

Events Italy Creative Europe Community Open Call Transformation Learning Together

A curated tour for those building creative places in rural Europe

CREATIVESUNITE

Co-funded by the European Union

A curated tour in Sicily for founders and funders building creative places in rural Europe on September 16-19.

Organiser: Rural Radicals
Event dates: September 16-19

Apply and read more.

About Creative Grounds Fieldlab Sicily
The program connects participants with place-based projects, founder insights, and market intelligence across Sicily's emerging rural creative economy.

Rural Radicals announces the second edition of the Creative Grounds Fieldlab program, a four-day research tour designed for founders and funders actively building creative places in rural Europe. Taking place September 16-19, 2026, in Sicily's Catania region, the program offers firsthand access to rural regeneration projects at different stages of development—from grassroots community-driven spaces to artist residencies and design-forward retreat locations.

Participants will visit projects such as Galleria SARP (a 17th-century palazzo turned artist residency and gallery), Cummari (Europe's first female-focused rural coliving space), Meraki Residency (a restored farmhouse supporting collaborative creative work), Case Bagolaro (one of Etna's largest wineries turned into a farm that preserves infinite biodiversity), and more.

Fieldlab program provides participants with: founder insights on financing, adaptive reuse, and community dynamics; market intelligence on available properties and heritage buildings; expert-led briefings on Sicily's legal frameworks and planning systems; peer exchange with other creative entrepreneurs, project leaders, investors, and placemakers building rural creative projects.

Program Details:

Dates: September 16-19, 2026
Location: Catania region, Sicily
Participants: max 8 participants
Fee: €2,500 + VAT (€2,100 early bird for the first 4 registering)
Includes: Accommodation, all meals, on-site transportation, facilitation, expert briefings, public network event

Registration through the link
Find more at ruralradicals

About Rural Radicals

Rural Radicals is a European platform for culture-driven rural development. Recognised as one of EIT Culture & Creativity's 100-To-Watch ventures, it bridges local rural initiatives with international creative networks, catalysing regeneration in non-urban areas across Europe.