Living the sustainable development: a university permaculture project as an ecosystem service provider

The HortaFCUL case study



15 years of a community project condensed in a case study report

How did we get here?

- Why is this report relevant?
- Research Questions
- Methods and Results
- Thoughts and considerations



Community gardens

Purpose



Interdependence





Empowerment

Community gardens



Impact



(Mental) health



Food production



Literacy/Culture

Community gardens



Interest grows...



well-documented example: examples in Portugal



Create scientific support



Community gardens



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well-documented examples in Portugal



Create scientific



Translate this reality to numbers and quantitative indicators



Why HortaFCUL?



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Almost 15 years of existence

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+ 75 guardians

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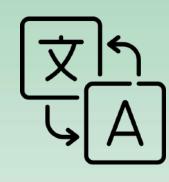
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Study background: 1st research question



What is the real **positive impact** of HortaFCUL?



Ecosystem **services**



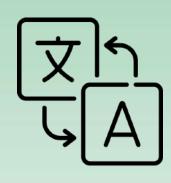
Which ecosystem **services** does HortaFCUL provide to the **local community**?



Study background: 2nd research question



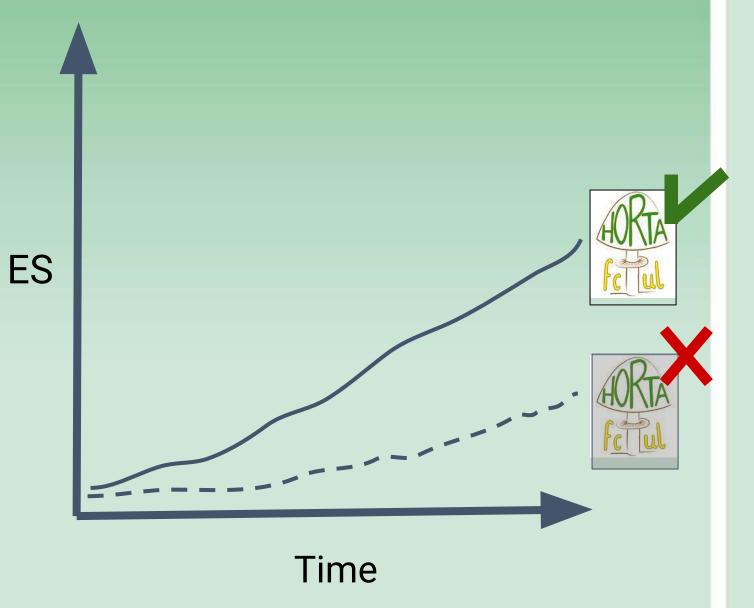
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Measure ecosystem services provided by the **faculty** and within **3 Horta's subprojects**



What is the project's **added value**?



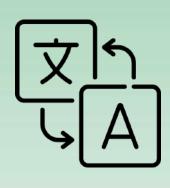
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What if HortaFCUL didn't exist?



Hortinha 15 years



Measure ecosystem services provided by the **faculty** and within **3 Horta's subprojects**







What is the project's **added value** in relation to the **baseline** (campus)?



FCULresta 3 years

Ecosystem services Regulation Ecosystem services Support Provisioning Cultural

Selecting quantitative indicators

Cultural services

Education

Number of participants in workshops

Type of ecosystem service

Group

Indicator



RESULTS

RESULTS Supporting services

Plant species richness: Perennial species

FCUL lawns

FCULresta

PermaLab

Hortinha

Total

80 spp.

Total

46 spp.

Total

65 spp.

Average

1 sp. / 100m²

Average

15 spp. / 100m²

Average

9 spp. / 100m²

Total

61 spp.

Average

36 spp. / 100m²









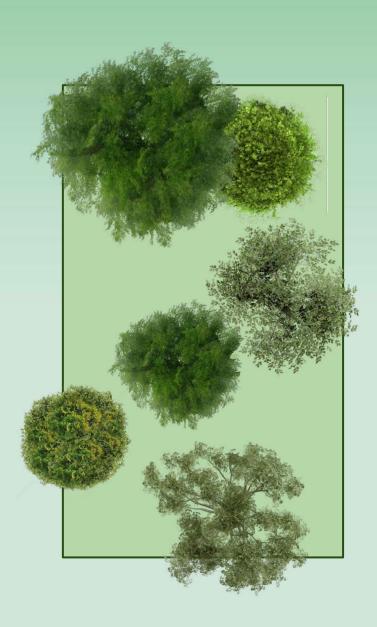
RESULTS Regulation services

Tree cover: Proxy of temperature regulation

FCUL lawns 45m2 trees / 100m2

20m

FCULresta 78m2 trees / 100m2



PermaLab (zone4) 126m2 trees / 100m2

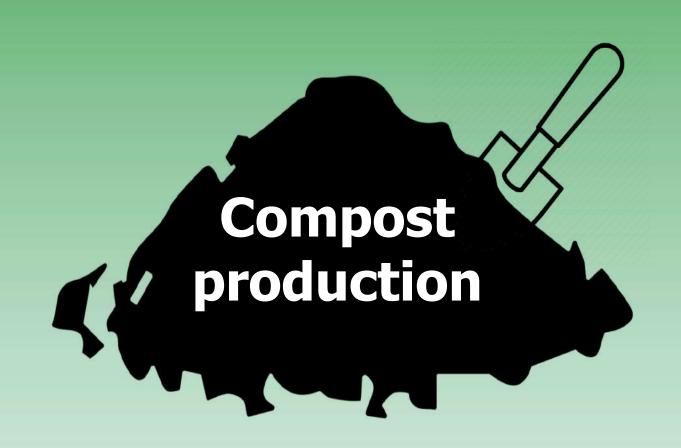


Hortinha 143m2 trees / 100m2



5m

RESULTS Provisioning services

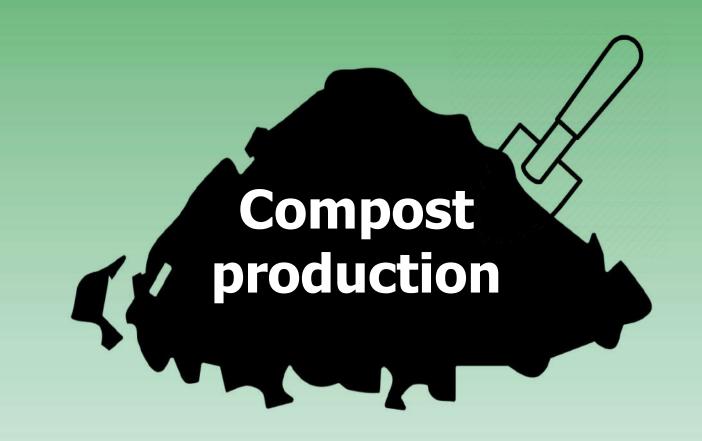


Before HortaFCUL

0 kg



RESULTS Provisioning services



2016 _____ 2023

47.95 tones



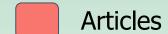


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65 events + (2019)





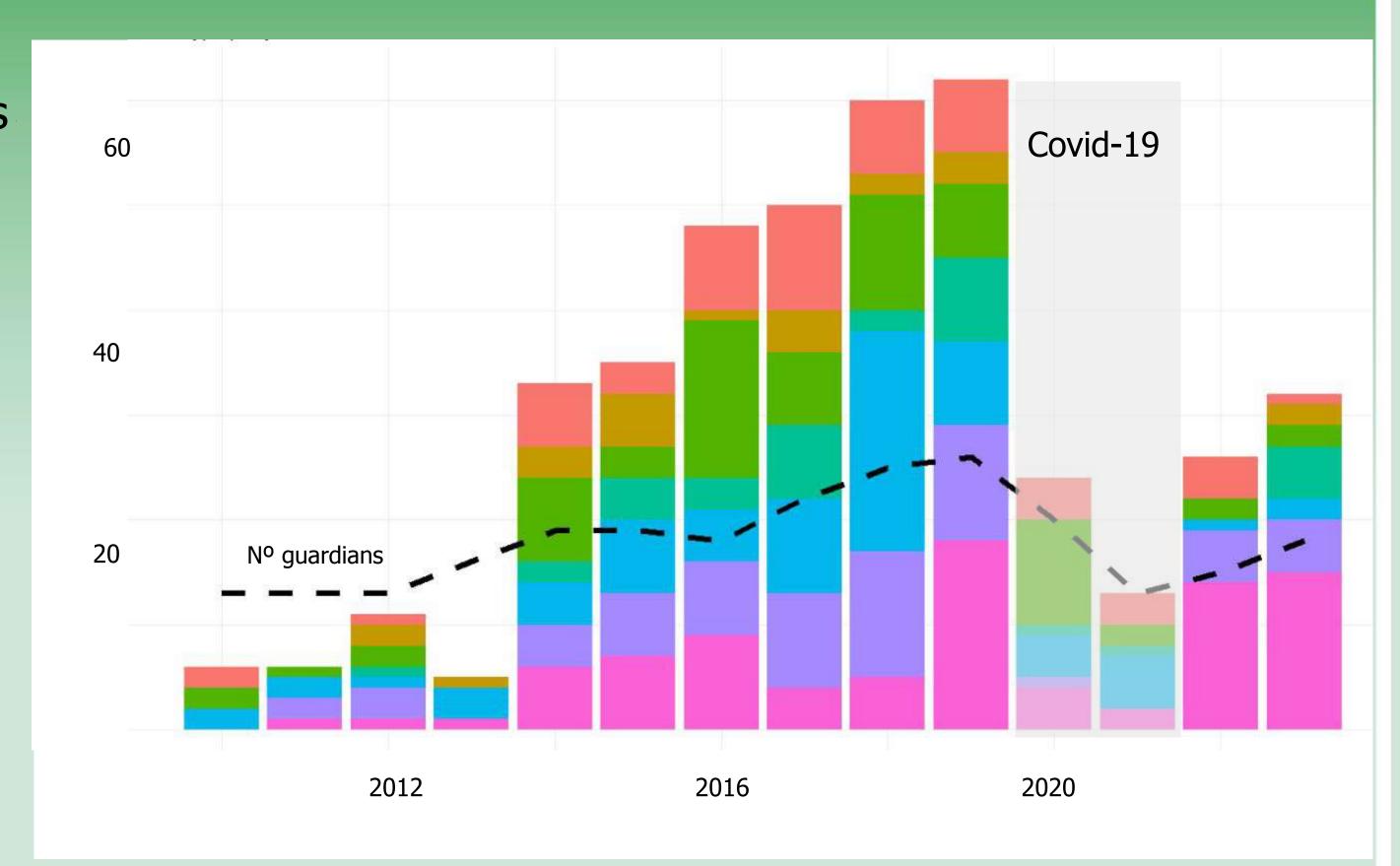
Partnerships

Practics

Talks

Tours

Workshops





~450 working days



Highest activity in October and March



84 workshops



86 direct supports

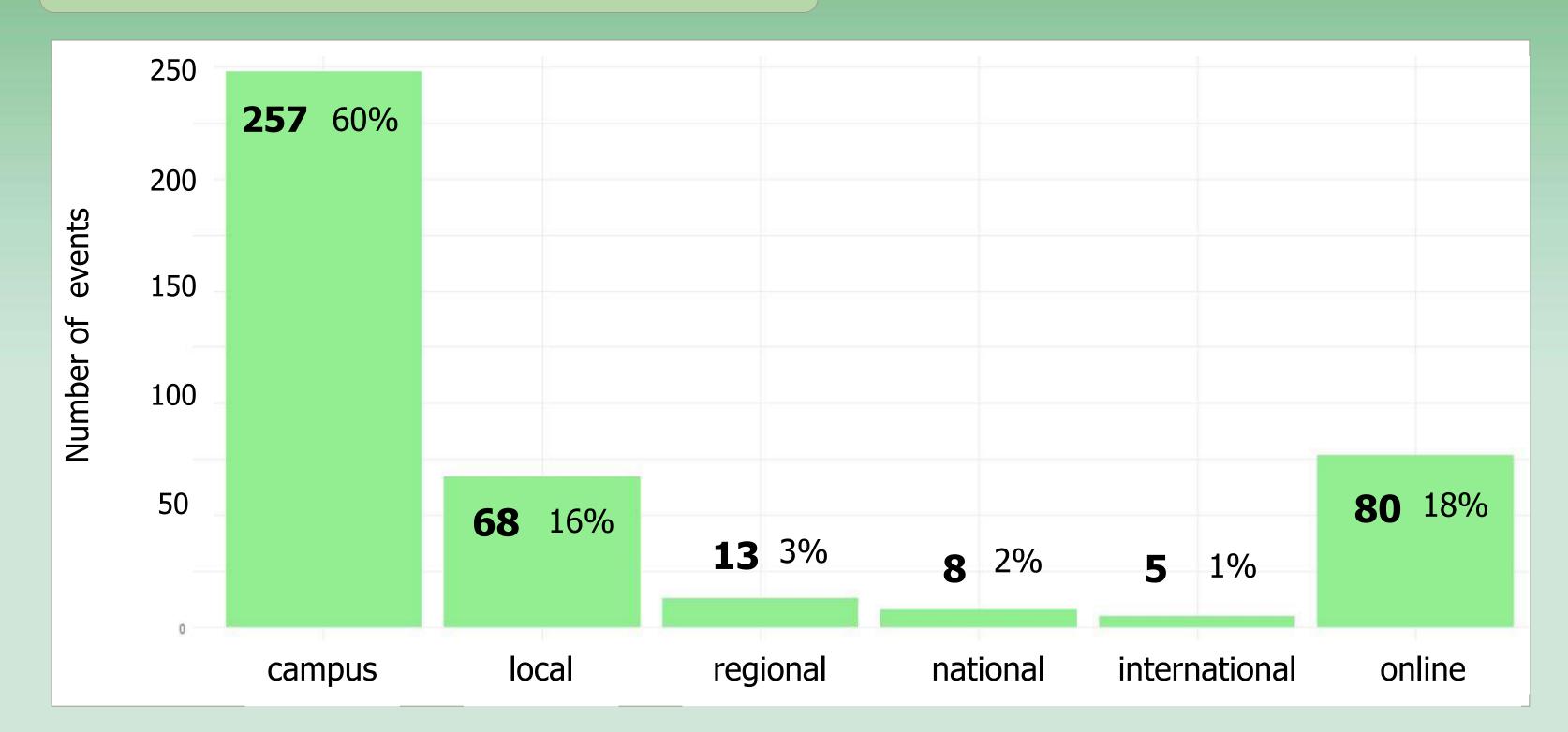


74 guardians (92.5% from FCUL) Max = 25 guardians (2019)

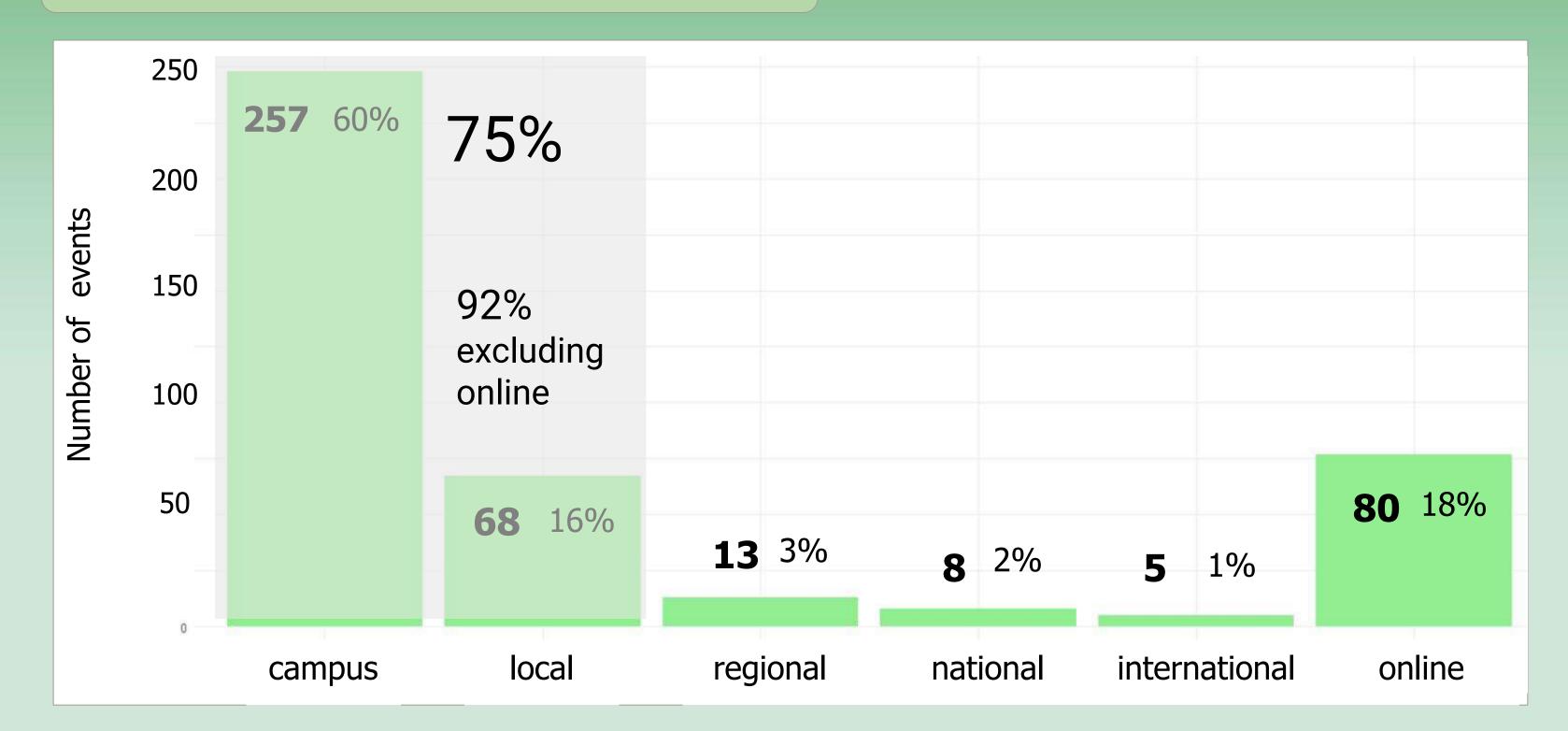


44.1% (average) Max = 52.1% (2019)

Localisation of the project's activity

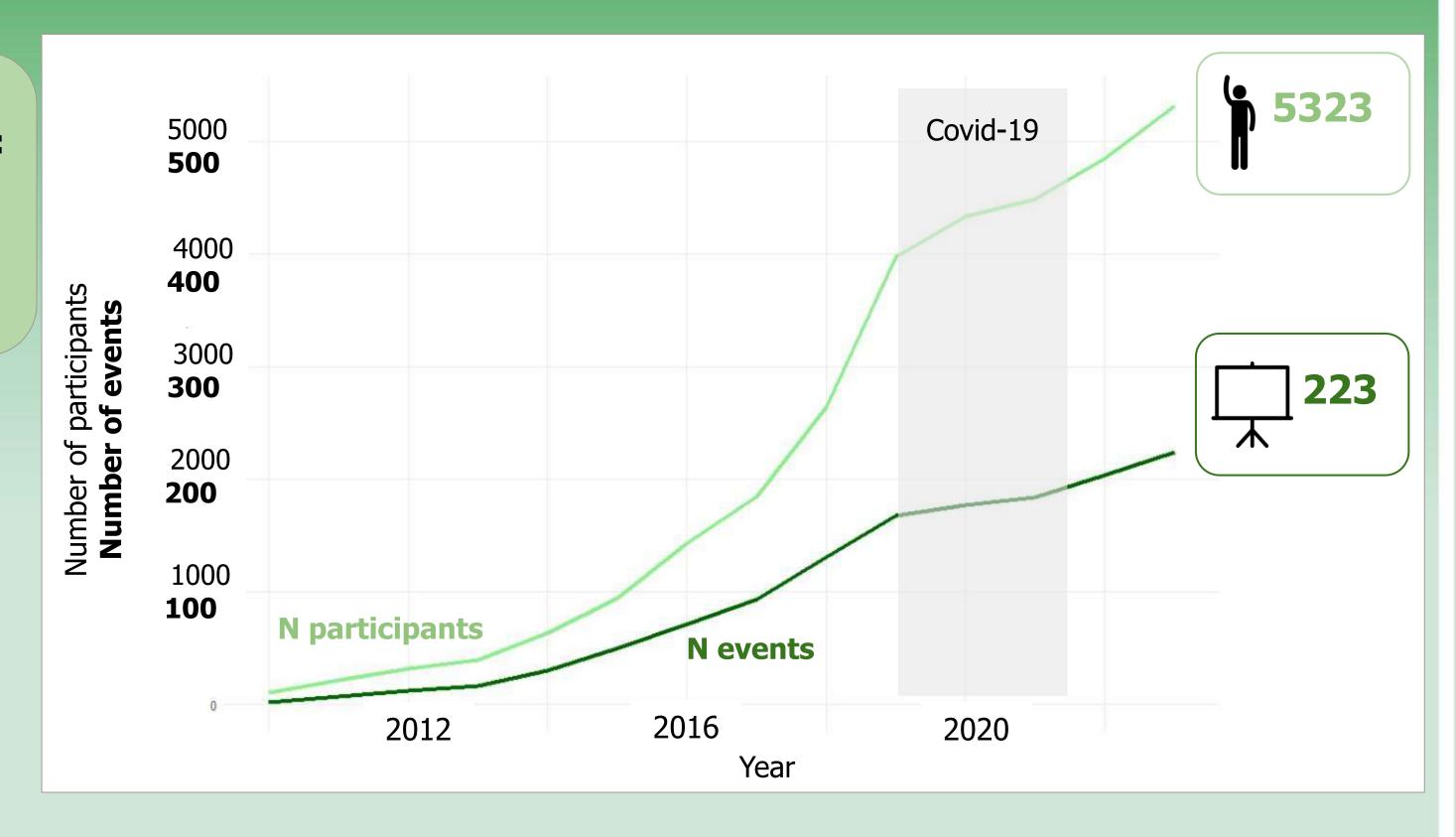


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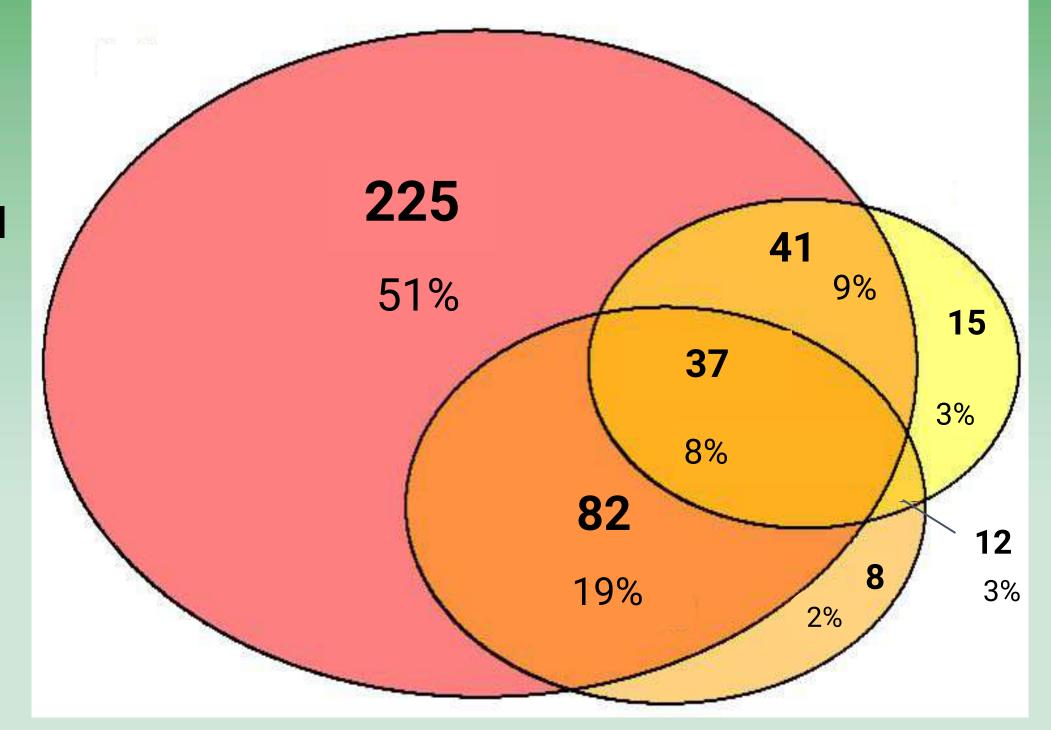
Cumulative participation in:

Workshops
Talks
Guided tours



RESULTS Overall ecosystem services in events

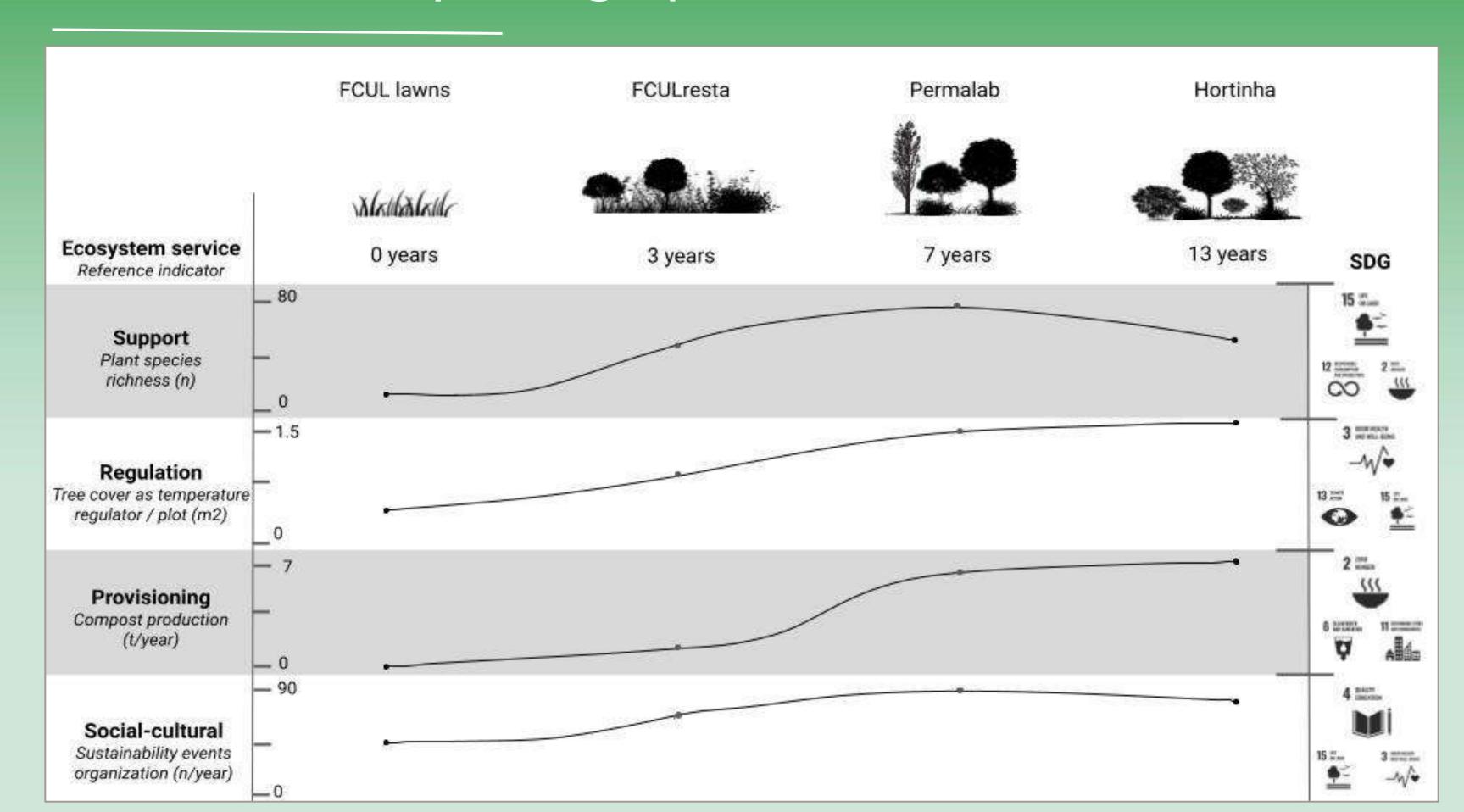
Socio-cultural (n=385, 88%)



Regulation (n=105, 24%)

Provisioning (n=139, 32%)

RESULTS Report's graphical abstract



WRAP-UP TOPICS

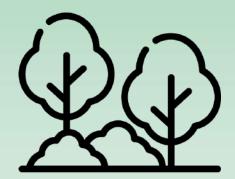
HortaFCUL's added value to the community is significant

Positive impacts are mostly **local based**

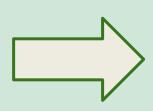
Social/cultural services have a **larger reach** and expression





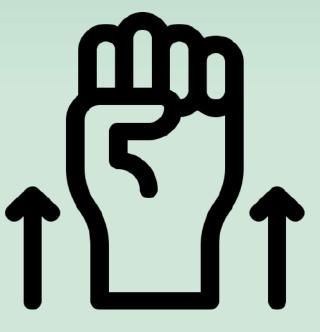




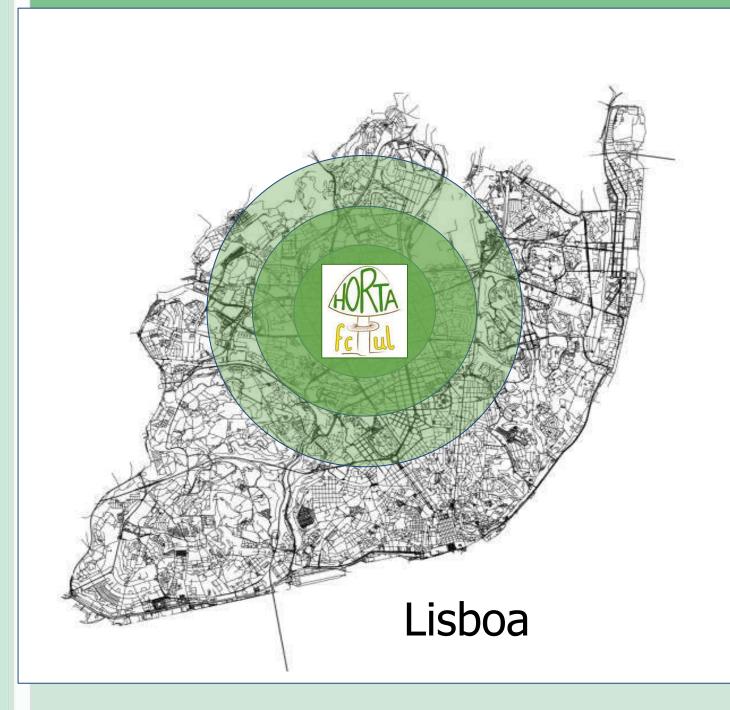


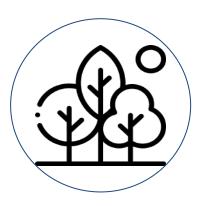






FINAL CONSIDERATIONS





Biodiversity



Social responsibility



Food production



Adaptation Resilience

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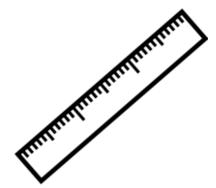
Food production



Empowerment

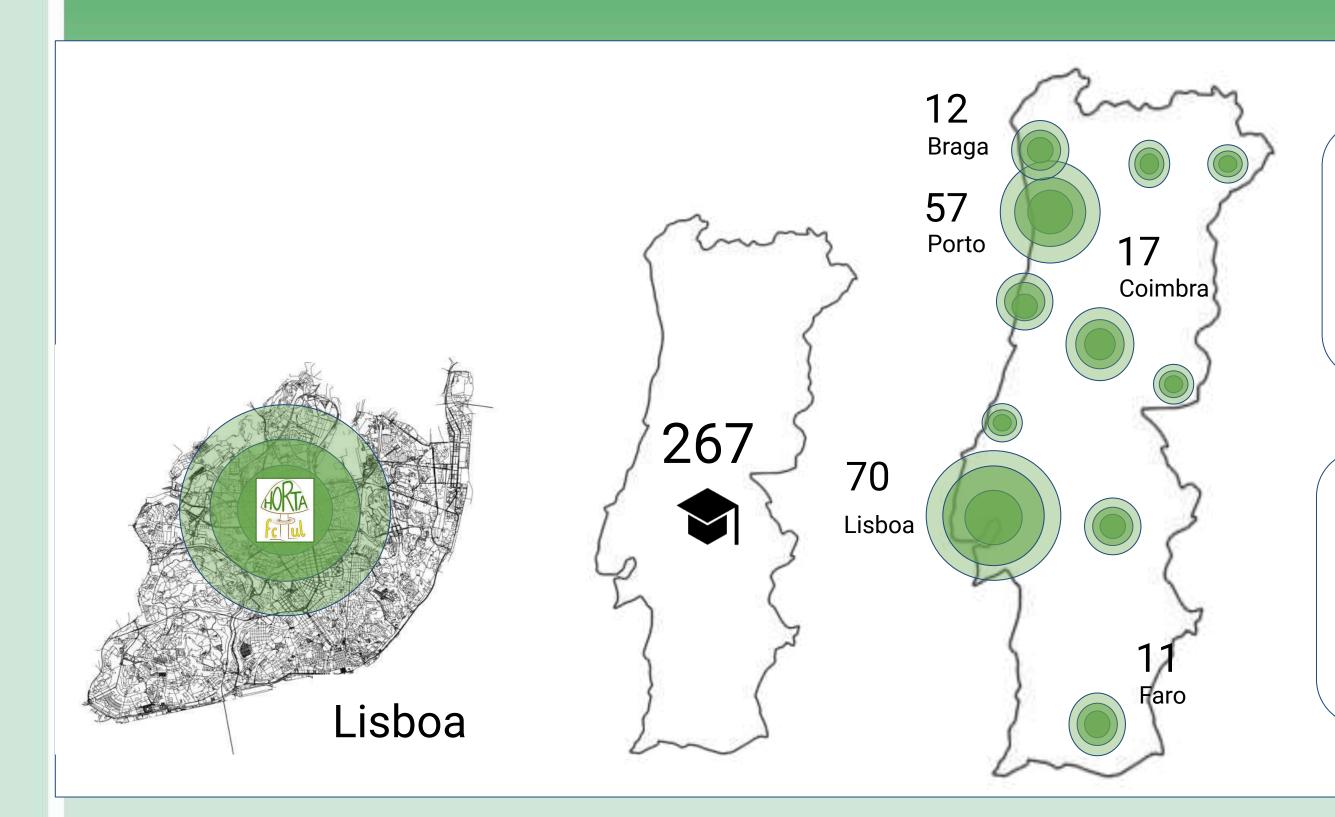


Adaptation Resilience





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Is it meaningful to scale up these projects?

If so, what do we need to to achieve it?

Join the wave. Thank you!















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