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Monte and its associates have a network of Rural Intervention Cabinets (RIC). These cabinets give direct technical support to productive activities and the associative movement. Proximity technical services intend to promote, reinforce and support entrepreneurial initiatives and its organisation, with special focus on those proposed by women and youngsters, as well as to strength solidarity and identity relations expressed on rural associative movements.

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Who we are

In 1996, 4 local development associations in Central Alentejo [**Aliende, Adim, Admc, Trilho**] got together and funded

Monte - Desenvolvimento Alentejo Central, ACE.

In 2010, **Vendas Novas, Porta do Alentejo- ADL** integrantes Monte's associates.

Monte is a non-profit private entity, from Arraiolos. It is a non-governmental organisation for development (**NGO**) with the legal status of public utility. It is also a training entity and a Local Action Group (**LAG**).

Our intervention is focused on social, economic and environmental domain.

The purpose of Monte and its associates is to promote a sustainable and integrated development in its intervention areas. To do that it is fundamental to have a participated local management strategy with agents and local populations in a way to answer its needs so that together we can walk the best pathway in search for rural development.

Since it was funded, **Monte** is a solution in Central Alentejo.

Business Services

- Project and program management under LEADER approach/ CLLD - Community-Led Local Development
- Cooperation for Development with the CPLP - Community of Portuguese Language Speaking Countries
- MICROCREDIT desk
- Training
- Consulting
- Support for the creation and management of small business ideas
- Associated member of the European Association of Women Resource Centers
- Promotion of proximity commerce
- Social and Community development actions
- Development of volunteering actions
- Internet public service
- Organization of holiday camps

mission

Promote social and economic sustainable development of rural areas and local governance processes

values

Respect for..

- universal human rights
- equal opportunities and non-social and economic discrimination
- the defense of subsidiarity grounded in the participation of all citizens in development processes
- independence, transparency and responsible intervention

vision

Our vision is to contribute for material and immaterial life improvement of rural communities and reinforce the articulation between agents and organizations to consolidate a compromise for a sustainable development, as well as to stimulate local answers and solutions that promote growth and well-being through participative processes.

our goals

2014-2017

- consolidate the territorial partnership to assure an articulated intervention in Central Alentejo.
- consolidate our intervention in Cooperation and Education for Development.
- improve our communication strategy and reinforce fundraising capacity to increase independence and financial autonomy.
- implement an information management system and a quality certification on services provided (ISO 9001:2008).
- stimulate social innovation and transformation processes that assure local territorial answers to global challenges.