INNOVATIVE TRAINING FOR SUSTAINABLE SHEPHERDS

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ADIRAM

- ADIRAM (Association of Integrated Development of the Network of Mountain Villages) works to promote the integrated development of the Mountain Villages territory, through the adoption of a sustainable, integrated, innovative and creative framework.
- Since 2013, ADIRAM main objectives are:
 - Enhance the natural and environmental landscape and the material/ immaterial cultural heritage of the Mountain Villages;
 - Support the entrepreneurship ecossystem based in traditional sectors;
 - Bring innovation to the territory and support new people and ideas;



Mountain Villages

- The mountain villages are located in the center region of Portugal, in Serra da Estrela and Serra da Gardunha;
- Biggest natural park and mountain area of Portugal;
- 41 mountain villages of 9 municipalities.







MUNICÍPIO DE CELORICO DA BEIRA (Rapa, Prados, Salgueirais, Cadafaz e Vide entre Vinhas);

MUNICÍPIO DA COVILHÃ (São Jorge da Beira, Cortes do Meio, Verdelhos, Penhas da Saúde e Erada);

MUNICÍPIO DO FUNDÃO (Alcongosta, Alpedrinha e Alcaide);

MUNICÍPIO DE FORNOS DE ALGODRES (Figueiró da Granja e Algodres);

MUNICÍPIO DE GOUVEIA (Folgosinho, Aldeias, Melo, Mangualde da Serra e Figueiró da Serra);

MUNICÍPIO DA GUARDA (Videmonte, Trinta, Fernão Joanes, Famalicão e Valhelhas);

MUNICÍPIO DE MANTEIGAS (Penhas Douradas, Sameiro, Vale de Amoreira e a Vila de Manteigas);

MUNICÍPIO DE OLIVEIRA DO HOSPITAL (São Gião e Alvoco das Várzeas);

MUNICÍPIO DE SEIA (Alvoco da Serra, Cabeça,Lapa dos Dinheiros, Loriga, Póvoa Velha, Sabugueiro, Sazes da Beira, Teixeira, Valezim e Vide);



Mountain Villages

- Very traditional and low income economy (agriculture and pastoralism);
- Old innabitants, mainly retired;
- Cultural richness: full of traditions and celebrations.

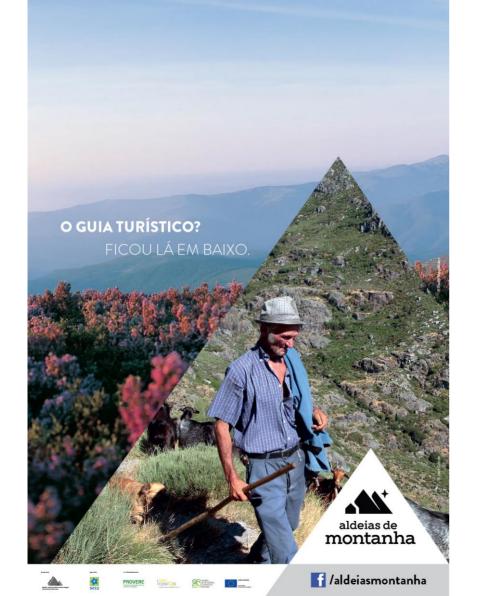


Our main activities

- Mountain celebrations;
- Coworking spaces network;
- Social innovation platform "Lugar".







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Mountain celebrations

- Traditional celebrations related to:
 - local resources: bread, wool, water, gardens, cherry
 - cultural aspects (Transhumance, Christmas, music...)
- 100% sustainable events, using and reusing local resources
- Communities are fully envolved











Transhumance Festival: the ascent of the flocks in search of better pastures









Wool Festival where we celebrate the heritage of wool and relationship with the mountain identity

Cabeça, the Christmas village



Sustainability and community in the celebration of Christmas

Cabeça Christmas village



Coworking spaces

- First rural coworking spaces in Portugal
- Original, modern and attractive spaces, in harmony with the surrounding nature
- Fitted to digital nomads, teleworking workers, artists and students







Coworking spaces

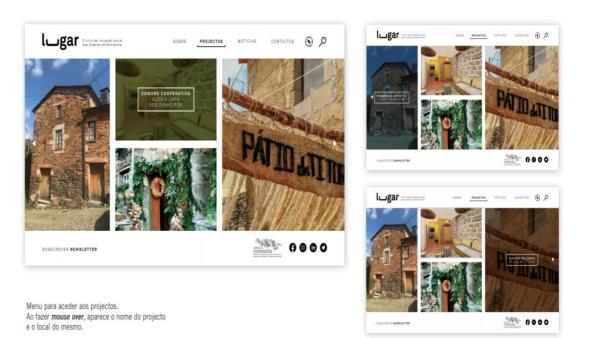
- Based in urban rehabilitation of unused spaces in the villages;
- Furniture and equipments are 100% local made (when possible) and sustainable all the design furniture can be purchased;
- Non-profit logic, booking through a website





Social innovation platform

 Platform "Lugar" connects social projects (ideas) from the mountain villages communities to people that want to contribute.





Social innovation platform

- Each project identifies their needs (e.g. furniture, wall paint, etc)
- Anyone can donate anything (finantial, materials, etc).





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Pastoralism in the Mountain Villages:

- Very present since ancient ages;
- Serra da Estrela is one of the portuguese territories where it remains alive;
- Key to the mountain ecossystems;
- Their value is not recognized.



Problem: Social, economic and political marginalisation of shepherds



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ADIRAM has some experience in promoting the value of shepherds:

- Engaging the shepherds in tourism activities ("Spend a day with a shepherd", Transhumance festival);
- Creating new opportunities for promoting endogenous products related to pastoralism (Burel, cheese, etc);



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We are looking for new and innovative ways to:

- Empower shepherds;
- Increase the value of pastoralism in the public eye.





Obrigada!

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