

SMART RURAL living lab

#### NEW INNOVATION CONCEPT Smart Rural: inspiring innovation in the rural world

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#### What is happening in the world?

## THE WORLD IS CHANGING!

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#### Where?

## Adapt to change!

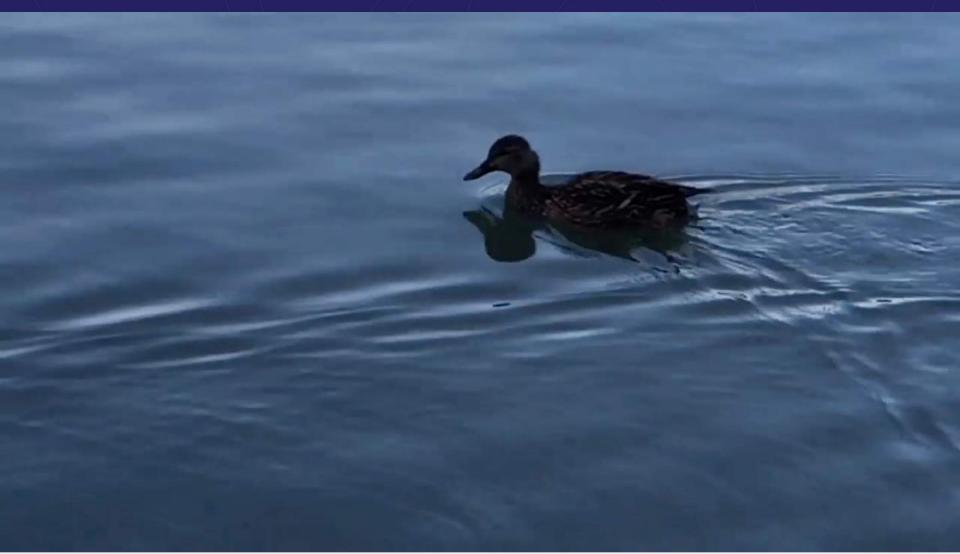








#### Have focus!

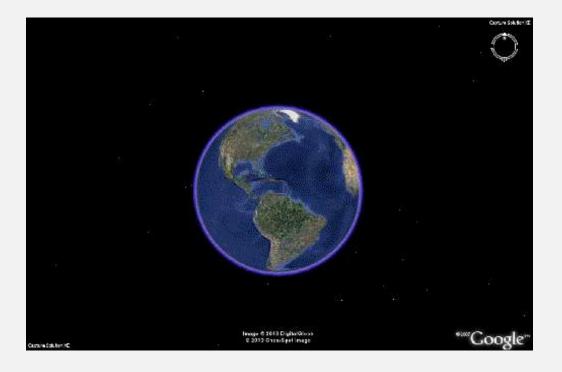








#### **Municipal Context**



NUT II – Centro Region

**Rural Municipality** 

Low demographic density







#### Municipal Context: Lisbon vs. Penela



Area: 83,84 km2 Population: 547.631 Population/km2: 6.531



Area : 132,49 km2 Population: 6.002 Population/km2: 45

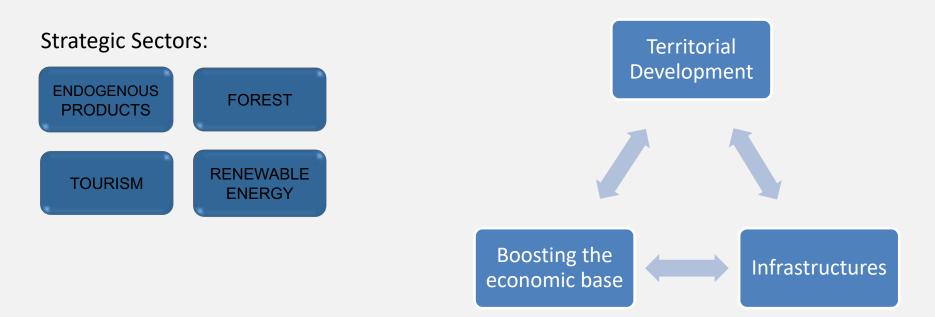






#### **Municipal Context**

#### Strategic vision: *"Local Resources at the service of Innovation, Innovation at the service of local resources "*









#### **Innovation in rural areas**











#### What are Living Labs?



Living labs are open platforms to engage user communities as contributors to innovations on products or services. They provide real-life user needs definition testing facilities offered by local Public-Private-Partnerships with People (open innovation).







#### Living Labs: What for?

Living Labs bring research, development and innovation projects driven by its partners to an environment engaged by participation of their potential users as co-creators of new products and services (user-driven innovation).

Bring the user to the creative process since the initial stage

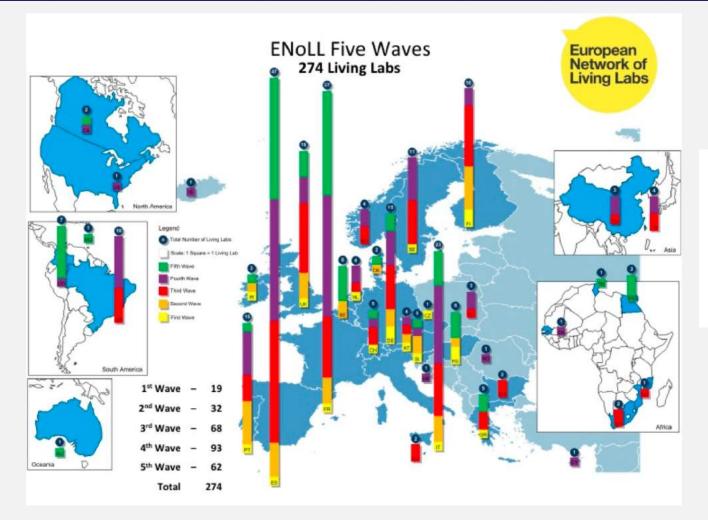
Use the territory (open environment) as a support space for innovation Business models and innovative services validation assistance







#### **ENoLL: The European Network of Living Labs**



The European Network of Living Labs (ENoLL) was created in November of 2006.

As more than 139 Living Labs in 38 countries; This LL's have joined this network in 12 waves.







#### SmartRural LL: Distinguish keys

The SmartRural Living Lab (SRLL) distinguish itself for the following:

- > Appreciation of the rural context as an opportunity able to generate competitive advantages;
- > Strong territorial approach;
- > Development of services and products aimed to improving the quality of life in the Municipality.

#### **V** TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT







#### **SmartRural LL: Purpose**

Become a cluster of knowledge through a model of sustainability based on 4 vectors:

- > Natural resources (agriculture, fire prevention, graze, forest);
- > Social development and welfare (health and elder centers);
- > Tourism and identity (heritage preservation, virtual hunting and tourism centre);
- > Citizenship and entrepreneurship (internet access and public participation).









#### **SmartRural LL: Partners**











# How to make it happen?







#### SmartRural LL – Project: Farm Real











#### SmartRural LL – Project: Self-Delivery by Drone







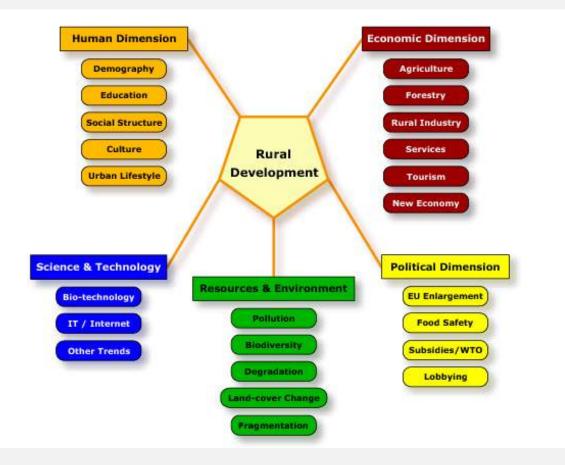
Projeto piloto da *startup* Connect Robotics vai começar a entregar as refeições ao último habitante da aldeia de Podentinhos







#### **SmartRural LL: Sustainable Development**









MINI-HABITAT BUSINESS OFFICES FOR COMPANIES

#### **SMARTES** House of Creative Industries

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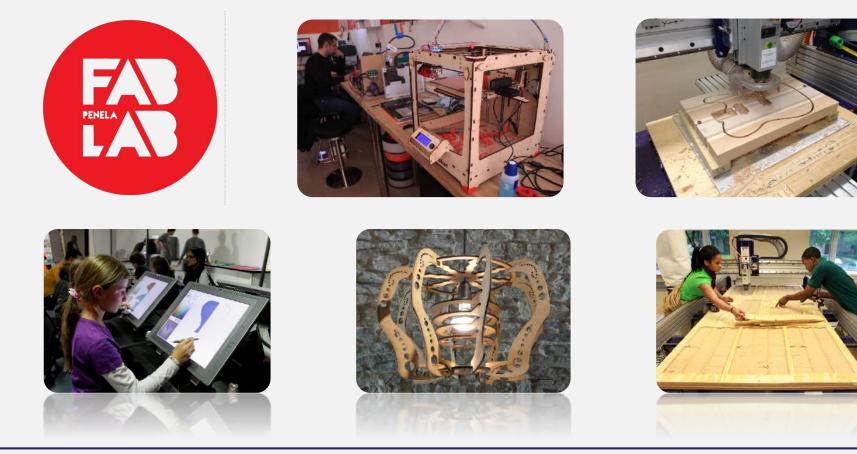
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#### A NEW WAY OF PROTOTYPING → LIBRARY 2.0









#### HIESE HABITAT FOR BUSINESS INNOVATION IN STRATEGIC SECTORS





- Physical and virtual incubation
- Coworking
- Rural platform
- Incubation and acceleration programmes
- Business plans
- Networking
- Mentoring
- Internationalisation
- Consulting
- Training
- Specialised technical assistance in legal, taxation and accounting, health and safety at work, financing, investment and job creation matters.













Agribusiness



Forestry



**Clean Energy** 



**ICT for Social Services** 



**Environmental Services** 



**Tourism Products and Services** 



#### Structuring program to support entrepreneurship in rural areas

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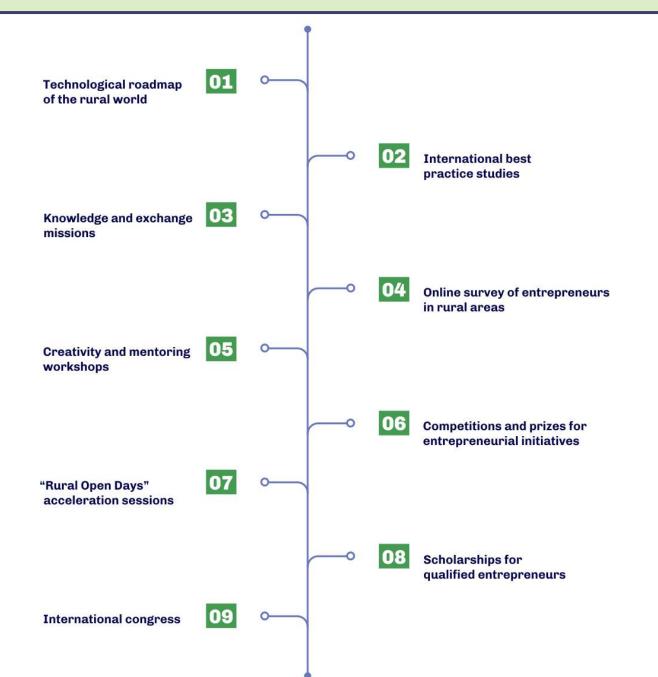


European Union European Regional Development Fund **PROMOTED BY** 













## Use frying oil to clean? There are companies sprouting in rural areas with ideas out of the box

concurso de ideias e ja ha vencedores. Falta po-las em prática.

CAMILO SOLDADO · 20 de Setembro de 2017, 8:30



Penela quer combater a desertificação do seu território ADRIANO MIRANDA

A alavancagem da HIESE, a incubadora do mundo rural instalada no município de Penela, está a entrar numa nova fase com o reconhecimento de cinco ideias de negócio. 294 🕤 💟 💼 🚱 🖸 💭







#### **HIESE: Cooperation with IPN Incubator**

- Joint management of the HIESE incubator
- Creativity and mentoring workshops
- Scholarships for young entrepreneurs
- Business Ideas Contest: Smart Rural Contest

EcoXperience

• EcoXperience: Turn used oil into soaps and cleansers for families and businesses.



 Toal: Transforming by-products from the cheese and fruit industries into healthy and nutritious food, by transform them into two totally natural eco-drinks, without dyes or preservatives.

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SmartRural LL: A path towards innovation

# Only achieved with a strong network mind-set...







#### **Schist Villages Network**











#### Romanization Route – Villa Sicó















#### Mondego's Network of Medieval Castles and Walls













Fundo Europeu



### European Network for Rural Based Innovation









There are no territories doomed to failure!

Believe is the first step to make it happen!

