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Paul Soto has worked in research, policy design and implementation in rural, coastal and urban areas. His early career saw him working on the industry and employment strategies of London and Madrid as well as project management in some of the remotest and most beautiful parts of rural Spain (LEADER)

He coordinated the thematic work on “Inclusive Entrepreneurship” under the European Social Fund’s EQUAL Initiative and managed the thematic pole of around 100 European cities on innovation (URBACT – ERDF). He is co-author the official EC guidance on Community Led Local Development. Paul was the Team Leader of the support units of the European network for coastal and fisheries areas (FARNET) and the European Network for Rural Development (ENRD). Among other responsibilities, he now coordinates the ENRD thematic work on “Smart Villages”