

Comparative Study of RTD Program Research Projects¹

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Executive Summary

The initial stage of the Rural Territorial Dynamics program consisted in identifying areas that presented economic growth with or without social inclusion. Based on the maps generated, 19 territories in 11 program countries were chosen to be the subjects of case studies. Each research project is based on the general methodological framework of the applied research component, which has been adjusted progressively as partial results have been obtained.

This document is a summary of the 19 research proposals. Its objective is to underscore shared and unique aspects of the projects in order to facilitate information about the program.

The 19 proposals feature diverse approaches designed to respond to the main questions of the program, which are aimed at identifying the type of policies that promote territorial dynamics with economic growth, social inclusion and environmental sustainability and what is needed to promote said capacity building policies. The research that informs the proposals will be the main input for the construction of a comparative analysis of the case studies and the identification of critical factors in territorial development dynamics.

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