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Municipality of Beja, Alentejo / CIMBAL

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Developing healthy and prosperous urban eco-systems, Brussels

Beja, Alentejo

facts and figures

- NUTS level: 3
- Area: 1146,48 km²
- Population: 33 550 inhabitants
- Population structure



11,37%



11,59%



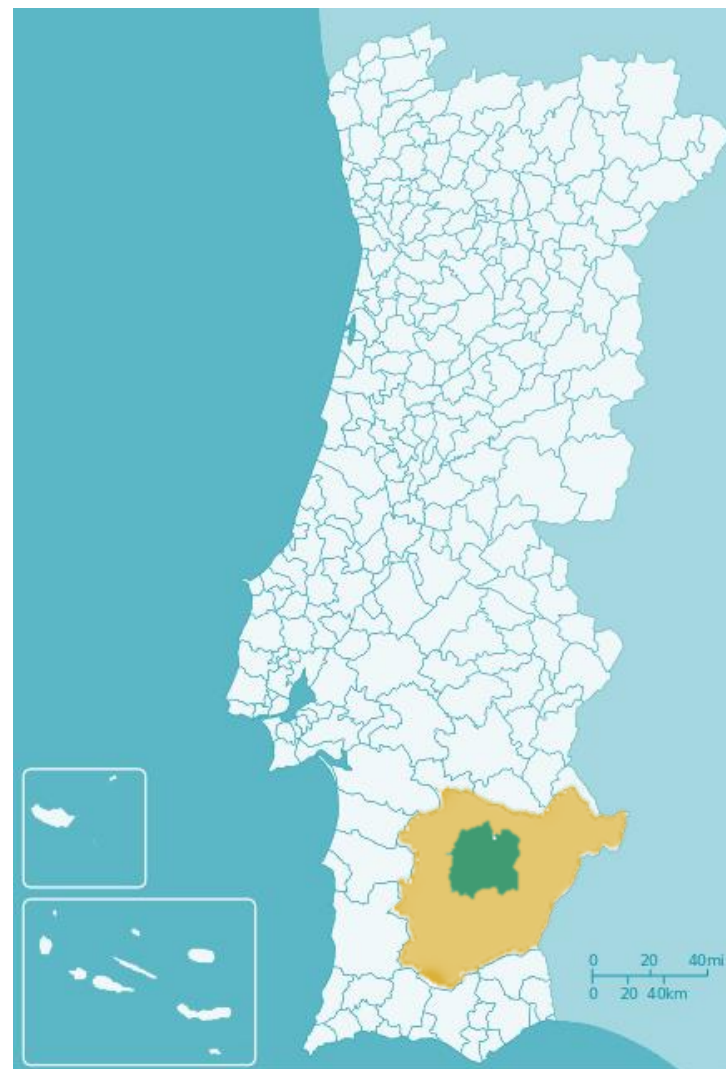
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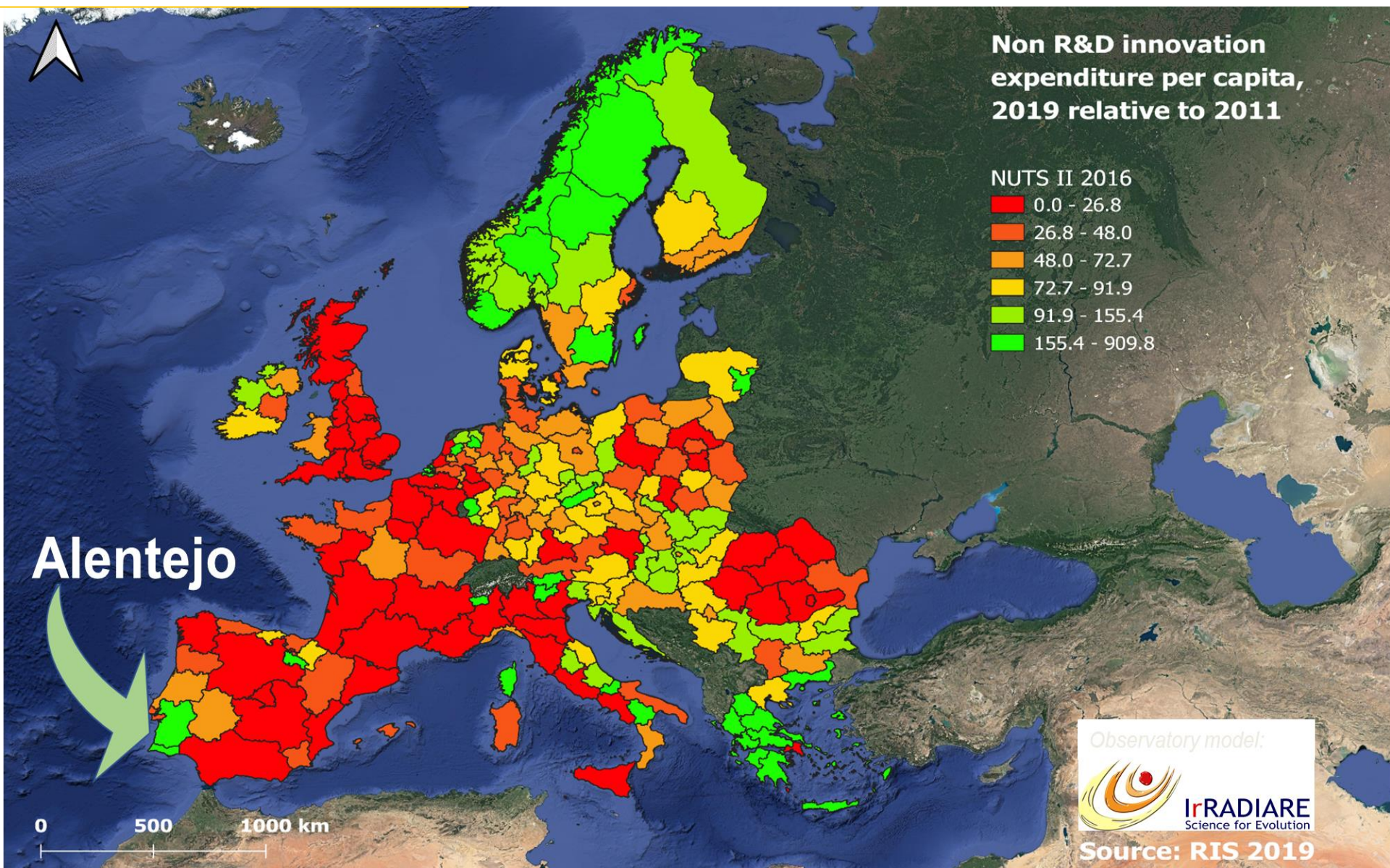


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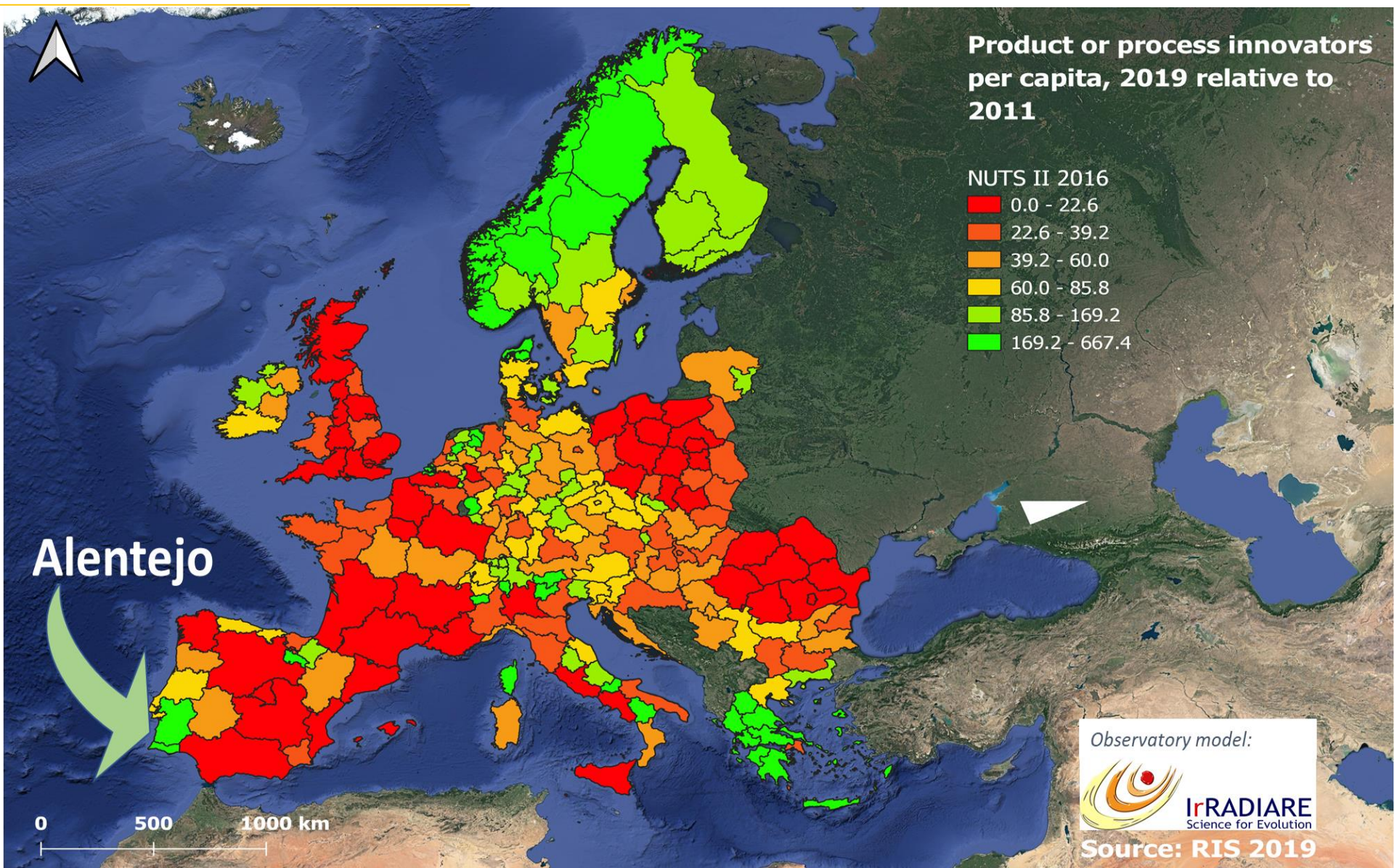
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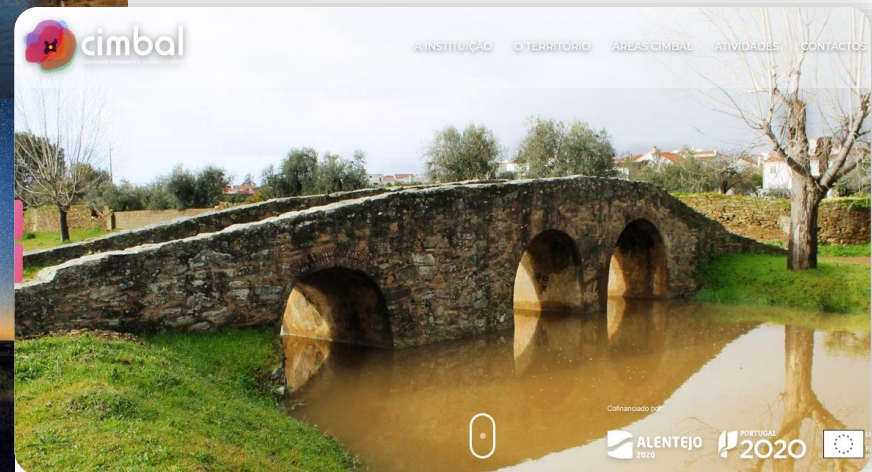


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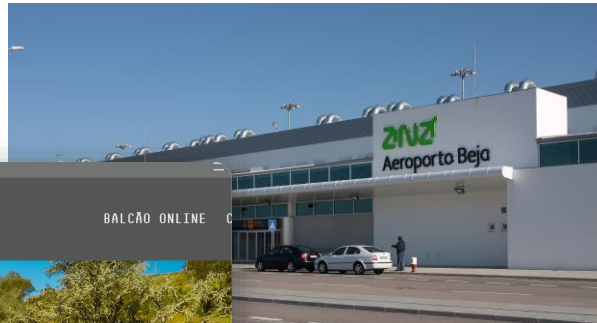
Association of municipalities and an intermunicipal public authority

Participation in managing projects to promote regional development



Municipality of Beja, Alentejo

- Capital of Baixo Alentejo region
- Interacting with local and regional stakeholders



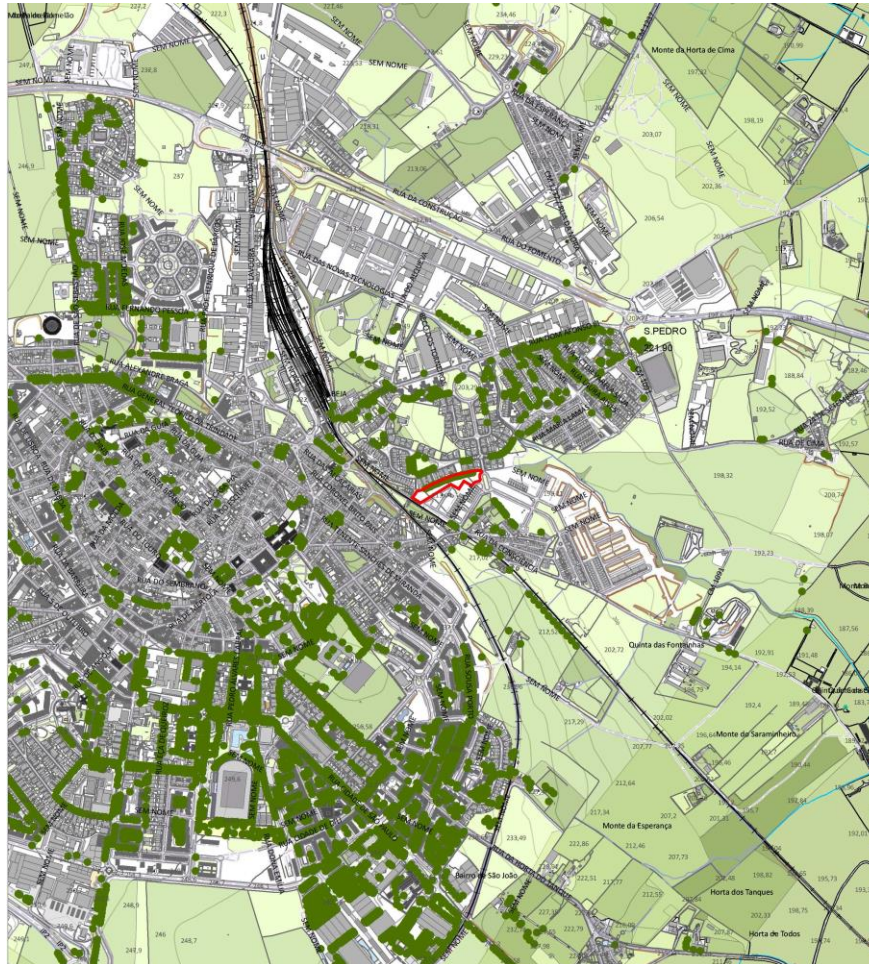
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How and Why?

- Established on the 10th of November 2012;
- Arised from an identified need of the cityzens;
- To create more engagement in the neighbours and sense of community and belonging
- The municipality provided a regulation to properly identify the rules and accessibilities available
- The municipality made available water, toilets, support to the urban farming maintenance and logistic support when needed
- Currently there are 62 horticulturists
- The dimensions of the gardens are between 40 and 80 m²

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Step by step

1st Step

Defining the best location, considering maximum involvement of the citizens

2nd Step

Defining the proper structure and regulation within the municipality

3rd Step

Launching and promoting the available land for urban farming as a community

4th Step

Following up on registered people to access the land providing the needed support

5th Step

Continuous monitoring and maintenance of the urban farm

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Main Challenges are related to:



Challenges

- Managing citizen's access and expectations to the urban farm
- Being able to efficiently manage the resources in what regards cost and sustainability concerns
- To balance the need for rules and the liberty for people to be creative in their own space for cultivate

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Resources and Expertise

The resources and expertise allocated to the urban farm were from the municipality staff through the creation of a dedicated support structure.

Also specific expertise and mutual learning has been possible between citizens and municipality staff

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**Success and
replicability**

We believe that both success and replicability can only be accomplished with a daily work with the people.

By engaging in participatory processes where the citizens feel their needs being answered it is the clear road to success!



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Thank you!

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Questions welcome



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