11<sup>th</sup> December 2024 h. 10-12 (CET)

# Recording the conference **Welcome to MERSE!**

What is needed to make it easier to start and develop sustainable social enterprises in rural areas?



The Aran Islands Co-op Recycling Project, Ireland

**Business Models Empowering Rural Social Enterprises –** Voicing the rural norm (2023-2026)



**Northern Periphery and Arctic** 

MERSE



Region Västernorrland

#### 18 Partners + 12 Social enterprises Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Norway and Sweden

PURPOSE: To make it easier to start and develop social enterprises in rural NPA areas.



Co-funded by the European Union







## Today's Agenda h. 10-12 (CET)

- 1. Welcome!
- 2. Rurality and SE: Lucas Olmedo, University of Almería, Spain
- 3. The conditions for Social Enterprises in 5 countries- results from mapping
- 4. Break 10 min
- 5. Social Enterprise: Tiia Muotkavaara, Pohjoisesta luonnosta Oy, Finland
- 6. Support Organisation: la Poikulainen, ARVO, Finland
- 7. Municipality perspective: Jon Söder, Östersund municipality, Sweden
- 8. Breakout rooms by country
- 9. Report from the breakout
- 10. The end







Region

Västernorrland

### Welcome!

#### MERSE website: https://www.interregnpa.eu/projects/merse/home/



Co-funded by the European Union

**Northern Periphery and Arctic** 





