'Fighting depopulation in rural areas – identifying development potential in rural region'

KEYS OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN ANDALUCÍA
LEADER 2014 - 2020

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- 90% of Andalusia's surface are rural areas + 83,000 square kilometers.
- 43% of the Andalusian population lives in rural areas. + 4.4 million inhabitants.
- 713 rural municipalities.
- 215 municipalities with less than a thousand inhabitants, which account for 30% of the Andalusian rural municipalities.
- 411 municipalities with a population between 1,000 - 10,000 inhabitants
- 87 municipalities with a population between 10,000 and 20,000 inhabitants
- Population density in rural areas 53.1 hab / sq km
- Priority Rural Areas with greater depopulation Mountain areas, Granada Altiplano, Inland Alpujarra Almería, Jaén.

- Andalusia has a low loss of rural population:

  Out of 713 rural municipalities in Andalusia 479 have lost population in the last 10 years
  96 municipalities with a population loss of < 20%
  134 municipalities with a population loss of < 2.6%

  27% rural population < 25 years old
  50% rural population < 40 years old
  20% rural population > 65 years old
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- Apply a territorial and integrative approach to rural development policies. Promotion of actions and projects of regional zonal character.

- Improve coordination and inter-administrative cooperation for the design and application of rural development policies.

- Advance investments and regional actions for small municipalities that allow them to access services and infrastructures in a homogeneous manner and reach a critical mass sufficient to successfully achieve socio-economic development of their territories.

- Advance complementary and supplementary actions between rural and urban areas that allow achieving cohesive territorial development.

- Showcase the endogenous resources of the territories; environmental, cultural, landscape, forestry, etc.

- Encourage citizen participation in decision-making for development on their territory. Application of the Leader approach.
GENERAL STRATEGIES

For Repopulation and Maintenance of the rural population:

- Improvement in the provision of basic services to the population.
- Provision of essential services for the implementation of economic activities.
- Training aimed at young people and women from rural areas and emigrant population.
- Special treatment of priority rural areas: on tax incentives for companies and entrepreneurs, special budgets for small municipalities, etc
- Put in value the services and infrastructures of the municipalities that facilitate the location of new economic activities and the settlement of population.
- Design of a common strategy to fight against depopulation.
CHARACTERISTICS:

- PARTICIPATION OF THE POPULATION OF EACH TERRITORY: 31,500 active participants.
  
  In its preparation, 14,500 women participated (46% of the participants)

- PARTICIPATION OF THE YOUNG POPULATION.

- INTEGRATION OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES WOMEN / MEN
  Strategies with a gender perspective.

- Preferential support for actions aimed at CREATING EMPLOYMENT.

- Promotion of INNOVATIVE actions, for the diversification of economic activities, overcoming the limitations of development and conservation of the environment.

- INTERTERRITORIAL AND TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION
* 2,808 Projects presented in the 2017 Call for sub-measure 19.2 of the LEADER Initiative worth 72 M €, mainly for:

- Adjustment and supply the infrastructures and proximity services of the municipalities that improve the quality of life and socioeconomic development.

- Economic diversification, development of innovative business initiatives that generate employment.

- Promotion of young employment. Creation of 1,600 full-time and permanent jobs.

- Improvement of the business competitiveness of rural SMEs.

- Conservation and promotion of rural heritage. (natural, cultural, landscape …)

- Maintenance of the population in rural territories
To continue strengthening rural economies, promoting the development of endogenous resources in the Andalusian rural environment, fostering social vertebraion and contributing to the improvement of quality of life and guaranteeing gender equality.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH