



EUROPEAN RURAL PARLIAMENT 2015

THE PROCESS IN PORTUGAL

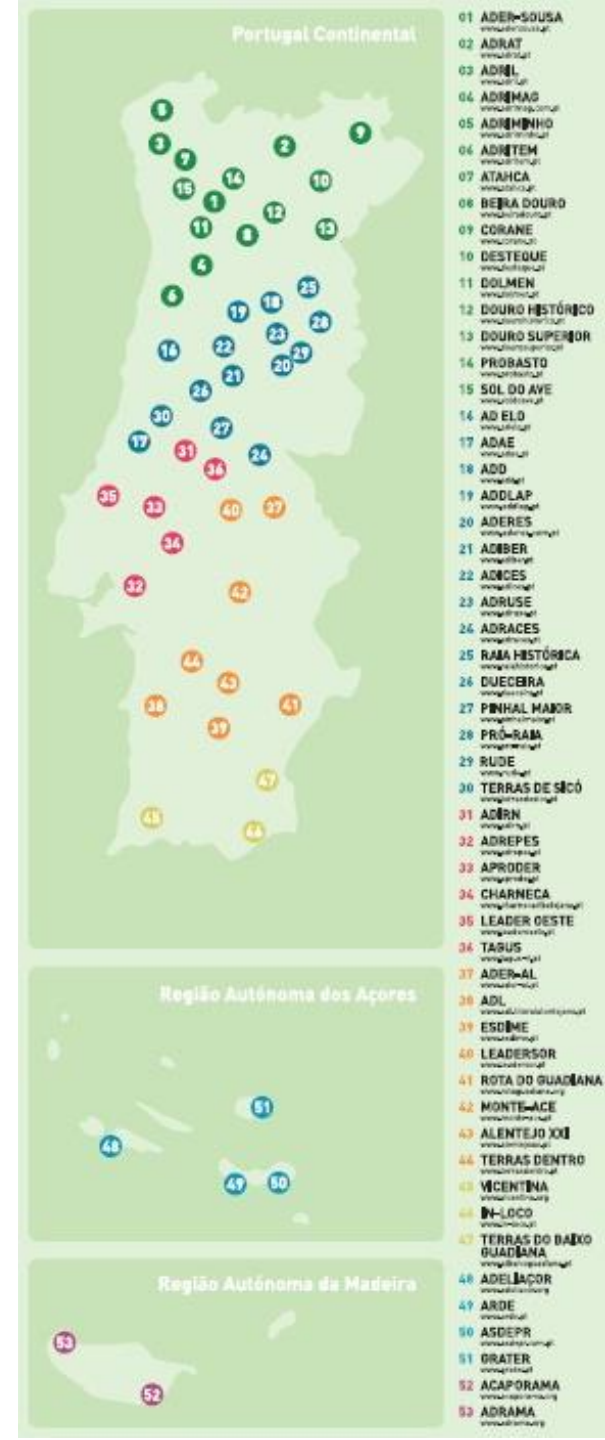
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MINHA TERRA NETWORK

FEDERATION OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATIONS

- **BEGINNING:** February 2000
 - LEADER II animation network (1999-2001)
 - LEADER+ Negotiation
- **ASSOCIATED:** 53 Local Development Associations (LDA), managing rural development programs across the country (LAG) and other initiatives
- **OBJECTIVES:** networking, representation, lobbying, training and technical support
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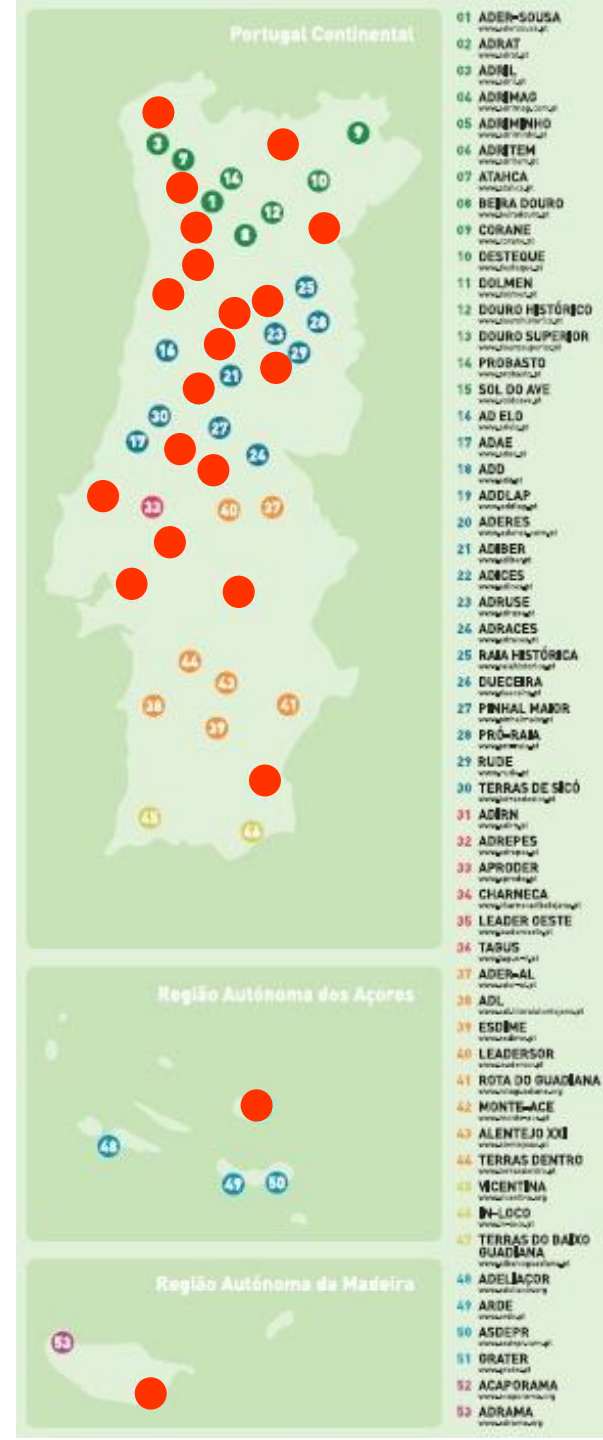


The process of consultation / participation to the ERP 2015 was based in the activities of Local Development Associations in preparation of the Local Development Strategies, to operate under CLLD 2014 - 2020



PROCESS

- Contributions from 24 Local Development Associations
- 168 meetings and workshops organized locally
- 4200 participants
- 41% of the participants were women
- The institutions represented were:
 - 40% from the social economy
 - 35% from the public sector and
 - 25% from local enterprises
- Online questionnaire - 50 responses



What are the major concerns expressed by rural people?

low birth rate, rural exodus, loss of population, aging population, unemployment, poverty and social exclusion, failure of vocational training, illiteracy, most qualified young people leave the rural communities, weakness of local economies, low added value activities and low incorporation of innovation and knowledge



Which are the **aspirations** and expectations expressed by rural people for the future of their communities?

A large set of aspirations and expectations of rural communities contribute to the idea of "**well-being**" - "**improving the quality of life**", "**better life**", "**quiet life**" and "**hope for a decent future**".



A general idea is that most of the national **public policies** are **inadequate** in relation to the realities and needs of the population and rural communities: "rural communities concerns and expectations are not much" considered (77.6%) or are "not at all" considered (10.2%) in the definition of national policies“.



The evolution of LEADER



1991 > 1994
20 LAG PT
267 LAG EU
PILOT



1995 > 2001
48 LAG PT
XXX LAG EU
BALANCED



2001 > 2008
52 LAG PT
906 LAG EU



2007 > 2013
53 LAG PT
>2400 LAG EU
**MAINSTREAMING
TRAP**

**CLLD
LEADER**

2014 > 2020
60 LAG PT
??? LAG EU
**MULTIFUND
TRAP**



> 2020

CHALLENGE



**THANK YOU FOR
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