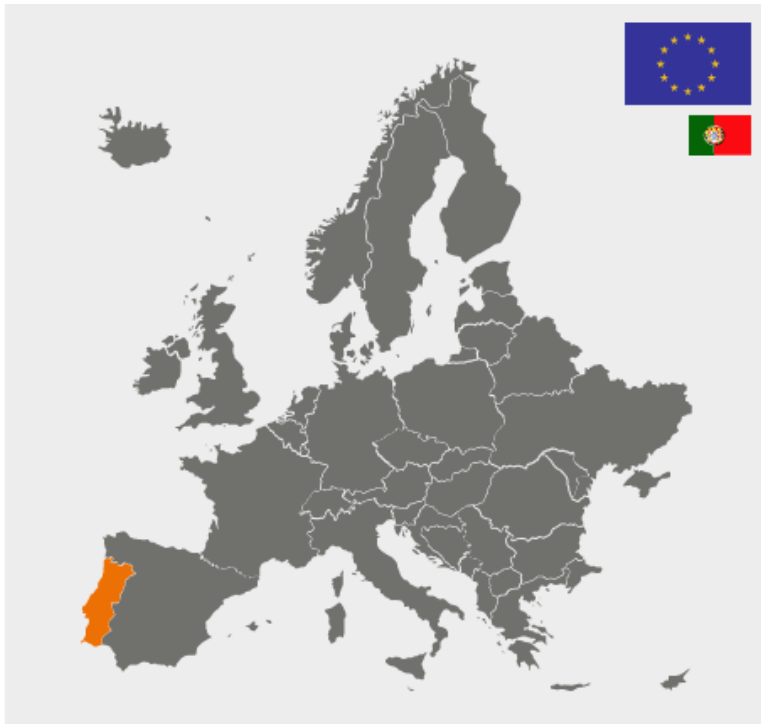


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MAP intro

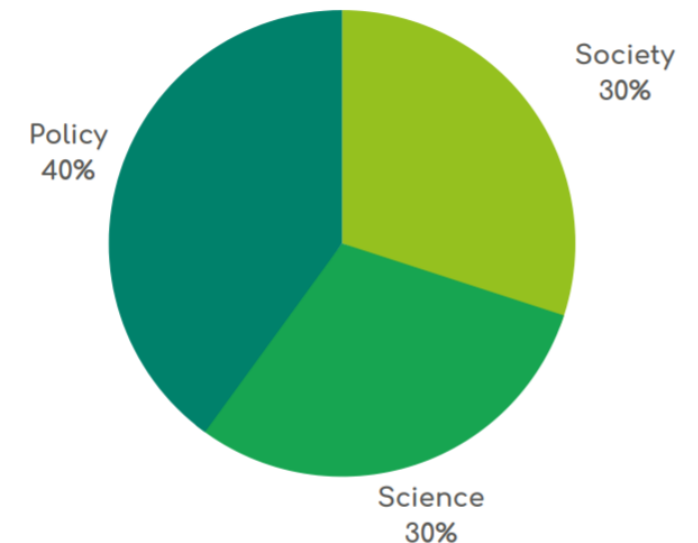
A diverse, young and innovative region, with the capacity to attract investment and talent that leads in the evolution towards a more sustainable society

About the MAP

- Centro region is territory **very diverse and asymmetric**;
- Incorporates 100 municipalities, with 2,3 million inhabitants, and concentrates **22% of the portuguese population**;
- has a **productive "ecosystem"** with some weaknesses;
- Involving the **various relevant agents of the region** (policy, society and science);
- **1st cycle | 20 members actively involved:**
 - 2 Group's meetings | on-line format
 - On-line survey for external contacts by Map members
 - Voting on-line link on ideas for MAP policy tools
- **2nd cycle | 6 members actively involved:**
 - 1 individual exercise | workshop #1
 - 1 on-line group session | workshop #2

ENGAGEMENT

MAP membership





MAP experiences and insights

1st cycle:

- 1st on-line meeting:
 - 16 members: 5 policy | 7 science | 4 society
 - Identification of the main challenges and opportunities in the next 20 years
- Consensus meeting:
 - 13 members: 2 policy | 6 science | 5 society
 - MAP proposal for a future vision for the region "Centro" and actions to achieve it

- ↳ **Main conclusions:**
 - ↳ Very time challenging
 - ↳ A lot of interactions
 - ↳ Pandemic situation and holidays
 - ↳ Good outputs at the end of the cycle

2nd cycle:

- Individual exercise
 - Obtained 4 answers: 2 policy | 0 science | 2 society
 - Desirable future in the JRC explanatory scenario matrix
- On-line group session
 - 6 members: 3 policy | 1 science | 2 society
 - The new desirable future and action to achieve it

- ↳ **Main conclusions:**
 - ↳ Significant waiting time between cycles
 - ↳ Time of the year when the work took place (holidays and election period)
 - ↳ Acceptable outputs at the end of the cycle

3rd cycle:

- New strategy
- In a local approach
- Operational actors on the field



What can be done better?

To have **longer discussion cycles** (e.g. 18 months), where there may be some intermediate document, but which allows more time for in-depth discussion

At least 2 members from each organisation or local actor involved in the MAP to ensure participation in the different actions

MAP members feel that their involvement has **consequences** or impact at national and/or European level

Possibility of providing **monetary compensation** to the participants, so that they will be more accountable

Balance between objectives that are intended to be achieved **and** the adopted **methodology**.

Further **dissemination** of the project, and its reflections and recommendations, to local/national authorities (other than those in SHERPA)

THANK YOU

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