



# Presentation of the Toolkit

## "Youth work in/for the shrinking cities"

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WE ARE STARTING SOON!



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# Strengthening the role of youth work in contesting dynamics of shrinking cities



**TOOLKIT**  
Youth-work in/for  
the shrinking cities

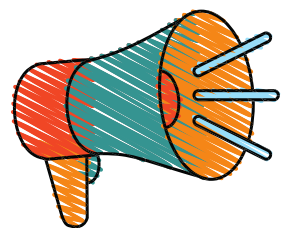
 **strengthening  
youth work  
in shrinking cities**

# WHAT IS YOUTH WORK?

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- ACTIONS TARGETED AT YOUNG PEOPLE
- TO SUPPORT THEIR PERSONAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
- THROUGH NON-FORMAL AND INFORMAL LEARNING

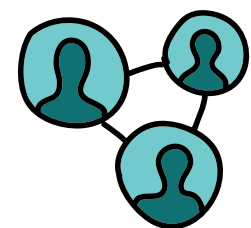
## 3 KEY PRINCIPLES!



YOUNG PEOPLE CHOOSE  
TO PARTICIPATE



YOUNGSTERS AND YOUTH  
WORKERS ARE PARTNERS IN  
THE LEARNING PROCESS



IT HAPPENS WHERE THE  
YOUNG PEOPLE ARE!

# WHERE IS PERFORMED - EXAMPLES



YOUTH CLUBS OR  
YOUTH CENTRES



PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES  
WITH AND FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



YOUTH MOVEMENTS



INFORMATION FOR  
YOUNG PEOPLE



YOUTH ORGANISATIONS AND  
INFORMAL YOUTH GROUPS



YOUTH VOLUNTEERING

# WHAT MAY NOT BE YOUTH WORK?

**X A PLACE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO  
STUDY OR PLAY GAMES**



**X ACTIVITIES PURELY BASED ON  
IMPROVING THE PERFORMANCE AND  
EXCELLENCE OF A GIVEN SPORT.**

**➔ YOUTH WORK HAPPENS ON PLACES WITH A CLEAR WAY OF  
SUPPORTING THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S PERSONAL, SOCIAL OR  
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OR NON-FORMAL LEARNING.**

# WHAT MAY NOT BE YOUTH WORK?

**X** ACTIVITIES WITH A PRIMARY FOCUS ON FUN AND NOT ON PERSONAL, SOCIAL OR CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

**X** INITIATIVES WHERE PERSONAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IS CREATED INDIRECTLY BY CONSEQUENCE INSTEAD OF BY DESIGN

**→** YOUTH WORK SOLUTIONS MAY USE SPORT OR LEISURE ACTIVITIES AS TOOLS TO PROMOTE A BOND BETWEEN YOUNGSTERS.



# WHAT MAY NOT BE YOUTH WORK?

**X** A CITIZENSHIP LECTURE WHERE YOUNGSTERS LISTEN TO A TEACHER/GUEST AND THERE IS NO SPACE FOR SHARING IDEAS BETWEEN PEERS.

**→** YOUTH WORK INCLUDES NON-FORMAL AND INFORMAL LEARNING AND FOCUS ON PERSONAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

**X** A SOCIAL SERVICE INTERVENTION THAT DOESN'T AIM AT PERSONAL OR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

**→** SOCIAL SERVICE MAY USE DIFFERENT TYPES OF INTERVENTIONS AND YOUTH WORK CAN BE PART OF THE SOLUTION!





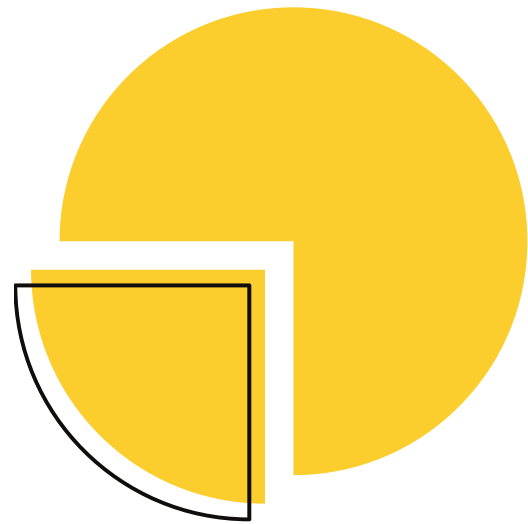
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- ➔ A SHRINKING CITY LOSES ITS POPULATION OVER A PERIOD OF TIME EITHER DUE TO EMIGRATION OR BY A NATURAL DECREASE IN THE DEMOGRAPHICS THUS LEAVING THE REMAINING INHABITANTS OF THE CITY WITH GLOOMIER FUTURE PROSPECTS.
- ➔ A COMBINATION OF THREE LARGER DEVELOPMENTS, I.E. ECONOMIC, DEMOGRAPHIC AND STRUCTURAL CHANGES.

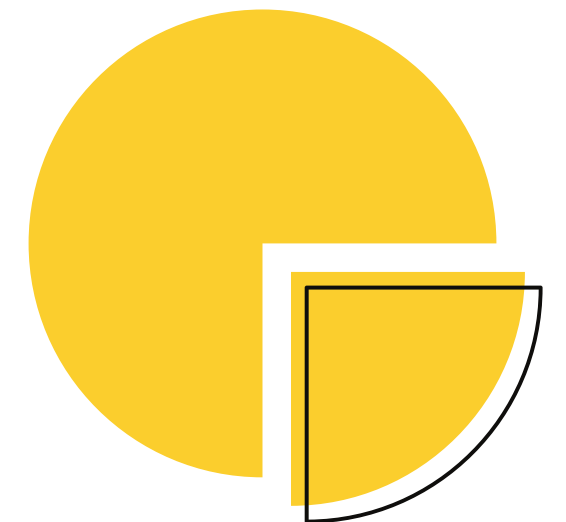


# WHAT IS SHRINKING CITY?



**42% OF EU CITIZENS CURRENTLY LIVE IN CITIES THAT  
WILL INCREASE THEIR POPULATION BY MORE THAN 10%  
IN 2050**

**22% OF EU CITIZENS CURRENTLY LIVE IN CITIES THAT  
WILL DECREASE THEIR POPULATION BY MORE THAN 10%  
IN 2050**



# WHY IS IT IMPORTANT ?

→ SHRINKING CITY = SHRINKING INFRASTRUCTURES

→ BRAIN DRAIN, AGEING, NEW DEMANDS AND  
CHALLENGES



# YOUTH WORK FOR/IN SHRINKING CITY?

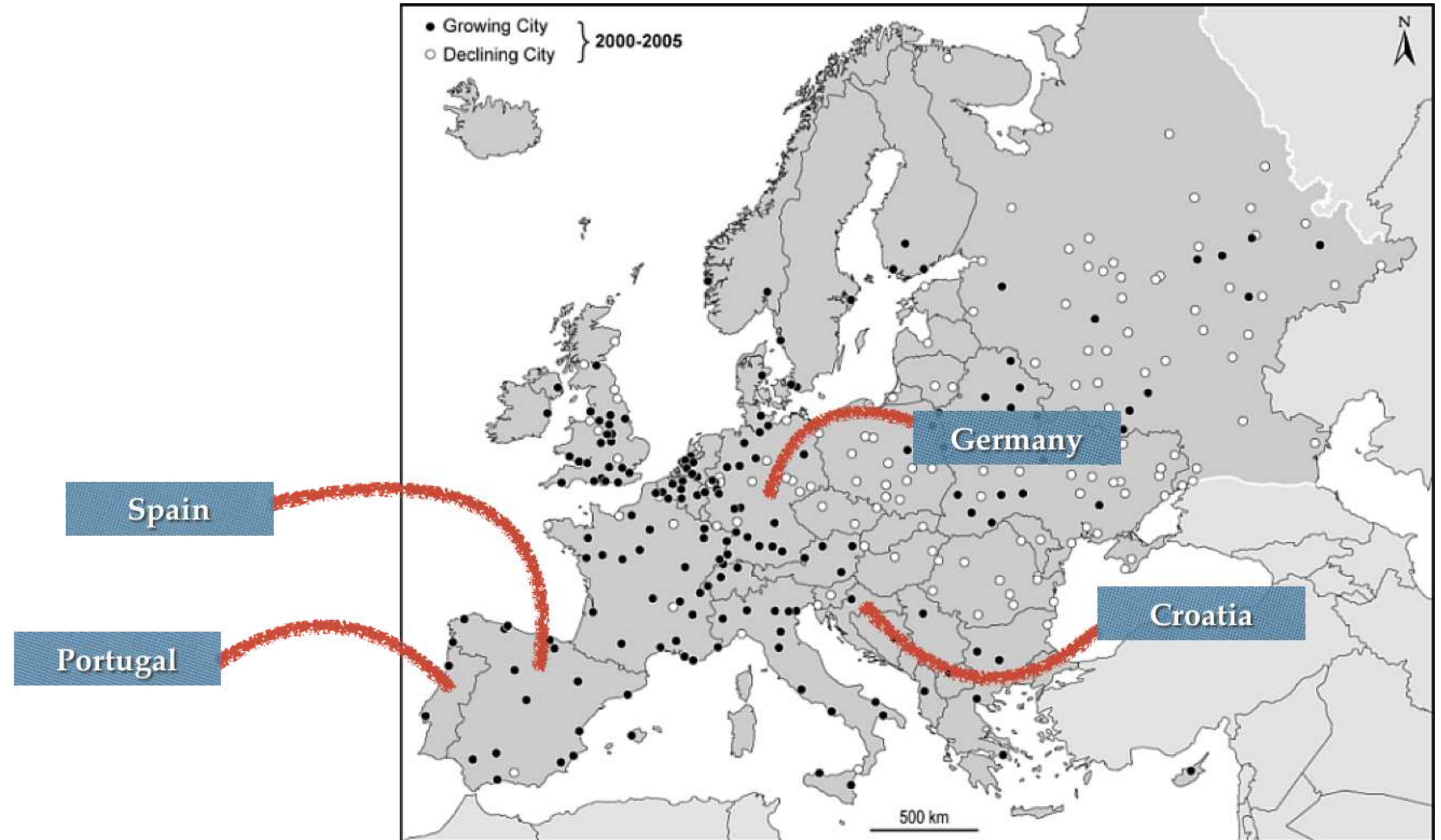


➔ THE WIDELY PERCEIVED “LACK OF FUTURE” OPINION REVEALS THE CRUCIAL PUSH-FACTOR FOR PEOPLE TO LEAVE THEIR PLACE/COUNTRY.

➔ THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS THAT CAUSE CITY SHRINK HAVE ENORMOUS EFFECT ON YOUTH. YOUTH NEED ACCESS TO COMMON ACCEPTED TOOLS AND IMPROVED PRACTICES THAT CAN USED IN THEIR OWN SETTING.



# EXAMPLE FROM EUROPEAN CITIES



# GERMANY- THURINGIA



**Saalfeld**

## **PROJECT "BEULWITZ"**

*WELCOMING PLACE/IN BETWEEN*

COORDINATED BY THE SOCIAL AND  
YOUTH DEPARTMENT OF THE SAALFELD  
CITY, IN CORPORATION WITH 'SOCIAL  
CITY' IBA THURINGEN AND  
BERTELSMANN FOUNDATION

**Altenburg**

## **PROJECT "STADTMENSCHEN"**

COORDINATED BY FARBKÜCHE IN  
COOPERATION WITH THE SCHLOSS- UND  
KULTURBETRIEB RESIDENZSCHLOSS,  
WANDEL-WERTE-WEGE ASSOCIATION AND  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PAUL-  
GUSTAVUS-HAUS E.V

# GERMANY- SAALFELD "BEULWITZ"

LOCATED IN SAALFELD

THE INTEGRATION OF REFUGEE,  
ACTIVATION OF BROWNFIELD  
AND THE COMMON GOOD FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

- > USEFUL PRACTICE TOGETHER WITH THE CITIZENS AND ESPECIALLY IN GIVING YOUNG PEOPLE MORE ACTIVE ROLES.
- > CONDUCTED AN EXPERIMENTAL DEVELOPMENT (IDEA WORKSHOP)
- > THE PROCESS OF TRAINING FOR YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY FOR THEIR PEERS.





# GERMANY- ALTENBURG "STADTMENSCHEN"



Und die Stadt tanzt! Foto: Jens Paul Taubert  
<https://www.stadtmensch-altenburg.org/2020/09/07/stadtmensch-salsa-bewegt-altenburg/>

LOCATED IN ALTENBURG  
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A LIVELY  
NETWORK OF ALL RELEVANT ACTORS  
IN THE CITY  
IS THE FOCUS OF THIS PROJECT PILLAR.

> TAKES ON THE CHALLENGES OF A  
SHRINKING CITY AND MAKES URBAN  
SOCIETY THE CENTRAL ACTOR OF CHANGE

> CULTIVATE THE CULTURE OF  
APPRECIATION THROUGH DIALOG AND  
PUBLIC EVENTS

> STADTMENSCH FESTIVAL, TO EXPERIENCE  
THE VARIETY OF ENGAGEMENT



# PORTUGAL



## PROJECT “IDEARIA” (PLACE FOR IDEAS)

COORDINATED BY THE SOCIAL  
CO-OPERATIVE COOLABORA



## PROJECT “ACOLHER” (TO WELCOME/SHELTER)

COORDINATED BY FRAGAS AVELOSO –  
ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL,  
SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL AND  
COMMUNITY INTERACTION



# PORTUGAL - PROJECT ACOLHER

LOCATED IN SÃO PEDRO DO SUL

AIMED AT YOUTH FROM RURAL AREAS  
IN SITUATION OF VULNERABILITY AND UNEMPLOYMENT

> DEVELOP SOFT SKILLS

> PROMOTE INTERGENERATIONAL  
DIALOGUE BETWEEN YOUNGSTERS AND  
THE VILLAGE'S ELDERS

> YOUNG PEOPLE AS MEDIATORS IN  
ETHICAL AND RESPONSIBLE TOURISM  
(BETWEEN TOURISTS AND VILLAGERS)

> AWARENESS THAT ECOSYSTEMS CAN  
COEXIST WITH LEISURE, CULTURAL  
AND ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES



# PORTUGAL - PROJECT IDEARIA

LOCATED IN COVILHÃ

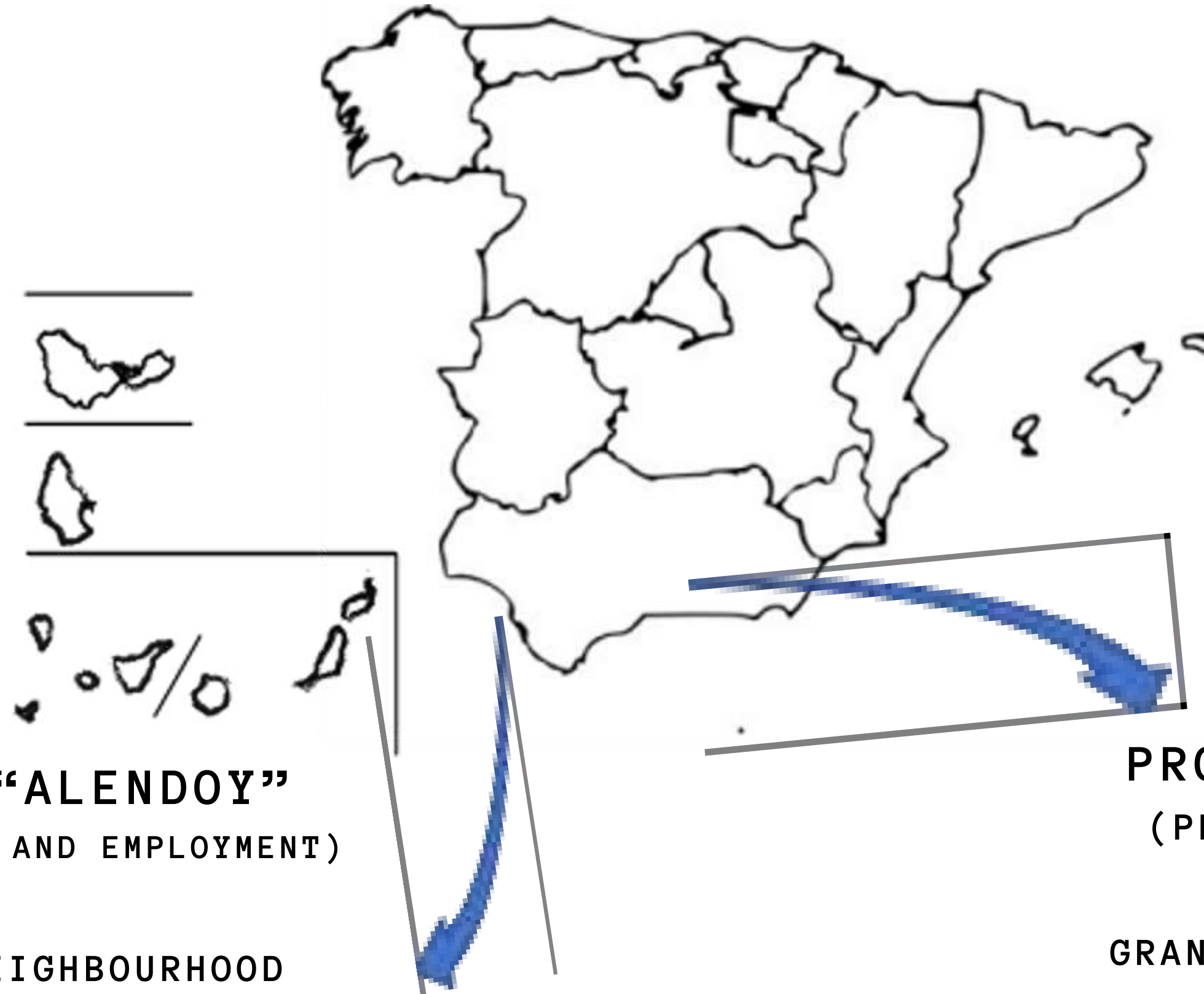
AIMED AT YOUTH  
FROM THE MUNICIPALITY OF COVILHA  
IN SITUATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL VULNERABILITY

> PROMOTE SOCIAL CHANGE AND  
INNOVATION BY TRYING TO FIND  
ANSWERS TO YOUNG PEOPLE'S  
DIFFICULTIES AT THE BEGINNING OF  
THEIR PROFESSIONAL CAREERS

- > CREATIVE LAB
- > ENTREPRENEURIAL LAB
- > EXPERIMENTATION LAB
- > YOUTH ASSEMBLY
- > TERRITORIAL NETWORK FOR  
YOUTH EMPLOYMENT



# SPAIN



**ASOCIACIÓN “ALENDOY”**  
(SOCIAL INTEGRATION AND EMPLOYMENT)

CADIZ – LA PAZ NEIGHBOURHOOD

**PROJECT “ALFA”**  
(PLACE FOR IDEAS)

GRANADA – ALMANJÁYAR  
NEIGHBOURHOOD

# SPAIN - PROJECT ALFA

LOCATED IN GRANADA

AIMED AT THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL AND CULTURAL EDUCATION IN ALMANJÁVAR, AN IMPOVERISHED DISTRICT OF THE CITY



- > STARTED WORK WITH VULNERABLE MINORS IN 2004 MOSTLY SCHOOL DROP OUTS
- > PROVIDING SOCIAL EDUCATION
  - > PAY ATTENTION TO SOCIAL REALITY
  - > SPACE WITH COMPUTERS
  - > INCLUSION IN THE PARISH COMMUNITY
  - > ACCOMPANIMENT

# SPAIN - PROJECT ALENDROY

LOCATED IN CADIZ

AIMED AT THE PROMOTION OF EDUCATIONAL  
OPPORTUNITIES TO GROUPS AT RISK OF  
SOCIAL EXCLUSION



- > STARTED WORK WITH VULNERABLE  
YOUNG PEOPLE IN 1999 IN LA PAZ  
NEIGHBOURHOOD
- > PROVIDING SOCIAL EDUCATION
  - > TOY LIBRARY
  - > PROJECTS ON SOCIAL  
PARTICIPATION AND EQUALITY AND  
SOCIAL JUSTICE
  - > TRAININGS FOR EMPLOYMENT  
AND SOCIAL SKILLS

Croatia

JOB CLUB FOR YOUTH

Karlovac

Sisak

COORDINATED BY CARPE DIEM

SKWHAT

SISAK SQUAT (YOUTH CENTER)





# CROATIA - PROJECT SKWHAT

LOCATED IN SISAK



# CROATIA - PROJECT JOB CLUB FOR YOUTH

LOCATED IN KARLOVAC



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# FEEDBACK AND QUESTIONS?



Thank you for your attention!!!

