

1. The Project

The AGRONATUR project is a Leonardo da Vinci project for the **transfer** of innovation, developed within the Lifelong Learning Programme. It previews the transference of the results of previous projects, namely *In Nature* and *Active Tourism* that were developed as Pilot-Projects, under the Leonardo da Vinci Program:

- IN-NATURE, Nature and Rural Realm Interpreter: an innovative training (www.irmasl.com/innature/), and
- ACTIVE TOURISM: A New Professional Profile (www.activetourism.info).

The solutions presented by each one of these projects, represent innovative solutions in order to support the improvement of the vocational and professional capacities, to create employment in the rural realm, being based upon new emergent job opportunities.

2. The Target Groups

The target group is the rural population, especially: unemployed women, young population unemployed after a compulsory school, adults that abandon agriculture or in process of abandoning it, people that somehow have physical deficiency or incapacity. The tourism sector and leisure organizations, agriculture, restaurants, environment, social services, vocational training (training centers and enterprises), Local Action Groups, trainers and public entities, are also considered beneficiaries.

3. Project Goals

We can resume the main goals of this project as:

- Strengthen the cooperation between different countries and institutions;
- Improve the quality of the European professional training systems, adapting and integrating the innovating results and contents, obtained in the former projects;
- Transfer these contents for the new social, economic and languages realities;
- Foment the equal opportunities of training;
- Adapt the innovating solutions to other sectors and/or potential beneficiary groups;
- Contribute for the sustainable rural development;
- Involve the entities and the social local, regional and national actors.

4. Results

The main expected results are the Training Manual, the Pilot-Course, a Web page, the Transnational seminars, the Collaboration/adhesion agreements and a Project Brochure

5. The Partnership

The partnership is constituted by 7 entities from 5 countries:

ADRAT, Development Association of Alto Tâmega's Region (Portugal) – project promoter; non profit private entity, founded in 1990. On the quality of Local Action Group (LAG) have been managing the implementation on the Alto Tâmega the LEADER, LEADER II and LEADER + programmes. Aiming the rural development has worked in several national and communitarian projects within several programmes: ILE, SIMC, PEDIP, PROCOM, RIME, PME, INOVJOVEM, POEFDS, AGRIS, INTERREG IIIA, INTERREG IIIB, INTERREG IIIC, ON – Operação Norte, LEONARDO DA VINCI.

E.N.T.E.R. – European Network for Transfer and Exploitation of EU Project Results (Austria) – E.N.T.E.R. is a non-profit making association and supports the dissemination and exploitation of developments, products and results from EU funded projects. The network aims to connect project consortia, organisations and people working or interested in the same thematic field. The support of EU strategies through the dissemination and exploitation of project results funded by the EU will be of benefit for all European citizens. Additionally to the services of the network, E.N.T.E.R. also acts proactively as project promoter, project partner and expert to foster dissemination and exploitation standards within the EU.

MTÜ Siksali Arendusselts (Estonia) - Siksali Development Centre is a non-profit organisation in South-Eastern Estonia, acting on the field of rural development and adults training. Founded in 2002 has been participating in several European projects: GRUNDTVIG, LEONARDO DA VINCI, JOINT ACTIONS, VISBY among others. It is partner o the Estonian Environment Centre and coordinates projects of Environmental Education on the Võru County.



ADESPER, Association for Sustainable Development and Promotion of Rural Employment (Spain) – it is a non profit entity, including several social interlocutors working in local and rural development. It acts in various autonomous communities of Spain (Castilla y León, Navarra, Asturias, Galicia and Cantabria) and in Portugal. Its main objective is to promote the sustainable development and achieve the participation of the groups with more difficulties to obtain a Job in rural areas and in far away regions.

Diputación of Palencia (Spain) - entity of public administration in the province of Palencia, local, which provides assistance, legal cooperation, economic and technical assistance to municipalities in the province, and also cooperates with the Autonomous Community and the Central Government. The main areas of action are: economic development and employment, women, youth, culture and publications, tourism, sports, artistic heritage, environment, agricultural services and social services, among others.

ADRAL, Regional Development Agency of Alentejo SA (Portugal) – it is a non profit private agency, created in 1998, constituted by 68 public and private entities of various activity areas, from all over the region. The main objectives of its work are contribute for the valorisation and development of the regional productive basis, promote innovation and qualification, reinforce the international status of Alentejo region, stimulate initiative for the creation of innovative social mobilization forms and institutional cooperation for development.

CEFIDEC, TRAINING AND INNOVATION CENTER FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE CARPATHIANS (Romania) – it is a public institution founded in 1994, subordinated to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and specialized in issues regarding the mountain agriculture, economy and environment. Its activities have as objectives the training of farmers and specialized personnel who live and work in the mountain areas, implementation of innovative projects, collaboration with research and training institutions. It is a member of the European Association of the Mountain Regions (EUROMONTANA) and of the National for Mountain Rural Development (ROMONTANA).

