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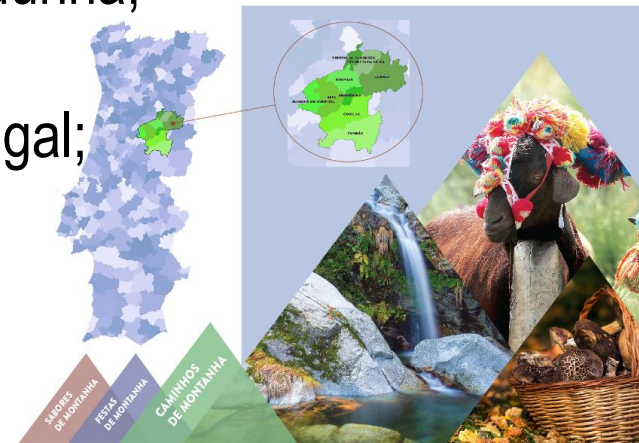
ADIRAM (Association of Integrated Development of the Network of Mountain Villages) works to promote the integrated development of the Mountain Villages territory, through the adoption of a sustainable, integrated, innovative and creative framework.

Since 2013.

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.



Context of the situation of pastoralism in Portugal

Sheep farming in Portugal, and in the Centre region and the Serra da Estrela in particular, is carried out in small units, in many cases involving grazing on common lands.

The tradition of transhumance is still active, with herds and shepherds moving from the foothills of the Serra da Estrela to the high pastures during the summer period.



Context of the situation of pastoralism in Portugal

Most of the farms are run by the shepherds themselves, who are relatively old.

The attractiveness of this profession is low and there is a very low age renewal.

At the economic level, the production of meat and milk for cheese production are the main activities carried out.



SWOT – Pastoralism in Portugal

<p>Strenghts</p> <p>Traditional activity High environmental value (biodiversity and ecosystem services) Climate change fighters and resilience (reduce wildfires)</p>	<p>Weaknesses</p> <p>Low economic viability High bureaucracy management (e.g. licensing) Low social recognition Lack of training Lack of organized associations</p>
<p>Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Funding for the ecosystem services provided by the activity- New training and learning opportunities- New technology to assist work	<p>Threats</p> <p>Low age renewal Decrease of shepherds working alone (small farms) Risk of become a touristic activity</p>

Multiplier event in Portugal

May 21st in the Land – Wool Innovation Week in the portuguese village of Manteigas





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