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## Sustainable development in natural areas of Catalonia Jordi Vilalta

The Leader natura project is carried out by local LEADER action groups in Catalonia, which develop tasks to diversify and revitalize the economy in rural areas of Catalonia. The project is developed within the framework of cooperation projects, which allow to work on topics of interest to territorial agents.

Under the umbrella of resilient territory, we work to revalue the natural and cultural heritage, manage it properly and in a sustainably way to ensure its preservation and redefine it as a resource in the current framework of energy crisis and decline of primary activities in a globalized economy. For this reason Leader natura works on aspects related with the natural heritage of the territories.

The project has been developed since 2014, first working in protected areas, then extending it to areas of natural interest, then on the subject of wildlife tourism and most recently with actions on natural areas in the western territories. The aim of the project is to promote the socio-economic development of rural areas, in particular natural spaces and their areas of influence in coordination with local agents and companies taking into account the compatibility of conservation and sustainability of the environment, along with the activities that take place there.

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The main actions and results to date (May 2018) have been:

- Identification of 62 rural and nature experiences, with translation into Spanish, English and French
- Creation, design and edition of proposals for eco-tourist itineraries through the newly created natural park 'capçaleres del Ter i del Freser'.
- Creation of territorial agreement tables
- Technical seminars on capacity building and environmental knowledge
- Analysis of the situation of wildlife tourism in Catalonia
- Census of key strategic agents
- Technical conferences "wildlife as a resource for local development"
- Guide to wildlife and rural accommodation
- Program of activities 'viu els espais naturals de ponent' (enjoy the western natural spaces).

More information about the projects:

www.leaderpirineuoccidental.cat www.lcc.cat

www.espaisnaturalsdeponent.cat

Information on leader groups and their activities: www.desenvolupamentrural.cat



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