



Building recommendations for rural mobility 2.0

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Urban-Rural Linkages

**Solutions within the public transport framework
The case of Alentejo, Portugal**

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The Alentejo local context

Area: 27 330km²

The region is made up of five sub-regions, 47 municipalities, 231 parishes, and 16 cities

Population: 468 672

Density: 17,3 hab./km²

Type of settlement: concentrated

Aging index: 223



Challenges

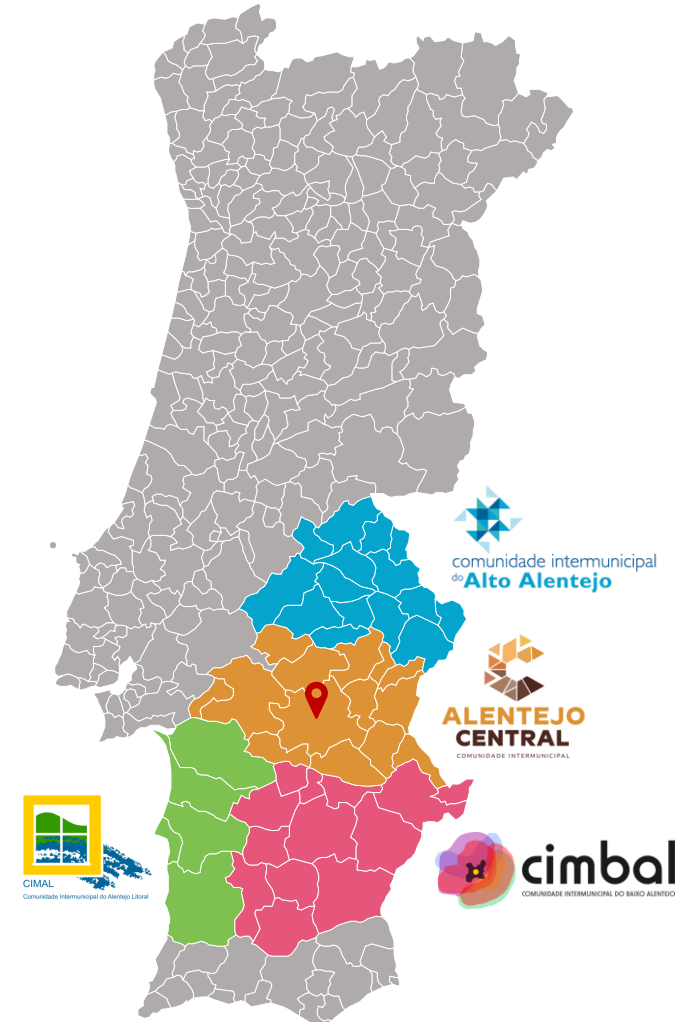
- Design Sustainable Mobility Plans adapted to the Alentejo region as a rural area;
- Test and implement shared mobility solutions in a rural context adapted to the characteristics of Alentejo;
- Utilize available funding opportunities for sustainable mobility solutions and find new forms of funding;
- Share and improve articulation between the different levels: municipality - Inter-municipalities – Regional – National – European;
- Improve communication in different modes and involve population and stakeholders (ex. a lack of tools for scheduling and accessible information);
- Finding synergies between mobility and tourism that can be of added value to both.



Solutions and best practices

Transport Authorities - Law no. 52/2015

- Planning and Coordination
- Regulation
- Contracting Public Transportation Services
- Supervision and Monitoring
- Fare integration
- Promotion of sustainable mobility
- Coordination with other entities



Solutions and best practices



Free Transportation on Beach shuttles for residents and tourists (July-August)



Flexible Transport (on Demand) - routes for 12 of the 14 municipalities, with a transport network of +- **600 km**; Designed to serve localities with fewer inhabitants (**40 and over**), providing an 'on-demand' Public Transport .



Study for the Implementation of Flexible Transport in Alto Alentejo. Aimed to complement intermodality with existing regular transport services. Focused on increasing transport availability in low-density areas, specific locations, and at various times. Participating in two INTERREG programs to support investments in electric mobility.



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Thank You!

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