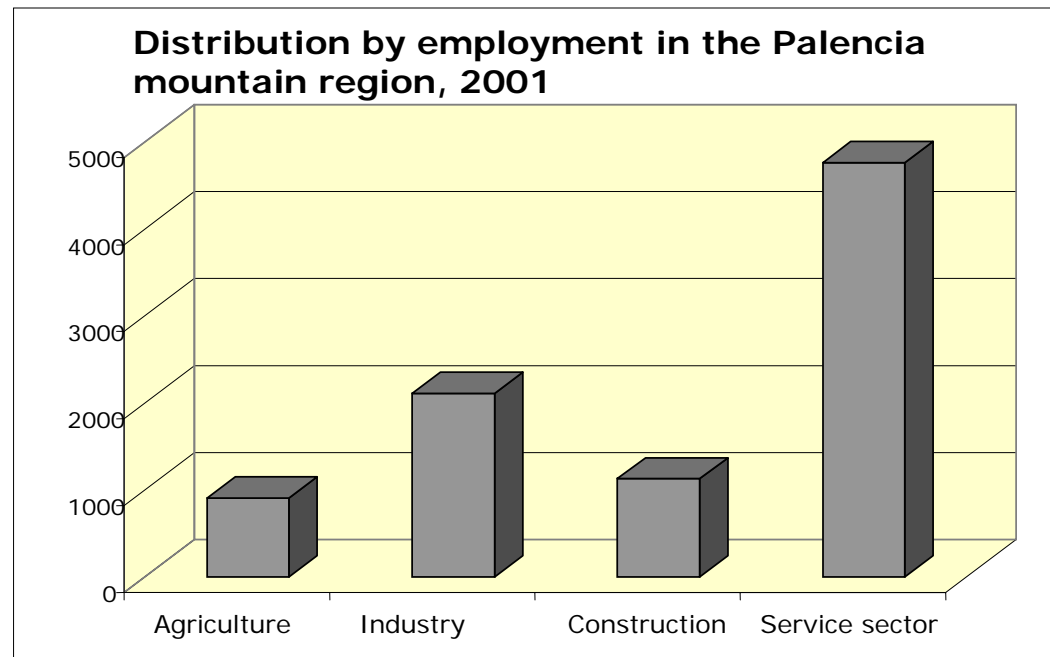
Source: Directorate General of Castilla y León Regional Govt, National Institute for Statistics.

Determining factors in the development of mountain areas

➔ Socio-economic factors

Occupational Diversification

- Maintaining a high level of agriculture and livestock
- Agriculture and fishing transformation
- Tourist services, services to the community,
- Services to companies

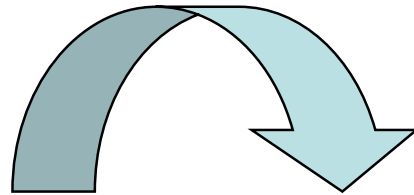


Source: National Institute for Statistics.

Determining factors in the development of mountain areas

 **Socio-economic factors**

Associations, networks and cooperation



**PARTICIPATION OF THE COMMUNITY IN CREATION AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGY**

Associations

Territorial cooperation networks

Determining factors in the development of mountain areas

Infrastructure

Transport Infrastructure

"Of prime importance in mountain areas is the preservation, maintenance and improvement of provincial and municipal road networks as a key factor for the establishment of communities and to vitalise the sparse industrial, agricultural and tourist fabric."

Road and non-road networks in the Palencia mountain region

INDICATORS	DATA	DESCRIPTIO
km motorway under	4	NOT GOOD
km national roads	32.5	MEDIUM
km regional roads	171	MEDIUM
km provincial roads	268	MEDIUM
km railway	103	MEDIUM
Regular lines of transport	9	NOT GOOD

Source: Territorial Service of Public Works at Reg. Govt. Palencia Prov. Council, RENFE (Spanish Nat. Railways), Itagra.ct

Determining factors in the development of mountain areas

Infrastructure

ICT

ICT in the Palencia region

INDICATORS	DATA	DESCRIPTION
Land line users	10 264	GOOD
Telephone masts	14	MEDIUM
TV aerials	9 wide area/10	MEDIUM
Free TV channels	1 – 5	NOT GOOD
National TV channels	2	NOT GOOD
Local TV channels	2	NOT GOOD
Stations available via boosters in local centres	5	NOT GOOD
Stations available via boosters in non-principal municipalities	1 – 2	NOT GOOD
Internet	Poor	NOT GOOD

Source: Local councils in Palencia mountain area, Itagra.ct

Determining factors in the development of mountain areas

Socio-health factors

Primary health care in the Palencia mountain region

INDICATORS	DATA	DESCRIPTIO
Basic health areas	3	GOOD
Hospitals	1	NOT GOOD
Health centres	4	MEDIUM
Municipalities with local doctor's office	56	MEDIUM
Municipalities without local doctor's office	18	NOT GOOD
Specialities	8	NOT GOOD
Chemists/Pharmacies	13	GOOD

Source: Castilla y León Regional Health Authority

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Socio-health factors

Social Services in the Palencia mountain region

INDICATORS	DATA	DESCRIPTION
Social service actions with minors	104	GOOD
Social service actions with families	73	GOOD
Persons attended at home	308	GOOD
Residential homes for the elderly	6	NOT GOOD
Places available for the elderly in private and semi-private residential homes	522	NOT GOOD
Centres for the disabled	3	GOOD
Places available for the disabled	68	GOOD
Persons in precarious situation (immigrants, ethnic groups, etc)	352	MEDIUM

Source: Palencia Provincial Council, Town Council Social Services in Palencia Mountain Region, Cast. y León Social Services Council

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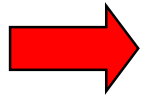
Recreational and Cultural factors

Sports services in the Palencia mountain region

INDICATORS	DATA	DESCRIPTIO
Sports associations	14	MEDIUM
Sports facilities	108	MEDIUM
Traditional sports associations	4	MEDIUM
Traditional sports facilities	32	MEDIUM
Air sports associations	9	MEDIUM
Air sports facilities	4	MEDIUM

Source: Palencia Provincial Council, Palencia Region Mountain Development Association.

Determining factors in the development of mountain areas



Recreational and Cultural factors

Cultural and traditional activities in the Palencia mountain region

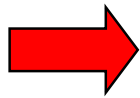
INDICATORS	DATA	DESCRIPTIO
Libraries	5	NOT GOOD
Museums	8	MEDIUM
Exhibition rooms	9	MEDIUM
Cinemas	2	NOT GOOD
Cultural facilities	4	MEDIUM
Traditional craft activities	24	MEDIUM
Traditional culture associations	42	GOOD

Activities in contact with nature in the Palencia mountain region

INDICATORS	DATA	DESCRIPTIO
Routes	8	NOT GOOD
Nature centres and	1	NOT GOOD
Nature facilities	21	GOOD
Vantage points	6	MEDIUM
Caves	5	MEDIUM

Source: Rural Development Association in Palencia Mountain Region, Itagra.ct

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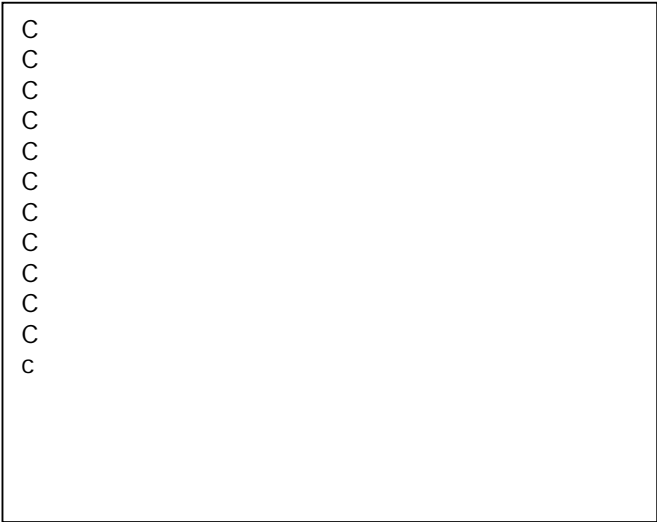
Tourism in the Palencia mountain region

INDICATORS	DATA	DESCRIPTIO
Youth hostels	6	MEDIUM
Places in youth hostels	369	MEDIUM
Hotels, boarding houses, quest houses	36	NOT GOOD
Places in hotels, boarding houses and	817	NOT GOOD
Rural houses and centres	78	MEDIUM
Places in rural houses and centres	712	NOT GOOD
Boarding houses	4	NOT GOOD
Places in boarding houses	136	NOT GOOD
Camp-sites	4	MEDIUM
Places available in camp-sites	991	GOOD
Restaurants	57	MEDIUM
Places in restaurants	3 907	GOOD

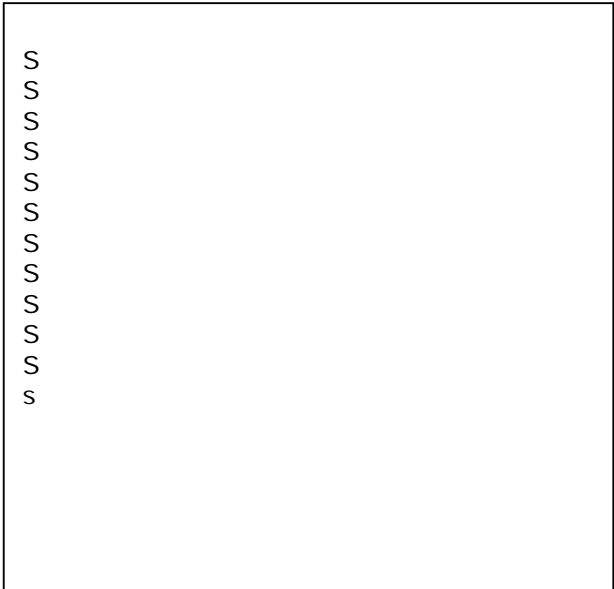
Source: Castilla y León Regional Govt. Itagra.ct

Potential for development in mountain areas

LANDSCAPE AND ENVIRONMENT



Hill walking routes in the Palencia mountains



"Piedad Isla"
ethnographic museum at
Cervera de Pisuerga

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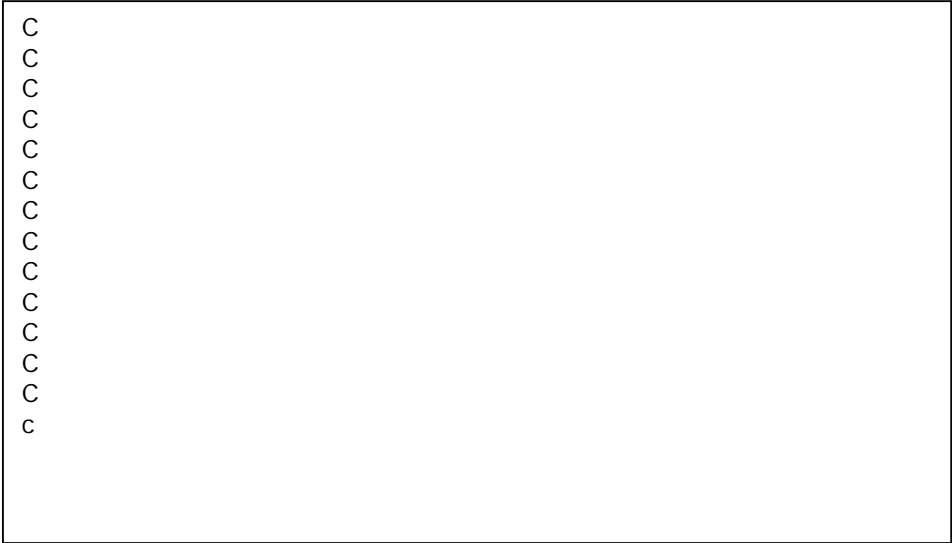
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Country holiday house at Mudá

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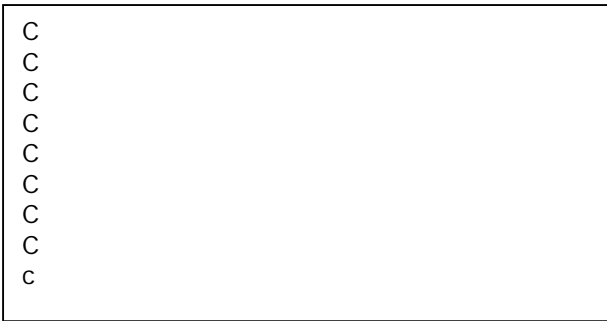
AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND FORESTRY SECTOR



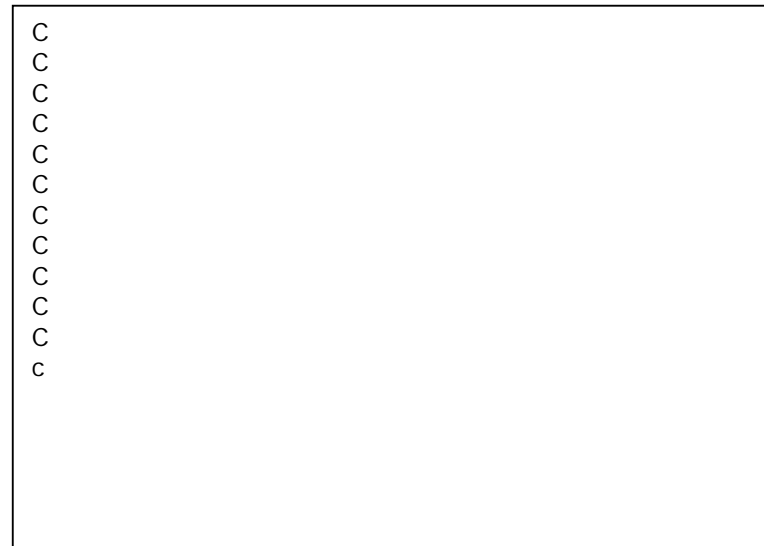
Meat from Cervera, Quality Stamp

Potential for development in mountain areas

OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES BASED ON EXTERNAL RESOURCES



Biscuit factory at Aguilar de Campoo



Craftsmanship at Aguilar de Campoo



Residential home for the elderly at Guardo

Conclusions

- Rural population drift and ageing
- Lack of infrastructure
- Inadequate stimulation of socio-economic fabric
- Importance of mountain areas
- Public policies taking account of specific needs of mountain areas

Conclusions

Challenges for European policy for mountain areas (Report of the European Economic and Social Committee on “The Future of mountain areas in the European Union”):

- To create a common vision of mountain areas.
- To develop an approach based on compensating for insurmountable obstacles.
- To achieve an active reduction in these obstacles whenever possible, mainly through providing infrastructure and connection to new ICT networks.
- Valuing the identity and strong points of mountain areas, promoting a positive image of mountain areas as well as the quality and originality of their products and knowledge.

Conclusions

- Official recognition of the term “mountain” at an EU level, as well as adopting a specific approach to these areas in EU policy.
- Contributing to closer cooperation between mountain regions in Europe.
- Fostering diversity of employment taking account of the specific needs of mountain area economies, promoting the development of nearby services for firms and providing the incentive for the setting up and development of SMEs and crafts.
- Making policy for mountain areas a model of sustainable and balanced development.

End of presentation

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