



TAKING ACTION TO TACKLE RURAL DEPOPULATION IN SPAIN

Spanish Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the
Demographic Challenge

General Directorate on Policies against Depopulation

Director General for Anti-Depopulation Policies



GOBIERNO
DE ESPAÑA

MINISTERIO
PARA LA TRANSICIÓN ECOLÓGICA
Y EL RETO DEMOGRÁFICO

A horizontal approach

VICE-PRESIDENCY OF THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT

SECRETARY GENERAL FOR THE DEMOGRAPHIC CHALLENGE,
CREATED IN 2021

The demographic challenge as a "democratic challenge"

Social and Territorial Cohesion Framework

- ✓ 2030 NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR DEMOGRAPHIC CHALLENGE
- ✓ PLAN 130 TO FACE THE DEMOGRAPHIC CHALLENGE

Need to rethink the territorial model:

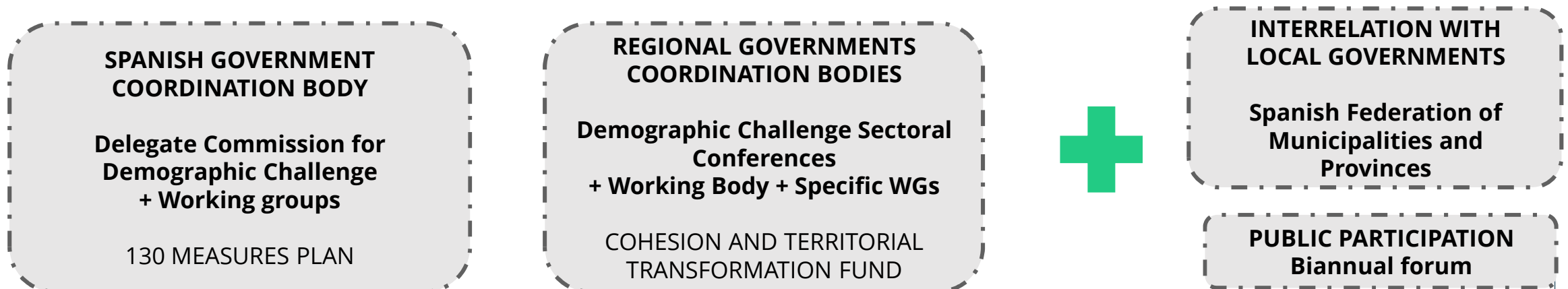
- ❖ Organize the territory from the point of view of functionality and the generation of opportunities
- ❖ Territorial cohesion as social justice
- ❖ Ensure equal access to services and opportunities
- ❖ Reduce territorial vulnerability
- ❖ Rethink the urban-rural relationships
- ❖ Incorporate new, innovative and transformative formulas
- ❖ Multilevel and multiactor governance



ADMINISTRATIVE LEVELS IN SPAIN



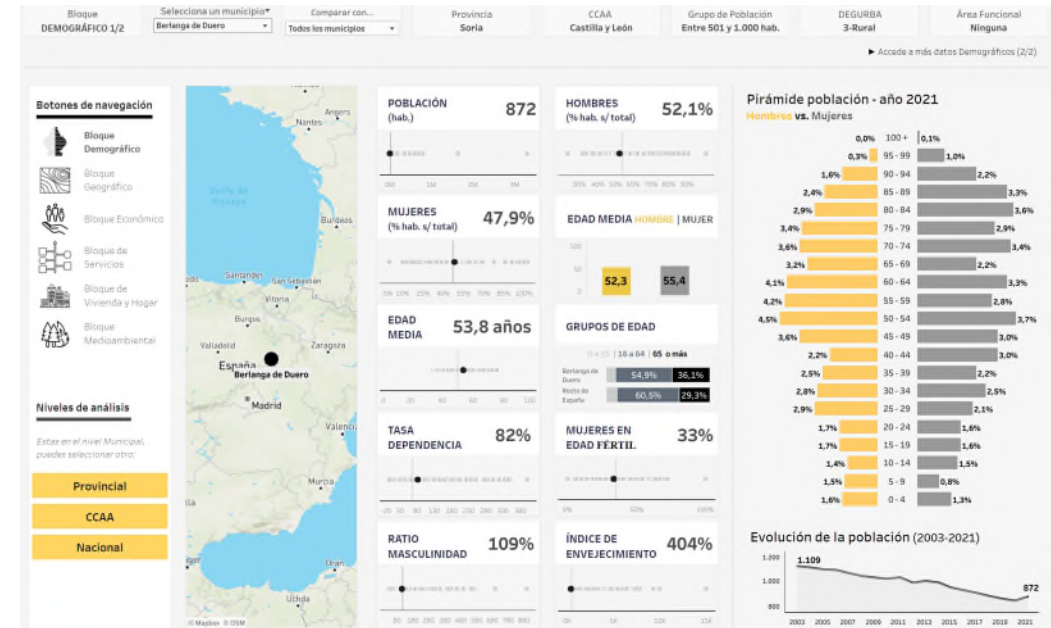
GOVERNANCE MECHANISMS



Secretary General for Demographic Challenge ACTIONS

- **COHESION AND TERRITORIAL TRANSFORMATION FUND**
- **NETWORK OF TERRITORIAL INNOVATION CENTRES**
Facilitating local innovation and socio-economic network
- **ANNUAL SUBSIDIES PROGRAM**
to reactivate territories exposure to depopulation
- **RURAL CAMPUS**
for University internships in rural areas
- **FORESTRY AND BIOECONOMY MANAGEMENT PROJECTS**
- **DIGITAL TRAINING IN RURAL AREAS**
- **FEDER 2022 – 2027**
- **ANALYSIS AND DATA (SIDAMUN)**
Using evidence for policy making and rural proofing
- **Etc.**

SIDAMUN: INTEGRATED LOCAL DATA SYSTEM



- Integration of multiple sources into a single access point
- Coverage of diverse topics: demography, environment, services, housing, etc.
- Attractive interface: graphs, maps, etc.
- For researchers, public decision-makers, teachers, general public, etc.
- Open data
- Easy to use
- NOTE: Small municipalities also have a lot of data

PLAN 130 TO FACE THE DEMOGRAPHIC CHALLENGE

- More than **13,000 million** EUR; **85% measures active**
- Fully alignment with 2030 Territorial Agenda and SDGs



Ecological transition



Digital transition & connectivity



Innovation



Sustainable tourism



Gender equality and youth



Entrepreneurship



Public services



Social welfare and care economy



Culture



Policy reforms: Rural proofing



- ENERGY TRANSITION. DUS5000 & PRE5000
- CONNECTIVITY. UNICO-Broadband Plan & UNICO-Rural Demand Plan.
- SUSTAINABLE TOURISM. Tourism Sustainability Plans in Destinations.
- LOCAL COMMERCE. Sustainable Rural Markets
- VOCATIONAL TRAINING. Mentor Classrooms
- SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT. Forestry Bioeconomy Plan
- HOUSING. Housing solutions for young people and families in need.
- YOUTH. Rural Campus & CULTIVA
- CULTURE. Culture and Rurality
- PROXIMITY OF PUBLIC SERVICES. Decentralization of Central Government bodies; Municipal Justice Offices; "The Administration near you" plan...
- INMIGRATION: Integration programs for expats and specific collectives

What's next?

Plan 30 – 30

30 programs for a 30' country

**Well-being and
opportunities
at the center of
social and
territorial cohesion**



Inspired to complete the 2030 Territorial Agenda and EU Rural Vision in those areas where stronger efforts are needed:

1. Territorial governance
2. Mobility
3. Housing and urban agenda
4. Socio-economic development
5. Services

**FROM THE "130 MEASURES PLAN"...
TO "THE COUNTRY OF 30 MINUTES"**

**"The Country of 30 Minutes" places territorial cohesion
as the backbone of actions facing the demographic challenge**



STRUCTURAL VISION



MEDIUM TERM



**IMPROVED EFFICIENCY
IN THE INTERVENTION**



LESSONS LEARNED

Maintaining 4 main lines of action...



**MOBILITY/
CONNECTIVITY**



**AVAILABILITY OF
SERVICES
(public and private)**



**CAPACITY FOR INNOVATION
AND ECONOMIC
DIVERSIFICATION**



**ACCESS TO
HOUSING**

Thank you!!!

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