

GALxClima

Support and advise to Local Action Groups
in Spain to face the climate emergency in
the territories



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Good Practice Webinar: Rural communities tackling climate change

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A brief introduction

- Purpose of Red2Red: accompaniment and advisory
- Local Action Groups as main drivers for this programme



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- Problems identified- What can be improved?

Encourage openness to seize the opportunities and address the challenges presented by climate change in rural areas.

Online webinars:
create spaces for personal interactions, share lessons and experiences.
Tools. Guidelines.

Incorporate the climate issue in the design of local development strategies	August 2023 – LDPS (PAC) Transformative strategies: long term thinking, innovation and systemic changes
Energy transition	New opportunities Land use Traditional activities Biodiversity and landscape
Climate planning	Local level Policy planning
Local Action Groups as drivers of change	Food systems Green employment Sustainable tourism Natural areas

The path traveled in GALxClima

September 2022

GALxClima presentation to regional and national LEADER networks.

November 2022

Local Development Strategies and climate action. The role of Groups in the face of the climate emergency, how to work on this challenge in the design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of Local Development Strategies?

December 2022

LEADER Groups and energy transition in rural areas. Renewable energies, opportunities, and risks in rural areas; energy efficiency in businesses, institutions, and households; mobility and transportation in rural areas;

February 2023

LEADER Groups and climate planning at the local level. Context and regulations (PACES), covenant of mayors for climate, and ongoing tools and initiatives;

March 2023

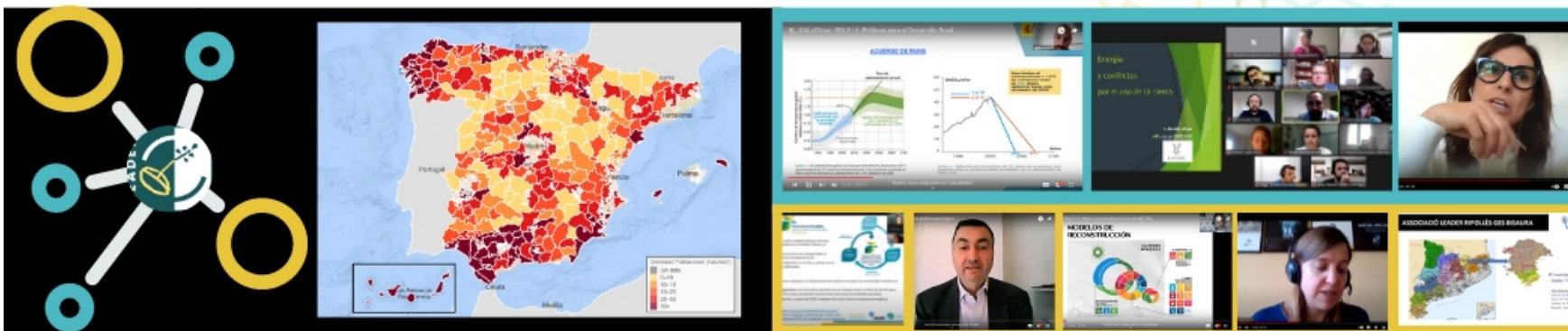
LEADER Groups, driving force for transition in rural areas. How can Groups promote transition in their territories towards more sustainable food systems? Natural spaces and land use. Green employment. Tourism: adaptation and new proposals.

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Grupos de Acción Local y emergencia climática

5 sesiones formativas
27 entidades/ponentes



327 personas asistentes

70 asistentes de media en sesión

145 Grupos de Acción Local

57,31% del total de Grupos LEADER nacionales

Mayo 2023



GALxClima lab1

10/05/2023

Workshop in Madrid.

9 Local Action Groups

Specific guidance from expert to promote climate projects in rural areas



Results and follow-up

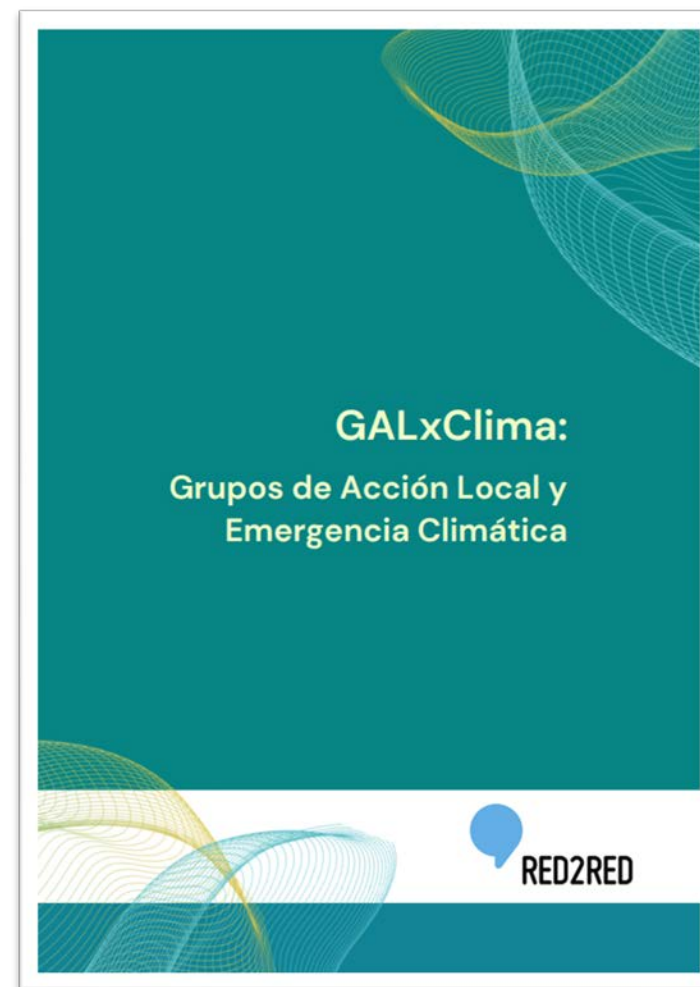
Broad participation: 145/253 Local Action Groups in all 4 sessions (62%). More than 320 people

Survey: In which way LAGs have included tools presented in GALxClima programme?

- Incorporating climate issues in the design of specific actions and projects (26,53%)
- Giving greater weight to climate criteria in the prioritisation of projects (44.90%)
- Developing mechanism to bring the climate issue closer to the territory (48,98%)

Follow-up: 2nd phase (nov23 – nov24): 4 LIVING LABS

- Restoration of natural areas, biodiversity conservation and connection with nature
- Efficiency of water resources to tackle the problems arising from the increased periods of drought
- Adaptation of production systems and opportunities arising from renewable energies
- Biodiversity loss and environmental degradation derived from fires. Forest management.



Living Labs



1. Visibility of Green Transition Process: emphasize the importance of making the transition to a green economy visible within territories.

2. Adaptation to Local Needs: prioritize adapting work proposals to the specific and identified needs of local stakeholders through listening and empathy.

3. Encouraging Innovation: promote creativity and innovative solutions through methodologies that foster the emergence of new ideas.

4. Fostering Collaboration: co-creation, diversity, and multidisciplinary among participating agents to generate new perspectives and ideas.

5. Iterative Improvement: implement a cyclical approach of exploration, experimentation, monitoring, and evaluation to incorporate feedback and continuously improve the transition process.

Challenges...

- **LAB1: Conservation of natural spaces** (28th February in Jérica, Castellón): Conclusions linked to implications and opportunities of the agreement for the nature restoration law.

Challenges identified by LEADER Groups:

- *We don't speak the same language.*
 - Duality and polarisation. Tensions generated in the territory. Current context of protests.
 - Consequences on the territory: social, economic and environmental context? Identify the impacts.
 - Local resources and compensation: economic benefit (private) vs. social and environmental benefit (local community).
 - Encourage spaces - interaction - different actors - prototype actions
 - *What does our action (or inaction) imply for us in the short, medium and long term?*
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- **LAB2: Adaptation to drought and water resource efficiency** (24th -25th April in Montilla, Córdoba)
 - Participatory dynamics for the development of future scenarios.
 - Integrating views of different local entities (town councils, private sector, agricultural sector, academia).
 - Actions linked to training and awareness-raising. Technological improvements. Governance and participation of the local community.
 - Collaboration with the regional LEADER network of Andalusia (ARA: Association for the Rural Development of Andalusia). Meeting logistics and dissemination of the call.

