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CASTAL - Case Studies Atlas of Local Sustainability Transition

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- Difficulties in preserving and capitalising the knowledge produced in the field of Local Sustainability Transition (LST), namely from SSH studies

- Fragmentation, lack of archives, lack of knowledge organisation

- Risk of wasting knowledge

We have the collaboration of 11 supporting organisations, including FP7, H2020, and HEU coordinators of the SSH and Sustainability Transition projects from Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Norway, Spain, and the United Kingdom.

- Developing a "Case Studies Atlas of Local Sustainability Transition - CASTAL", i.e., a new digital research object collecting case studies and making them FAIR (*only grey literature*) ☐ AN ONLINE DOCUMENTARY SEARCH WAS CARRIED OUT

- Enabling future research and the exploitation of research results by researchers from SSH and other disciplines, and from local authorities, businesses and citizens.

ISSUE: many documents available online (including, i.e., EU project deliverables classified as "public") are not truly open and have restrictions on their dissemination and reuse.

When this happens, it involves a significant amount of work in requesting permissions or limitations on making documents available (e.g., publishing only a citation in the Atlas, but not the document itself).

OUTPUT 1: THE ATLAS (ongoing, ready in September 2026)

CASTAL Archive → expected 500+ case studies

CASTAL Dataset → essential coordinates, case descriptors, study descriptors, document descriptors, summary

CASTAL Web Portal → graphic identity, communication, advocacy OS, webinars, guidelines & tools, interactive map

OUTPUT 2: 10 SECOND-LEVEL STUDIES (ongoing, until June 2026)

☐ Scientific Studies
☐ Knowledge Brokering Studies
☐ State of the Art studies

Publication of the studies on the CASTAL Web Portal and Zenodo

☐ CASTAL will include an archive of case studies, and will deposit it into certified repositories at the DASSI archive (Service Provider of CESSDA ERIC), so to make case studies data permanently available to the public, thus giving short-lived project-based case studies a long-term accessibility.

☐ A web portal, as well as the data distribution across open repositories (DASSI, CESSDA), will make CASTAL accessible to both the scientific community and other concerned actors (policymakers, practitioners, citizens, etc.).

☐ A set of tools - Guidelines, Protocols and Workflow - will be developed to allow users to contribute to the Atlas with new case studies.

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