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**“Rural
Innovation”**



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Territorial Innovation Centers (CITs) in rural areas (Spain)

Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the
Demographic Challenge.

- local approach
- innovative

What are the CITs?

*"Let's commit to a new
development model that places
people and territory at the heart
of innovation."*

Initiative catalyst.

Connects.

Fosters' synergies.

Promotes collaborative governance

STRATEGIC MODEL: cooperation agreement

-Ministry for the Ecological Transition, the Demographic Challenge

-Provincial Council.



Services and Support



innovation projects: design to impact evaluation.

Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge –

- Activity coordination support
- coordination
- Entrepreneurship development:
- inter-ministerial communication

Provincial Councils:

- physical spaces and technical resources
- personnel
- events
- annual activity plans and reports



The CIT Network

21 active CITs: 40% of Spanish provinces (21 out of 50)

Timeline

- **2022** Model definition. Steering Group creation.
- **2023** Mapping challenges and opportunities
- **2024 – Consolidation**
- **2025 – Expansion**

Coordinating Node (CIUDEN, León, Ponferrada)

1. Methodological support.
2. Funding tools.
3. Training and skills development.
4. Public-private collaborative networks.
5. Process digitalisation



II. Case Study: CIT Teruel



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- Cooperation agreement August 23, 2022.
- Distinctive model :
 - **CEOE Teruel**: local business
 - **ATADI**: people with intellectual disabilities.
 - **Apadrinaunolivo.org**: A nonprofit promoting rural development.
 - **AEDPT**: Network of local action groups across Teruel.
 - **Local social organisations**



Initiatives and projects

- **Support innovative strategies**

Example: "Rehabitando II"

- **Strengthen social capital:**

Example "Los 100 de Teruel" .

- **Develop local capacities:** Shares knowledge and peer learning.

Example: "Cafés de Establo"

- **Reinforce territorial and multi-level synergies**

Example: "Collaborative Ecosystem: Generational Renewal"





Paco Boya, Secretary General for the Demographic Challenge:

"Let's build the future together: connecting, innovating, and transforming our territories by putting people at the centre of every action."

