AREANATejo - Regional Energy and Environment Agency from North Alentejo is a Private non for profit organisation of Alto Alentejo region (Portugal).

The geographical coverage of AREANATejo comprises 15 municipalities belonging to the District of Portalegre (Alter do Chão, Arronches, Avis, Campo Maior, Castelo de Vide, Crato, Elvas, Fronteira, Gavião, Marvão, Monforte, Nisa, Portalegre, Ponte de Sor and Sousel) with a total of about 118,000 inhabitants and an average surface of about 6,000 km<sup>2</sup>.

AREANATejo has the mission to promote and develop activities that contribute to a major energy efficiency and a major use of endogenous resources, to develop projects and methods for a rational use of energy and resources and to disseminate best available techniques and procedures aiming to promote a local sustainable development.

Its main areas of expertise are: energy, environment and mobility.

AREANATejo's stakeholders are 15 Municipalities (included in North Alentejo), CIMAA – Municipalities' Association, EDP – Portuguese Electricity Utility and NERPOR – Regional Business Association, to whom projects and other activities in a.m. expertise areas are developed.

Our main activities include projects related to energy efficiency improvement and to waste and water management but also to renewable energies investments and awareness-raising actions. We are 6 elements' team, very dynamic and always searching for new opportunities/projects to implement in our region.

We have been involved in European co-financed projects since 2008 (Leonardo da Vinci, ERASMUS+, INTERREG POCTEP, INTERREG MED and H2020 Programmes).

Regarding LIFE Call 2021-2027, we are especially interested in developing/implementing projects related to <u>Circular economy and quality of life sub-programme</u> (meeting the goals of EU Green Deal), <u>Clean Energy Transition sub-programme</u> (facilitating the transition towards an energy-efficient, renewable energy-based, climate-neutral and resilient economy) and <u>Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation sub-programme</u>.

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