

## PRACTICE ABSTRACT

# SHARING EXPERIENCES FROM: PORTUGAL

## How to stop the decline of the Montado

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The Portuguese partners have organized several workshops with their network of Montado producers in Portugal. During these workshops, farmers identified their main current problems and also the solutions to address them.

For mitigation of the consequences of climate change that are contributing to the decline of the Montado, there are some recommendations:

- Better management that comes from providing farmers with knowledge to better use their land, for example, less soil mobilization, planting trees in order to help with natural regeneration of the trees.
- Providing payment for ecosystem services or financing for Eco regimens and by valuing the value chain.

For a second problem “How can we prevent and stop pests in the Montado?”, the recommendations are:

- Having a well-managed Montado allows for a healthy system, therefore less susceptible to pests and diseases. Preventing is more important than eradicating;
- Providing farmers with knowledge and technical support;
- Having alarm systems that help detect pests and diseases early on;
- Work on biodiversity;
- Homologation of plant protection products.

The decline of the Montado system can be stopped by: improving the fertilization and the soil quality and regeneration and maintenance practices.





## ABOUT MIXED IN PORTUGAL

In Portugal the project is implemented by ISA-UL, CONSULAI and a network of farmers practicing Mixed Farming and Agroforestry Systems, in particular Montado, a UNESCO protected Mediterranean mixed system, comprising agroforestry activities and extensive livestock production.

The Portuguese network aims at restoring and modernising the Montado ecosystem, by working in collaboration with farmers, researchers, policy makers and other stakeholders. The main objective is to find solutions for the future and more sustainable management practices, accommodating the interests of stakeholders at all levels of the value chain. The Portuguese network integrates 15 farms, with over 20.000 hectares of farmland in the Alentejo region in the south of Portugal. CONSULAI and ISA-UL are the project managing partners in Portugal.



## ABOUT THE PROJECT

**MIXED** (Multi-actor and transdisciplinary development of efficient and resilient MIXED farming and agroforestry systems), an EU-project, is supporting the development of European Mixed Farming and Agroforestry Systems (MiFAS) that are more efficient and resilient to climate changes.

**7M€**  
BUDGET

**19**  
PARTNERS

**10**  
COUNTRIES

### MIXED partners from Portugal:

