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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.

[monte's associates]

**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.

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.

**Solutions and Services for you and your company**

- Open Calls for Grants under SB 3 PRODER/LEADER approach
- Cooperation for development projects with the CPLP
- MICROCREDIT desk
- Support to the creation and management of your own business
- Set up of Financial Operations
- Projects for community and national funding
- Proximity commerce (PROVE)
- Indoor and Outdoor training
- Training Skills
- Volunteering
- Social and community development actions
- Senior University
- Associated of the European Association of Women Resource Centres
- Internet public space
- Holiday camps

## mission

- To promote social and economic development and advocacy on rural regions.

## values in which we believe

- Subsidiarity and local management.
- Participation and proximity.
- Network communication and performance.
- Integration..
- Economic viability and sustainability.
- Employment and Qualification.
- Promote and value what is rural.
- Gender equality.

## vision

- Group of entities recognised to be the manager of interests and decision-making for common or specific purposes for some of its associates.
- Entity with referenced projects on cooperation for development.
- Entity recognised by its peers for providing quality services on entrepreneurial and social innovation.
- Entity recognised by the relevance for the creation of a methodology to support entrepreneurship.
- Entity recognised as a development agent by its peers and social and economic actors.

## strategic purposes Until 2013 Monte intends to:

- Reinforce cooperation with its associates.
- Provide Quality services.
- Reinforce its position in networks; European, national and regional platforms.
- Reinforce cooperation for development.
- Join other networks and European platforms.
- Make a bet on ICT through e-learning platforms and the creation of e-learning contents.
- Create, implement and disseminate a methodology to support entrepreneurship.
- Approve and create dynamic on projects under SP 3 PRODER/LEADER approach.
- Manage training actions for employed people.
- Sell consultancy services.