

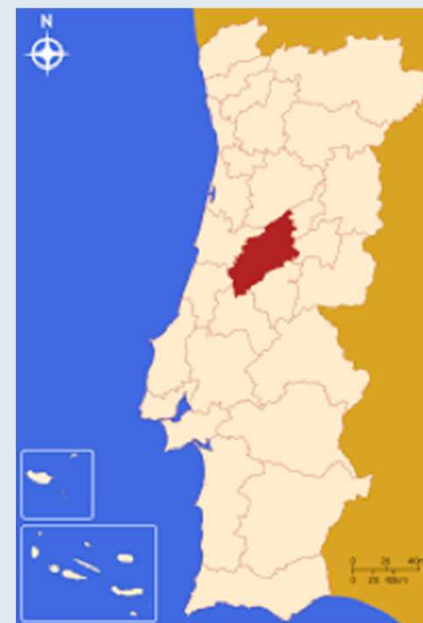


2<sup>nd</sup> Preparatory Action on  
**SMART RURAL AREAS**  
in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

## Taskforce on Smart Villages - Portugal

## CONTEXT AND PURPOSE OF THE TASK FORCE

- Established in the scope of an Integrated Territorial-Based Intervention designed to address and recover from forest fires that occurred in June and October 2017 in Pinhal Interior, region of Centro. **IIBT PI.IN.**
- Aims to advance the Smart Villages concept and approach:
  - Develop an understanding and integrating it in policy design and implementation.
  - Foster collaboration and complementarity with existing strategies and projects.
  - Design an agenda for the creation of a network of Smart Villages in Pinhal Interior.



# ACTIVITIES

- Meetings (online and face to face) with different stakeholders
- Written contributions to the existing policy and strategic documents
- Preparation of supporting and guidance documents

**Territorial Agenda Smart Villages PI.IN**  
(conceptual framework, governance system,  
collaboration and complementarity with existing  
strategies and projects)



## MAIN CHALLENGES

- Integrating Smart Villages concept in policy design in Portugal.
- Shifting the current paradigm regarding policy implementation for securing diverse funding sources (not limiting the diversification of interventions).
- Aligning interventions, strategies and Programmes that are being implemented with different timings and at different paces.



Continued efforts needed for policy alignment and resource mobilization to fully realize Smart Villages initiatives.