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PREPARING **REGIONS** FOR DEMOGRAPHIC **CHANGE**

AGENDA

15 March 2022 | Virtual event

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Launching event

Delivering Quality Services to All: Alentejo region case study

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■ What's the issue?

In the framework of the OECD workstream *Preparing Regions for Demographic Change*, the project *Delivering Quality Services to All: Alentejo region case study* aims to provide the Portuguese region of Alentejo with a case study on the provision of education services in rural areas and related sectoral and regional development policies to inform regional development strategies. The study focuses on two main policy areas: multi-level governance arrangement and forward-looking planning for the provision of education services. This meeting will launch the case study of the project.

■ When? Where?

Tuesday 15 March 2022, 15:30 – 17:15 (CET/Paris time) / 14:30 – 16:15 (WET/Lisbon time)

The event will be virtual and can be followed via Zoom. Please register below:

[REGISTRATION](#)

■ What will be discussed?

This event will bring to an end the project *Delivering Quality Services to All: Alentejo region case study*, which started in February 2021. It will discuss rural depopulation challenges and will bring together policy makers from Portugal and other OECD regions, as well as international experts, to share experiences of best practices in managing demographic change in rural areas.

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Agenda (CET/Paris time)

15:20 – 15:30	Registration <i>(for virtual attendees, please join the meeting 10 minutes before the start)</i>
MODERATOR	Jose Enrique Garcilazo , Deputy Head of Division, Regional Development and Multi-level Governance, OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities
15:30 – 15:45	Welcome high-level remarks
SPEAKERS	Dorothee Allain-Dupré , Head of Division, Regional Development and Multi-level Governance, OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities Carmen Carvalheira , Vice-President, Alentejo Regional Coordination and Development Commission (CCDR-A) Duarte Rodrigues , Vice-President, Portuguese Agency for Development and Cohesion (AD&C)
15:45 – 16:00	Delivering education services in a multi-level governance context in Alentejo: an OECD perspective
SPEAKERS	Marc Bournisien de Valmont , Policy Analyst, Regional and Rural Policy Unit, OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities Isidora Zapata , Policy Analyst, Decentralisation, Subnational Finance and Infrastructure Unit, OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities
16:00 – 16:15	Lessons for quality service delivery from international experiences
SPEAKERS	Paz Díaz Nieto , Director General, European Funds, Regional Ministry of Economy and Finance, Government of Cantabria, Spain Mari Sjöström , Senior Adviser in education, Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities (AFLRA), Finland Steve Wright , Principal Researcher, Vectos/SLR, United Kingdom
16:15 – 16:45	Panel discussion with representatives from Portugal and Alentejo
SPEAKERS	Pedro Abrantes , Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Education and Science Statistics, Ministry for Education, Government of Portugal Tânia Mourato , Director, Department for Cooperation and Financial Affairs, Directorate General of Local Authorities (DGAL) Nuno Oliveira Romão , Coordinator, Agency for Development and Cohesion (AD&C) Joaquim Fialho , Director, Directorate of Regional Development Services, Alentejo Regional Coordination and Development Commission (CCDR-A) Fernando Romba , First Secretary, Intermunicipal Community of Baixo Alentejo (CIMBAL) Sónia Andrade , Director, Redondo School Group, Alentejo Central
16:45 – 17:10	Open discussion Open discussion between the different stakeholders Q&A
17:10 – 17:15	Closing remarks
SPEAKER	Isabelle Chatry , Head of Unit, Decentralisation, Subnational Finance and Infrastructure, OECD Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities

About the OECD Regional and Rural Development Unit

Rural areas have a variety of different characteristics and geographies - from well-served communities near urban areas to remote sparsely populated places with limited access to basic services - as well as differing cultures. Our work aims to strengthen and support the economies and inhabitants of all types of rural area and reinforce their resilience in a fast-changing world.

For more information, visit our website: <http://www.oecd.org/regional/rural-development/>

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