



GAIA's JOIN(t) activities 2022-2024

GAIA- Grupo de Acção e Intervenção Ambiental, São Luís, Odemira, Portugal



WP3 Local Thematic Workshops

- When: October and November 2022
- Methodology: Experiential learning, non-formal education
- Topics:
 - Biodiversity and environment
 - Water and agriculture
 - Circular Economy
 - Depopulation
- Objectives:
 - Getting together a group of young people that live in and around S\(\tilde{a}\)o Lu\(\tilde{s}\)
 - Developing awareness around the topics addressed
 - Provide practical experience to maximise learning

Examples of dissemination





Programme for the thematic workshops

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW 2022 - São Luís	8/10	15/10	26/11 (was 22/10)	29/10
Торіс	Biodiversity and environment	Water and agriculture	Circular Economy	Depopulation
10-11h	Presenting the programme + Team building	Presenting the programme + Team building	Presenting the programme + Team building	Presenting the programme + Team building
11-13h	Talkand exercises on biodiversity facilitated by Rita Magalhães	Presentation and debate of the results of a Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) in the agro-territory, followed by a scenario workshops (imagining ideal futures and how to get there)	Talk by André Vizinho using gamification: local economic circuits and building your own business model with local impact	Talk facilitated by José Donado on the story of São Luís, using storytelling by the younger and older generations. Explaining "The way of council".
13-14h	Agroecological Lunch: picnic and conscious walk	Agroecological Lunch	Agroecological Lunch	Agroecological Lunch
14-16h	Bread-making workshop	"Water walk" by the waters of São Luís with Sergio and Carmen Maraschin	(Continued) Talk by André Vizinho	(Continued) Talk by José Donado with Joana Silva
16-17h	Debriefing and concluding	Debriefing and concluding	Debriefing and concluding	Debriefing and concluding
With the support of	Local CSA; Dozero; GAIA	Project PRA Odemira; Transition group of São Luís	Cooperative Regenerativa; Ateneu 14 >Ana Baleia	Casa do Povo; Fundaçao do Cerro
Facilitators	Rita Magalhães /Raquel DaBarra/ Sara Serrão /José Donado/ Rafaela Leal	Sérgio Maraschin/ Carmen Maraschin/ Lanka Horstink/ Miguel Encarnação /Kaya Schwemmlein/José Donado/ Rafaela Leal	André Vizinho / José Donado/ Rafaela Leal	Sara Serrão /José Donado/ Rafaela Leal/ Joana Silva / Lena

Results of the local thematic workshops

- O Participation: a total of 77 participants (young and older) for the 4 workshops, joined by 10 facilitators, 2 agroecological cooks and 5 young people assisting with logistics
- Science and Popular knowledge: The workshops were developed together with experienced facilitators from GAIA and from São Luís - academics, activists and professionals
- Action learning: The workshops were participatory, meaning they relied on active collaboration from participants, who created most of the content together
- Impact:
 - The workshops helped create more awareness about the topics and interest from residents, who often participated more than once.
 - They helped fuel public debate locally.
 - They stimulated new connections between people, strengthening the local, regional and national networks.
 - O The workshop on agriculture helped provide feedback for a Participatory Rural Appraisal, which then built on these results to publish a diagnostic of the territory, to be presented on February 20th to the municipality.
 - Finally, it helped cement a group of young leading people who continued to participate in the JOIN project.



Using collaborative tools





Joining younger and older locals, merging knowledge

Sharing circles









Alternating presentations with moments of co-creation





Making sure the food reflects our agroecological values!



Starting and closing circles for inclusion, sharing and debriefing

WP4 JOIN Networking Mobility in Portugal

- When: March 20-March 26, 2023
- What: Meeting of the youth leaders (6 per country) proposed by the four partners in São Luís, Alentejo, Portugal
- Objectives:
 - Networking experience between youth leaders from four countries, who are motivated to be part
 of a just, social and ecological transition
 - Together they will learn, share and co-create using non-formal, collaborative learning approaches around the four topics of JOIN
 - At the end of the meeting, each country will have proposals for local action strategies, to be further developed and proposed to municipalities before the end of the project





Learning to DIY!











Getting to know each other and the territory



Results of the JOIN Networking Mobility

- Participation: a total of 24 participants from 4 countries
- Networking: participants got to know each other and the context of the territory they
 each live in
- Action learning: participants shared, learned and created together, as much as possible experientially
- Impact:
 - Participants experienced personal and collective growth
 - Participants were immersed in the community of São Luís, not just observing but experiencing
 - The youth leaders created proposals for actionable projects in their respective communities, some of which were subsequently implemented whereas other were further improved in subsequent work packages

WP6 Local Immersive Activities

- When: June September 2023
- What: Implementation of two engaged and immersive community activities around the topics of JOIN, in participation with local organisations and movements
- Objectives:
 - Help realise two important community activities, to network and rally around crucial water issues while celebrating local melting-pot culture, art, and music
 - Involve youth leaders in the organisation of the activities, providing a hands-on immersive learning experience
 - Help create awareness around crucial challenges in the territory, in particular, the issue of water management and the need for respect for the territory's ecosystems

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10 E 11 DE JUNHO

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PLANEAR UMA AÇÃO COLETIVA SOBRE A ÁGUA NO NOSSO TERRITÓRIO

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"Water Gathering" 10-11 June, 2023





Community festival "Windows of São Luís" 12-13 August, 2023



The Water Gathering











Community festival "Windows of São Luís"

Results of the Local Immersive Activities

- Participation: over 20 local and regional organisations participated in the Water Gathering, including young people under 30, of which 7 were intimately involved in the organisation. The Windows of São Luís festival involved several dozens of organisations, artists, musicians, and facilitators, with the JOIN team and their youth leaders (5) actively involved in the logistics of the happening.
- Networking and learning: The participating organisations and individuals forged new relationships around the protection of water sources and ecosystems in their territory and improved their knowledge of the challenges. Youth leaders got to learn to work as a team while learning more about their territory and preparing to take a stand.

Impact:

- A Forum for Water was born from the Water Gathering
- Hundreds of people were made aware of water, agriculture, and ecosystem threats in their territory
- Youth leaders had a chance to take responsibility in organising awareness raising events and experience the different tasks involved, including creative tasks

WP7 Policy and Action Proposals

Objectives:

- Further developing the policy and action proposals created during the networking mobility in March 2023
- After finalising the proposals, present them to the local municipality

Methodology:

- Building on the Participatory Rural Appraisal of the Odemira municipality/ territory, in particular, the roadmaps for a just and healthy agrifood system developed during this study from GAIA
- O Building on the action proposals from the International Mobility in March
- Bringing youth leaders and other local actors together in a final workshop in October 2023.
- Subsequently have the youth leaders finalise at least four policy and action proposals to be personally presented to the municipality in February 2024

• Impact:

- Broadened interest for the diagnostic study that GAIA carried out in Odemira
- Resulted in four consensual and realistic proposals



JOIN Policy and Action Proposal workshop



OWhen: October 28, 2023

OWhat: Concluding the Participatory Rural Appraisal of Odemira and collectively working on actionable proposals for the territory The rest we will discuss tomorrow!

Thank you for your attention!