

FECA - Forum for Circular Economy in Alentejo

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Main Goals:



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Involve local institutions and business, national and regional entities, private and public entities

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Discuss opportunities and constraints of Circular Economy

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Define strategies, implementation and dissemination of circular initiatives

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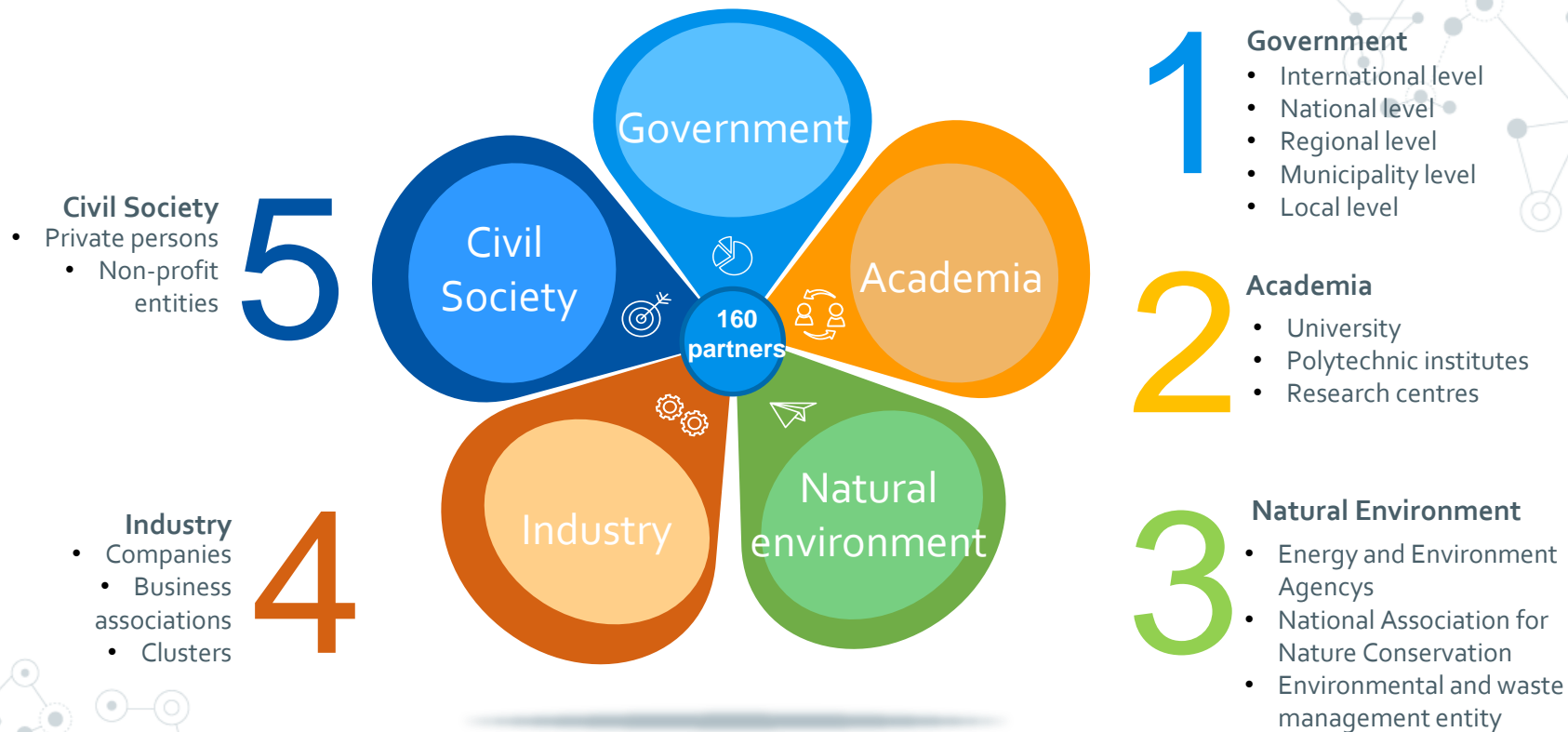
Promote synergies among partners in order to implement projects based on Circular Economy

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Promote cross-border cooperation and synergies

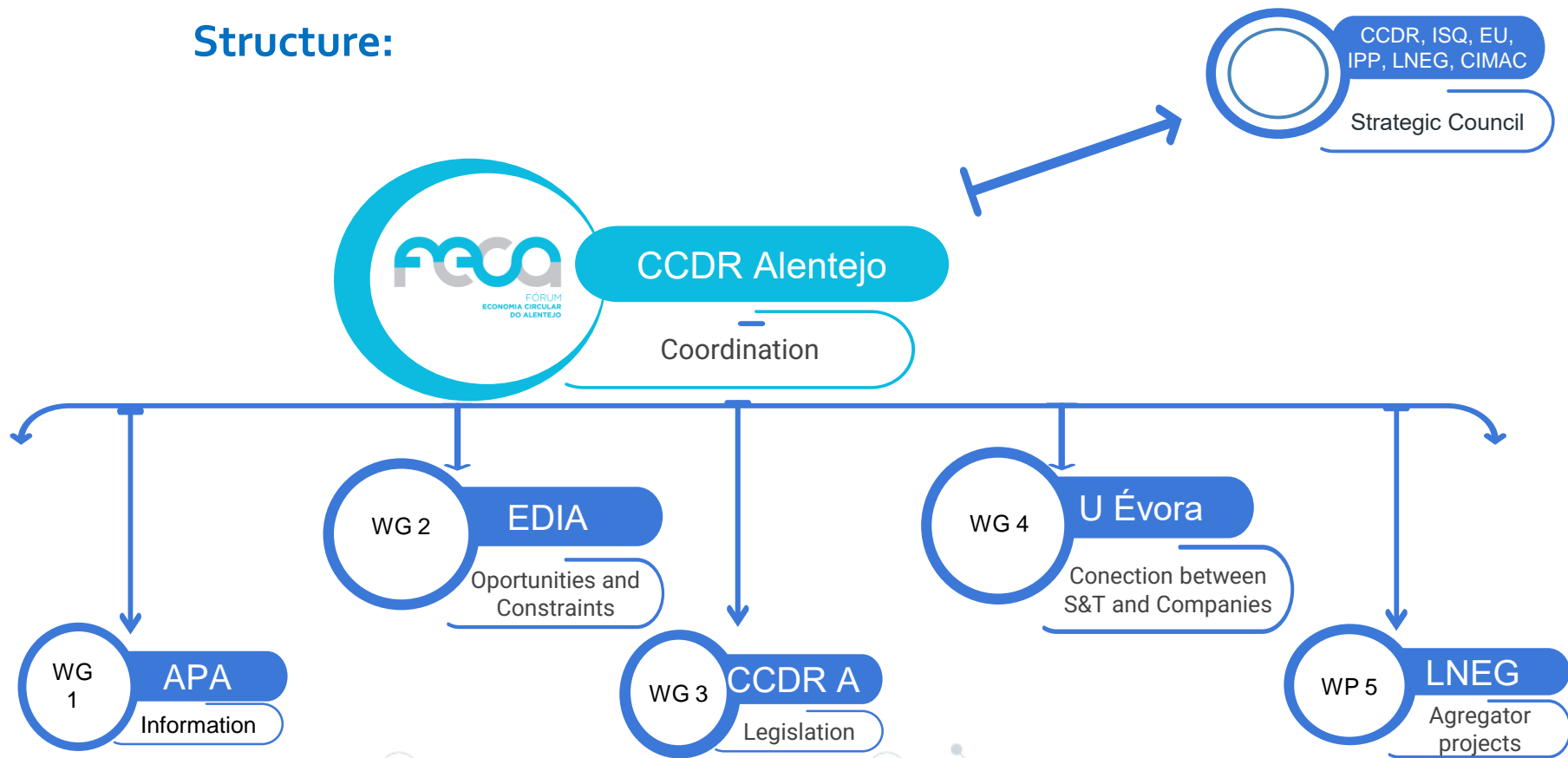


FECA promote the continuous involvement of the whole disciplinary spectrum



(Based on Carayannis and Campbell (2010))

Structure:



Expeted Steps on 2021:



What was achieved in the region:

The regional policies focusing on Circular Economy



The **National Action Plan for a Sustainable Bioeconomy** – Horizon 2025. It identifies five axes of intervention that include the development of a circular and sustainable industry, through research and innovation. CCDR Alentejo is one of the entities that belongs to the Commission for Monitoring its implementation and is responsible for the interventions to be carried out at the regional level.



The **Regional Strategie to 2030**: the circular economy is defined as a thematic agenda to develop in the region



The **Regional Smart Specialization Strategie to 2030**:

- Where one of the aims is to achieve the transition to a more circular economy and sustainable use of resources/assets as the basis of the regional response to the great environmental challenge;
- The circularity of the economy is one of the two transversal domains in the strategie.



The launch of the Regional Guidebook on Circular Procurement, which aims to raise awareness of regional stakeholders on the emerging needs of circular procurement application, recent trends and developments

Some projects and initiatives dealing with circular economy



The project **STONE Cast - Circular Advanced Sustainable Transformation**, it aims to propose to develop and create value in the Alentejo area, based on a circular economy model through: i) Sustainability and rational exploitation of resources; ii) Optimization of extraction and transformation processes according to Industry 4.0 paradigms and iii) Promotion of synergies with other areas of knowledge and industries



The **InC2** is a national initiative which aims to support and empower municipalities and their communities in the transition to the circular economy by defining present and future conditions for locally-based participatory planning practices and networked learning for the circular economy. National networks of circular cities are being supported around four priority themes: urbanism and construction; urban economy for circularity; urban-rural relations and the urban water cycle.



What was achieved:

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The **LifeLines project** which presents nature-based solutions as a contribution to the circular economy. Through the project it was possible to test, evaluate and disseminate measures aimed at mitigating negative effects of linear infrastructures (roads, power lines) on fauna and promoting the creation, along these lines, of a Green Infrastructure to support the increase and conservation of biodiversity.



The project **REiNOVA_SI** (Re-industrialization of the agri-food sector – Sustainability and Innovation) is a transnational cooperation project between Portugal and Spain that aims to promote the use of circular economy practices in micro-enterprises and SMEs in the agri-food sector.



We start to work as a partner with **the CECOLAB association**, which has the coordination of the Portuguese Strategic Scientific Network for the Circular Economy and also the Seals of Excellence for Innovation: Collaborative Laboratory.



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The Regional Council for safeguarding and promoting the Mediterranean Diet. The CCDR Alentejo together with two other regional entities coordinate the regional council. Four pillars of promotion and safeguarding were defined: Agriculture and Systems Food, Territory and Heritage, Tourism and Other Economic Activities and Health and Education.

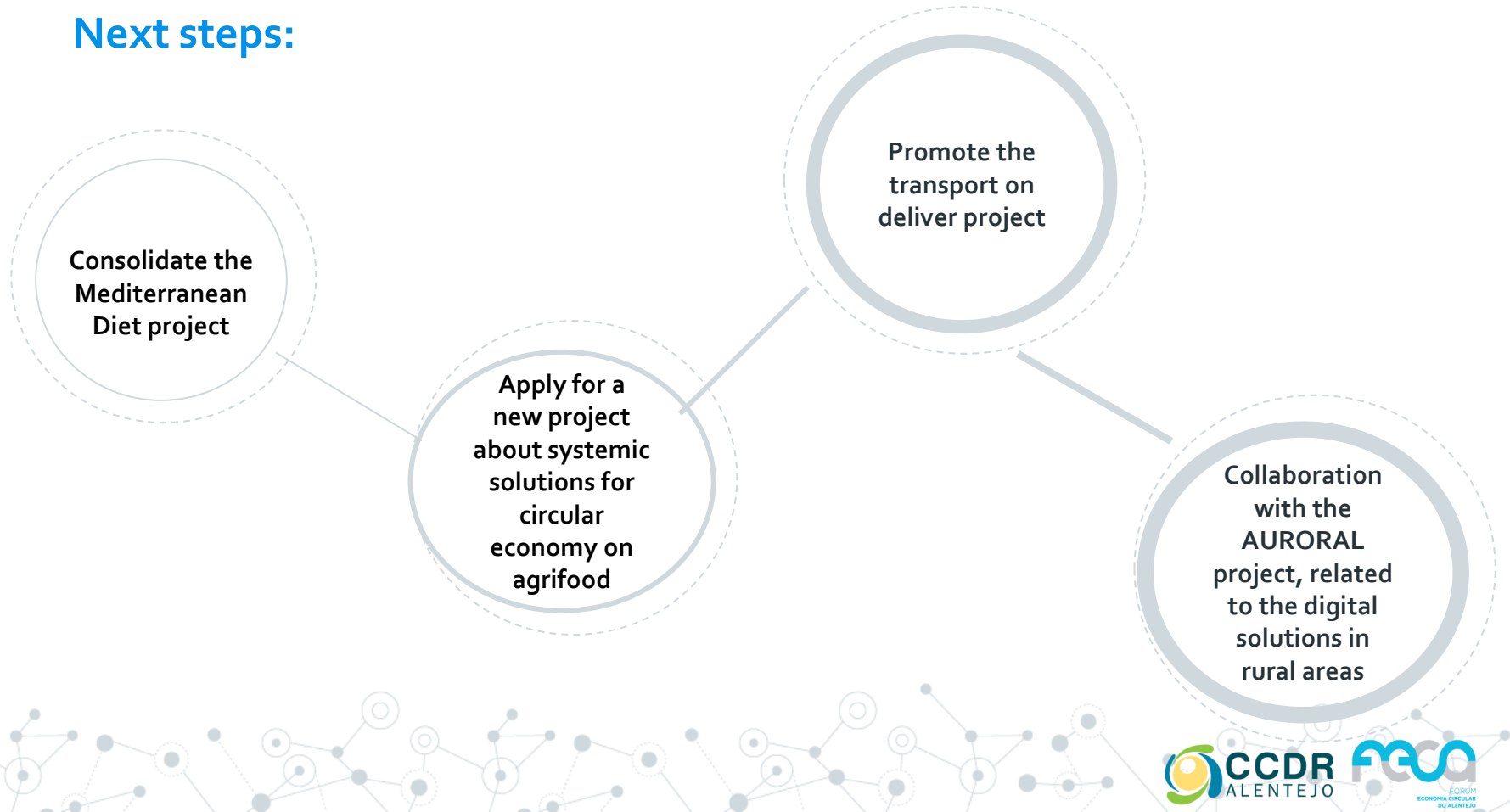


A meeting was held, in the CCDR Alentejo, with the presence of more than 35 entities where 8 good practices related to tourism, community, ornamental stones and construction and demolition waste were presented



Application to the HORIZON 2020 program the project 2S_CIRCULARE which was focuses on agrifood, plastics, water and energy, aiming at closing, slowing, narrowing and regenerating resource flows

Next steps:



Thanks!

Any questions?

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