



ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES – PORTUGAL

LOCAL ACTION GROUPS / LEADER ASSOCIATIONS

REPORT ON MEETING WITH ADIRN - ASSOCIATION FOR THE INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF RIBATEJO NORTE (LAG)

Purpose of the meeting
<p>Presentation of SV in a participatory meeting for the construction of the LDS.</p> <p>RIBATEJO NORTE + SUSTAINABLE meeting taking place in TOMAR - Participatory Discussion of the Local Development Strategy 2030</p> <p>Initiative integrated in the preparation of the Local Development Strategy 2030, with the objective of sharing ideas between associations, municipalities, companies, IPSS's, and institutional partners, with a view to jointly preparing the territorial approach for Ribatejo Norte.</p> <p>Knowing the concept of Smart Villages and the thematic areas of the LDS 2030 for Ribatejo Norte, are the topics under discussion in this initiative.</p> <p>Aspects covered by the presentation (PPT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Understanding of the Smart Villages concept ▪ Work developed by the Smart Rural 21 and 27 Projects ▪ Strategic and political framework of the Smart Villages concept in the European Union and Portugal ▪ Key elements of a Smart Villages strategy ▪ Type of support that can be given to SV through a Local Development Strategy (LEADER / CLLD) ▪ Challenges of preparing and implementing Smart Villages strategies ▪ Lessons learned from the experience gained, especially in SR 21. <p>Presentation followed by discussion on the relevance and importance, as well, as operationalization in the Local Development Strategy.</p>
Date of the meeting
12/07/2023 (10h - 13h)
Location
<p>Intermunicipal Community of Médio Tejo</p> <p>Avenida General Bernardo Faria</p> <p>2300-535 Tomar</p>
Participation



<p>Number of participants: 25</p> <p>Organizations that participated and their role: Local Action Group ADIRN (Coordination and respective Team), plus representatives of municipalities, business, commercial and cultural associations, agricultural and tourism companies, social sector, Intermunicipal Community of Médio Tejo, Polytechnic Institute of Tomar.</p>
<p>Main outcomes and lessons learnt</p>
<p>Main outcomes of the discussion that followed the presentation / results in the light of the objectives of the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The introduction and development of the SV concept within the Local Development Strategy may ensure an alignment and leverage the role of LEADER / CLLD in rural territories. SV strategies can represent a relevant instrument to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • better mobilize the potential at the micro scale and to strengthen and facilitate the implementation of the LEADER / CLLD approach, by considering local needs and potentialities and socio-cultural characteristics, as well as responses to promote structural changes, • strengthen the empowerment of rural communities and encourage innovation, privileging the involvement of local actors - promoting collective intelligence and collaborative processes to achieve a joint prospective vision regarding sustainable development at the micro scale. ▪ There is a clear convergence with the LEADER approach and the possibility, through SV, to amplify the results of the projects supported by the LDS and to structure and amplify the effects of the implementation of the LEADER approach in terms of improving governance systems and increasing social capital, that is, to strengthen and highlight the added value of the LEADER approach.
<p>Main findings/ lessons</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ There is an interest around SV and it would be favorable to gather the needed information and knowledge to support them in ADIRN’s intervention territory. ▪ The envisaged structure discussed in the national LAGs meeting seems perfectly plausible and applicable in the local context. ▪ The integration of support for SV strategies in the LDFS was found to be very relevant and important and the LAG will work on that sense. ▪ Still to be worked out how this operationalization can be done.
<p>Supporting documents</p>
<p>The PPT presentation, as well as information on Smart Rural 21 and Smart Rural 27 (website links) and the <i>Guidebook on how to become a Smart Village</i> (Smart Rural 21, PT version), were sent to all participants following the meeting held on July 12th.</p> <p>Sent to the SR27 Coordination on the July 18th (supporting documents produced by the SR 27 National Expert, in Portuguese)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>PPT – presentation for the meeting LAG ADIRN (in Portuguese)</i>

Annexes:

1. PPT - presentation for the meeting with LAG ADIRN

(The full PPT can be sent by email. The content is in PT.)



2. Further information on the activity developed with LAG ADIRN

Facebook publication (Announcement of the event):

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=664475412390280&set=a.476154551222368>



Facebook publication (session + photos):

https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid0VPe1rhnnCnsFfbrwTzwJKgAsxntFTNbW27eXyAVkrTqhS8j6SGPdrm5SQw1tyUI&id=100064834805464

1. Pictures of the face-to-face meeting



