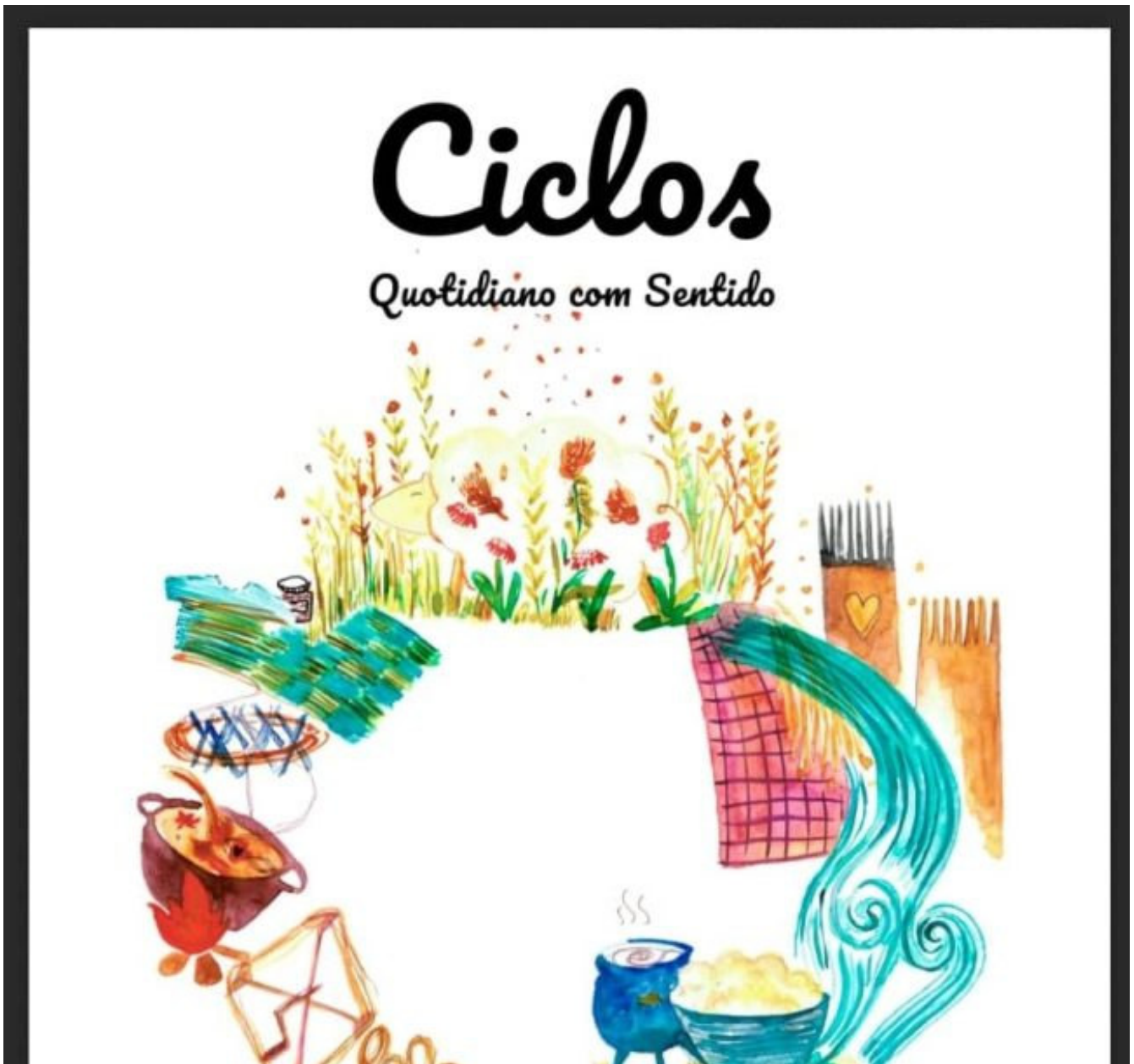


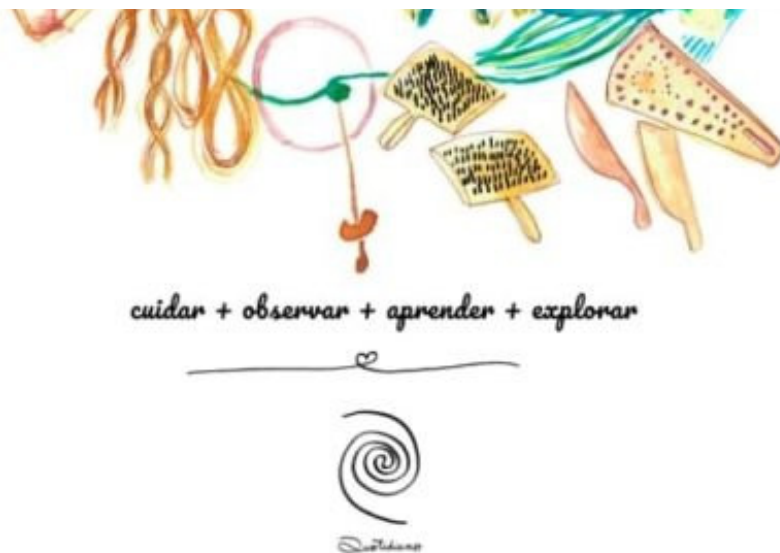
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# Ciclos Quotidiano Com Sentido

**Living Lab** CQCS | Portugal





The Living Lab (LL) "Ciclos Quotidiano com Sentido" is coordinated by the Agrarian Development Service of Flores Island (SDAFL), in the Azores, Portugal. It brings together local stakeholders to co-create and test agroecological solutions tailored to a remote and food-insecure island context. The initiative focuses on circular practices, like wool and linen production, food-sovereignty, and biodiversity protection, with strong emphasis on community engagement and interdisciplinary collaboration.

## Aim

As part of a broader vision for sustainable transformation, the LL aims to serve as a policy experimentation hub and a pilot site for agroecological transitions in ultra-peripheral European regions. It seeks to co-create context-adapted solutions that strengthen food security, reduce external dependencies and promote resilient, circular farming systems.

## Background information

The LL emerged in 2023 from the work of the Agrarian Development Services on Flores Island (Azores), responding to the region's growing concerns around food insecurity, and economic vulnerability. Drawing on years of local engagement, the initiative builds upon existing efforts in circular agriculture, organic conversion, and traditional knowledge recovery, while aligning with European strategies for sustainability and territorial cohesion.

## Funding structure

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The LL is currently supported through public regional funds allocated to the Agrarian Development Services of Flores Island (Serviço de Desenvolvimento Agrário da Ilha das Flores), under the Regional Government of the Azores (Secretaria Regional de Agricultura e Alimentação). The initiative is exploring future funding opportunities through EU programs related to agroecology, rural innovation, and territorial development.

## Activities

- Support for the conversion to organic agriculture and diversification of production systems, including workshops and technical support.
- Revitalization of traditional practices such as wool and linen processing, rotational crops, consortium plants, medicinal plants, aligned with circular economy principles.
- On-farm trials and demonstrations to test sustainable farming techniques adapted to local conditions.
- Awareness-raising events and farmer workshops on agroecological practices and food sovereignty (milk, honey, agroforestry, fruit trees, etc.).
- Collaboration with schools and local stakeholders to promote food literacy, and intergenerational knowledge transfer.
- Facilitation of partnerships for pilot projects addressing food insecurity and landscape-scale resilience.
- Regular documentation and sharing of lessons learned to inform policy at regional and national levels.

## Methods, stakeholder engagements and tools

- LL methodology adapted to ultra-peripheral contexts: iterative experimentation, feedback loops, and multi-actor engagement.
- Multi-stakeholder workshops and farm visits to co-develop solutions and foster peer-to-peer learning.
- Territorial diagnosis tools to identify local strengths, challenges, and leverage points for agroecological transition.
- Storytelling and visual documentation to value local knowledge and promote intergenerational exchange.

## Achievements

- Successfully integrated a multi-stakeholder LL model into the institutional structure of a local agrarian development service.
- Reactivated traditional practices such as linen and wool production, creating new opportunities for circular economy and local identity valorisation.
- Initiated transition to organic agriculture with technical support and farmer engagement. Support on the creation of several business models based on organic agriculture.
- Facilitated local events and workshops promoting agroecological approaches, including composting, agroforestry, seed preservation, and school gardens.
- Developed a territorial narrative that links food sovereignty, ecological knowledge, and socio-economic resilience.
- Recognised as a member of the European Agroecology Living Labs and Research Infrastructures Network in 2025.

## Publications

**Video:**



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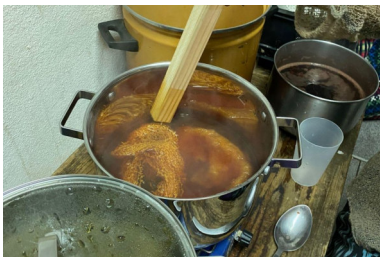
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