



*ENDR Workshop 'Stakeholder Involvement:
Monitoring Committees and the Partnership Principle'*

***A perspective from LEADER/CLLD Local Action Groups
in rural areas in Portugal***

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International non-profit organization founded in 1999

Member networks in 26 countries representing **more than 2500 LAGs**

- To improve the **quality of life in rural areas** and to maintain their population through sustainable, integrated local development
- To spread the philosophy, principles and scope of the **LEADER** method grounded in the seven specific features

Rural LAGs in Portugal 2014-2020

60 rural LAGs recognized in Portugal, implementing local development strategies, covering the entire national rural territory.

54 LAGs in the Mainland

- 4 in the Azores
- 2 in Madeira

All LAGs are associated in **MINHA TERRA Network**

CENTRO

- 17 - AD ELO
- 18 - ADAE RURAL 2020
- 19 - ADD 2020
- 20 - ADDLAP
- 21 - ADERES ESTRELA SUL
- 22 - ADIBER/BEIRA SERRA 14-20
- 23 - ADICES
- 24 - ADIRN
- 25 - ADRUSE
- 26 - AVEIRO NORTE
- 27 - AVEIRO SUL
- 28 - BIS 2020
- 29 - CASTELOS DO CÔA
- 30 - COIMBRA MAIS FUTURO
- 31 - COVA DA BEIRA 2020
- 32 - DLBC ALTO OESTE
- 33 - DLBC BAIXO OESTE
- 34 - DUECEIRA
- 35 - PINHAIS DO ZÊZERE
- 36 - PINHAL MAIOR
- 37 - PRÓ-RAIA
- 38 - TAGUS
- 39 - TERRAS DE SICÓ 2020

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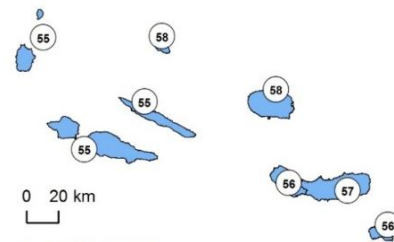
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- 47 - CHARNECA RIBATEJANA
- 48 - LEADERSOR
- 49 - MARGEM ESQUERDA DO GUADIANA
- 50 - PRÓ-RURAL
- 51 - TERRAS DENTRO 2020

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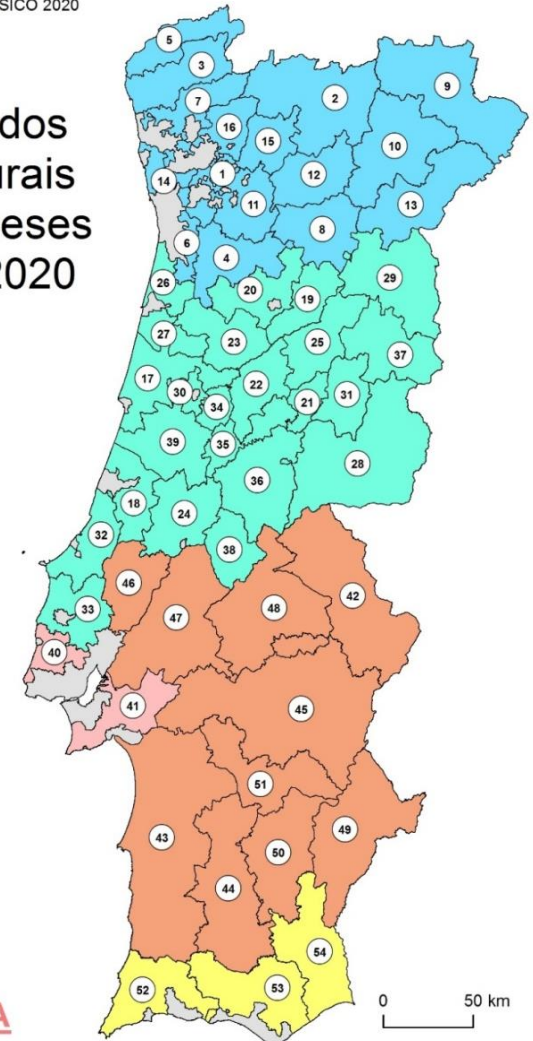
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Mapa dos GAL rurais portugueses 2014-2020

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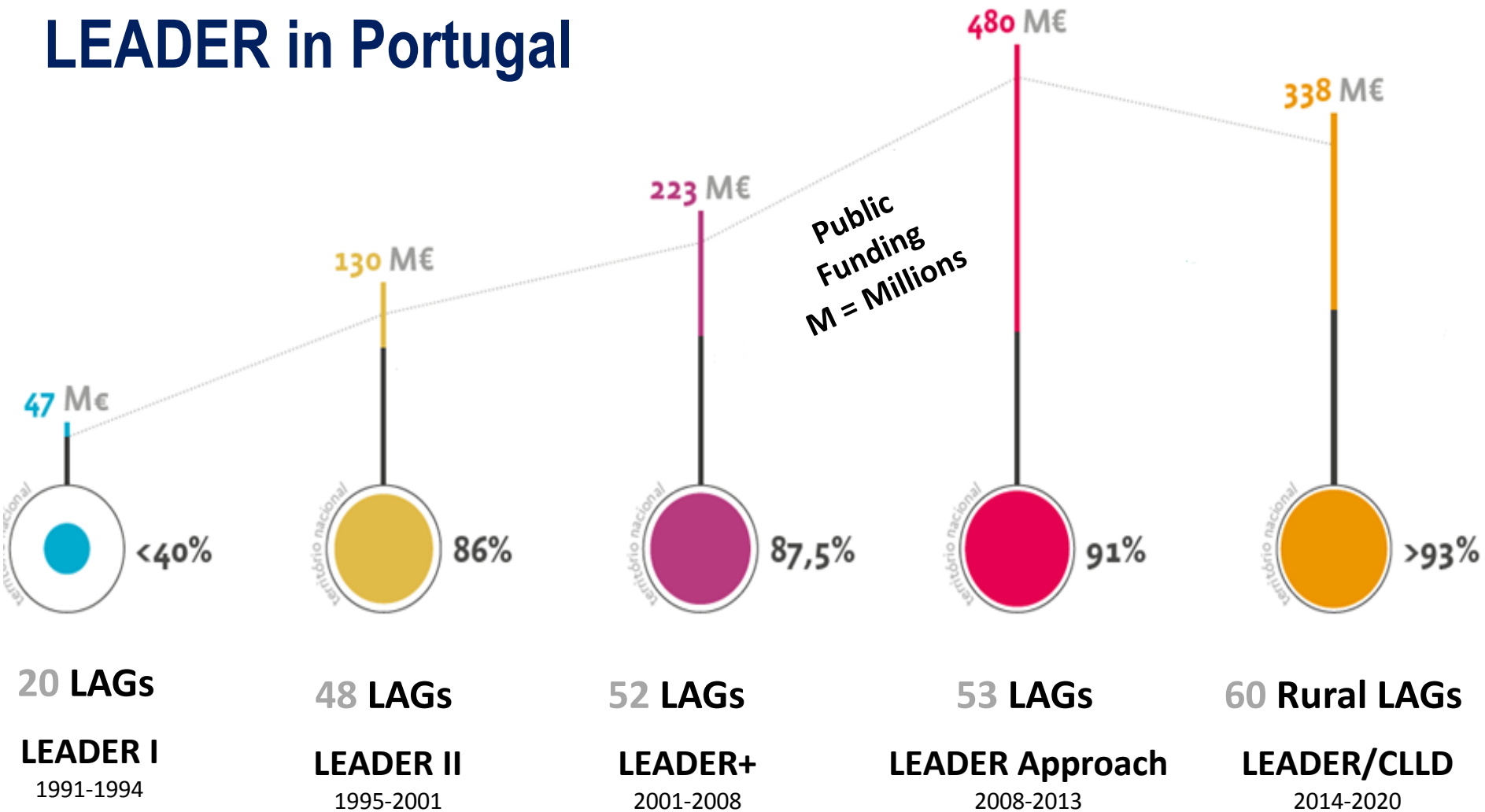
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- 9 - CORANE
- 10 - DESTIQUE
- 11 - DOLMEN
- 12 - DOURO HISTÓRICO
- 13 - DOURO SUPERIOR
- 14 - LITORAL RURAL
- 15 - PROBASTO
- 16 - SOL DO AVE



MADEIRA

- 59 - ACAPORAMA
- 60 - AD RAMA

LEADER in Portugal



Community Initiative, with own governance bodies and one monitoring committee (MC)

Mainstreamed and multifunded LEADER/CLLD with complex governance and several MC

Rural CLLD framework in Portugal 2014-2020

EAFRD

European
Agricultural
Fund for Rural
Development

RDP Madeira
(PRODERAM 2020)

RDP Azores
(PRORURAL+)

RDP Mainland
(PDR 2020)

Traditional EAFRD LEADER Approach

- Streamlined participation in the design of RDP
- All LAGs attend the Monitoring Committees and have access to MAs

Multifund (EAFRD+ERDF+ESF) CLLD

- Complex and demanding design of the partnership agreement and the RPD and OP → dialogue with 1 + 5 Management Authorities
- Only LAGs Network Minha Terra attends the 1 + 5 monitoring Committees
- Cooperation protocol between RDP MA and LAGs Network Minha Terra for monitoring of LEADER Measure

ERDF

European
Regional
Development
Fund

+

ESF

European
Social Fund

5 Regional Operational Programmes

Norte 2020, Centro
2020, Lisboa 2020,
Alentejo 2020 and
CRESC Algarve 2020

Examples from the experience (in Portugal)

The **role of PT NRN activities** (working and thematic groups; collection and sharing of relevant practices to empower stakeholders) facilitates stakeholders involvement

Protocol between the Mainland RDP Management Authority and the LAG Network → monthly meetings and sharing information on LEADER measure implementation

Consultation committee for the CAP > 2020 – mix committee with experts and representatives of stakeholders – where the government (Minister of Agriculture) informs on the evolution of EU CAP negotiations and listens to stakeholders (farmers organizations and others) opinions and expectations

Topics for reflection

Stakeholder involvement is at the heart of LEADER → RPD (and other programmes) design and governance model must allow and promote the expression of this involvement.

Formal vs effective stakeholder involvement

- ✓ Programmes design – public or stakeholders consultation processes
- ✓ Implementation - monitoring committees

Complexity of policy design → capacity building to Civil Society Organizations

Balance of top-down and bottom-up approaches in policy design

ELARD proposals/alerts for LEADER/CLLD >2020

Reintegration of the **EAFRD** into the **Common Provision Regulation**;

Risk that **non-agricultural rural development** will become a minor issue in the CAP;

Request to ensure at **least the same budget for LEADER** (the mandatory 5% is substantially less funding);

Strongly regrets that ERDF, ESF and EMFF do not foresee a minimum % for CLLD;

“common basket” of dedicated funding for CLLD from the different Funds; a **common framework**, with a “lead fund” and one Management Authority;

Simplification should materialise on all levels → wider use of SCOs;

pilot CLLD Support Unit at EU level to support networking, TNC and capacity building;

LEADER and LAGs are the right instrument to **reconnect citizens with EU** and to localize, implement, follow-up and review the **SDGs** of the UN 2030 Agenda;

Allow a **smooth transition in LEADER/CLLD** between program periods.



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