

**VISIT OF THE SLOVENIAN LOCAL ACTION GROUPS TO PORTUGAL
CONFERENCE ON COOPERATION BETWEEN SLOVENIAN AND PORTUGUESE LAGS,
VILA VERDE, ATAHCA, 03 - 10 - 2017**

09:30 Registration of Participants

10:00 Welcome

- Ana Paula Xavier, Vice-president of Minha Terra Federation
- Aleš Zidar, Manager of LAG Between Snežnik and Nanos and President of Slovenian Rural Development Network
- José Mota Alves, Chairman of ATAHCA

10:30 The LEADER approach in Slovenia and in Portugal

- Introduction to main issues in rural areas in Portugal and the previous LEADER programs – Luís Chaves, Coordinator of Minha Terra Federation
- LEADER approach and CLLD in Slovenia - Goran Šoster, Manager of LAG Prlekija and Vice-president of Slovenian Rural Development Network
- LEADER approach under the RDP 2020 in Portugal - Rui Rafael – Responsible for the Local Development Area in the Managing Authority of Rural Development Program for the Mainland in Portugal
- Debate on bottlenecks and improvements moderated by Luís Chaves

11:30 Coffee-break

12:00 – Cooperation as a toll for Local Development Strategies(LDS): opportunities and perspectives

- Linking cooperation projects with LDS – João Carlos Pinho, coordinator of LAG ADRIMAG
- LEADER Cooperation framework in Slovenia – Manager of LAG Between Snežnik and Nanos and President of Slovenian Rural Development Network
- LEADER Cooperation framework in Portugal – Ana Pires da Silva, PT National Rural Network
- Debate on opportunities and perspectives for cooperation moderated by João Carlos Pinho

13:00 Closing remarks

A coffee break will be served mid-conference