



*supporting local  
development in  
rural areas  
since 2000*



*minha terra*

Federação Portuguesa de Associações  
de Desenvolvimento Local

*minha terra* Network is a public interest private non-profit organization that brings together 58 Local Development Associations in Portugal – mainland and the autonomous regions, Azores and Madeira.

These organisations carry out a qualified and integrated intervention in rural areas, developing and implementing local development strategies through social, economic, cultural, environmental and educational projects and initiatives, making use of different tools, taking into consideration that LEADER and Community-Led Local Development play an important role.



*minha terra* Network animates a territorial-based platform for cooperation and networking that accomplishes interventions in favour of an integrated and sustainable development with a view to enhance the quality of life in Portuguese rural areas.



Thanks to its experience, competence, knowledge and representativeness *minha terra* Network is present in several advisory structures at a regional, national and international level, with a special emphasis on the Economic and Social Council, a constitutional body for consultation and social concertation, where Minha Terra represents Family Farming and Rural Communities Organisations.



At the international level, *minha terra* Network is Member of ELARD — European LEADER Association for Rural Development that is committed to the construction of a European rural policy and that brings together more than 2500 bodies from 26 countries, including from countries that are not members of the European Union but have adopted and are implementing the LEADER methodology.

*minha terra* Network assumed the presidency of ELARD for 2018-2019.





## *minha terra vision*

Defend an integrated, inclusive, participatory and sustainable rural development, where the responsibility for the creation of new sources of income and employment, for the environmental preservation, for the social and cultural development, including dimensions of education and citizenship, is shared by the various sectors of activity and developed in partnership between public and private agents, improving the quality of life in harmony with the citizens' expectations.

## *minha terra action*

Defence and promotion of an integrated and multi-sectoral approach of rural development, with an impact on public policies.

Qualification, technical support and publicizing local development initiatives in rural areas.

Promotion of social innovation, cooperation and networking between rural development agents.

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