

Methodology



The methodology will be based on **local collaboration**, technological innovation, and citizen participation, promoting sustainable development and the smart transformation of the rural territory.

4	FLAGSHIP PROJECTS AND SMART SOLUTIONS
3	SMART REGION STRATEGIES
2	REGIONAL ANALYSIS AND PARTICIPATION
1	PARTICIPATORY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

Smart Regions: Innovation, Sustainability, and Community

The **24 Local Action Groups** share a vision to transform Rural Extremadura into a smart region, guiding small towns and helping them manage European funds for their development. Through the Smart Regions project, supported by the Regional Government of Extremadura and led by the 24 Local Action Groups, we aim to **modernize Extremadura's rural areas with technology and digitalization** to address challenges such as aging populations, depopulation, and a declining workforce. This project promotes the social, economic, and digital transformation of these regions, fostering demographic recovery through innovative solutions that create vibrant and smart rural areas.

The **goal** is to **develop more sustainable and inclusive regions**, attracting and retaining population, generating employment, and optimizing infrastructure through digital technology, telecommunications, and citizen participation. Key areas such as tourism, agriculture, and smart transportation are priorities in advancing towards a **Smart Rural Extremadura**.



COMARCAS INTELIGENTES

SMART RURAL LIVING - LEADER EXTREMADURA



SMART RURAL LIVING: Vibrant Rural Areas, Smart Villages.

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Project Partners



The Coordinating Group of the project is **ADISMONTA**, with the participation of the remaining **LEADER Local Action Groups (LAGs) of Extremadura**: ADECOM LÁCARA, ADEME, ADERCO, ADERSUR, ADESVAL, ADEVAG, ADIC-HURDES, ADICOMT, ADICOVER, ADISGATA, APRODERVI, ARJABOR, CEDECO TENTUDÍA, CEDER CAMPIÑA SUR, CEDER CÁPARRA, CEDER LA SERENA, CEDER LA SIBERIA, CEDER ZAFRA- RÍO BODIÓN, DIVA, FEDESIBA, SIERRA DE SAN PEDRO - LOS BALDIOS, SOPRODEVAJE, TAGUS.

Project Objectives



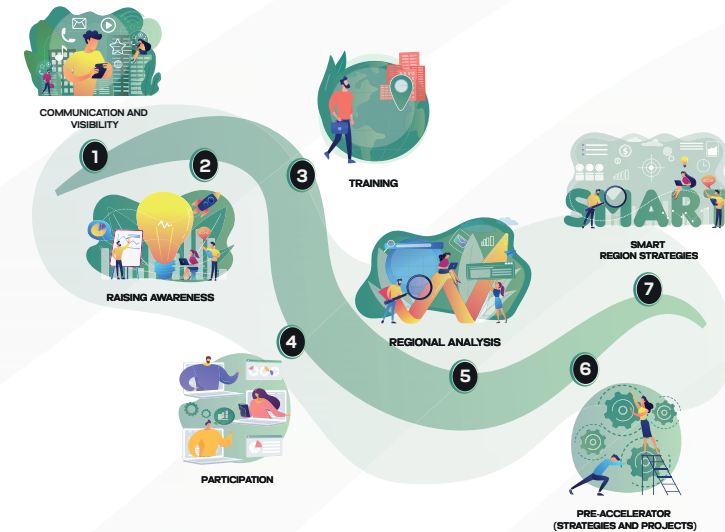
Smart Regions aims to curb depopulation at the regional level, enhancing living conditions to make rural areas **sustainable, inclusive, and attractive** by creating more jobs, improving infrastructure, and raising the quality of life for residents.

The project is founded on new approaches, strategies, and dynamics driven by the 24 Local Action Groups, who identify challenges and opportunities within the regions.

- **New Approaches:** Transform regions into smart territories.
- **Strategies:** Develop and implement smart region strategies.
- **New Dynamics:** Train and encourage rural communities to actively participate in the collective creation of innovative solutions.

Project Phases

The project is structured around various activities, all aimed at **implementing the “Smart Region Strategies”** in each region through an innovative participatory process that includes the following phases:



Expected Results

- » Improve **quality of life** and help **curb depopulation** through innovative solutions and projects.
- » More **employment opportunities** for women and young people (priority groups).
- » **Awareness-raising** (promoter teams, citizens, local politicians, schools and high schools, Local Action Group Boards).
- » **Smart Rurality Training**.
- » **Smart Analysis** of the 24 Regions and the Overall Region.
- » **Local participation** in the development of 24 Smart Region Strategies.
- » **Acceleration program** for the development of 24 Smart Region Strategies.
- » **144 Key Projects** (6 projects per region), **regional or interregional**.