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Nuevos Senderos

*Socio-occupational integration of
immigrant families in depopulated rural
areas*



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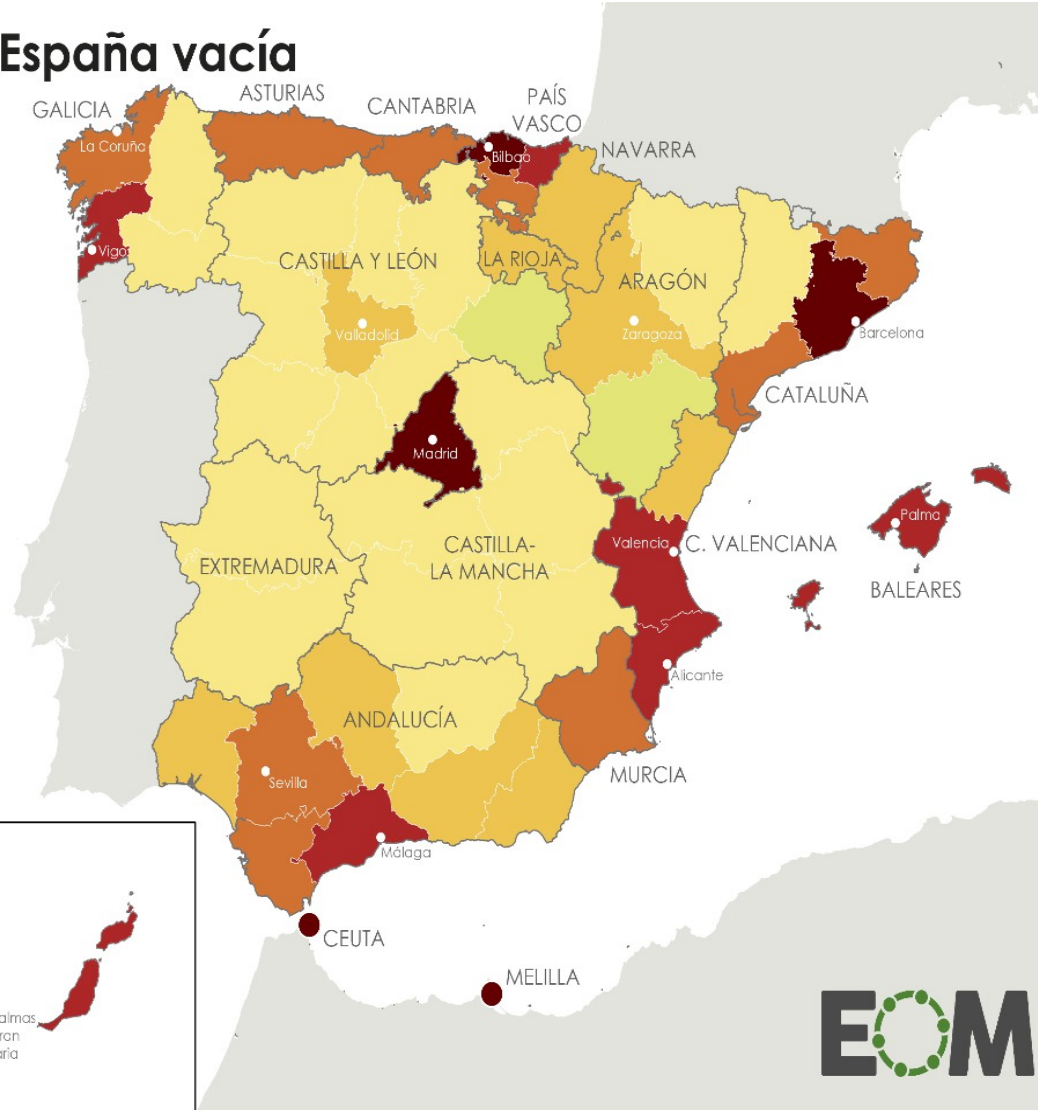
SPANISH DEMOGRAPHIC CONTEXT

- Rural Spain covers the **84.1%** of the territory but only has **16%** of the population
- **78.2%** of the municipalities have less than 5,000 inhabitants
- Half of all Spanish municipalities are already in danger of extinction

España llena/España vacía Densidad de población



Cartografía:
Abel Gil Lobo (2019)
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INE (2018)




Population density map of Spain, 2018

SPAIN'S LAPLAND

- 7.98 inhabitants / km²
- Scarce development in communications infrastructures.
- More than 76% of the localities are more than 45 minutes away by car from the nearest city
- With the current trend, in a few years the population density will be lower than Lapland's.
- Nuevos Senderos is carried out in **8 Autonomous**, and a total of **11 provinces** (3 of them are SHARE SIRA regions: Soria, Teruel and Guadalajara) .



SHARE SIRA Regions

-  Soria
-  Teruel
-  Guadalajara

Sparsely populated areas of Spain, 2018



WHAT DOES THE “NUEVOS SENDEROS” PROJECT AIM TO ACHIEVE?

Address the issue of the high concentration of population in the urban areas.

Benefit migrant people and families who live in vulnerable situations in the cities and/or who wish to live, work and raise their children in rural areas

Fight against the devitalization and loss of the rural population in the interior area of Spain.

Seek the mutual benefit for both parts: Access to housing, work and decent living conditions through a personalised inclusion itinerary + Development of the territory and the protection of its basic services

“NUEVOS SENDEROS” - ITINERARY PHASES

1

Work with the municipalities

- Network for collaboration
- Looking for opportunities of employment, housing and inclusion.

2

Work with migrant families and people interested in moving to rural areas

- Initial interview
- Employability training
- Rural knowledge training

3

Work with the municipalities and newcomers once the job and housing have been arranged

- Pre-visit
- Reflection period

4

Accompaniment and monitoring of the inclusion process

- Encountering spaces
- Intercultural activities, awareness days, etc.



LESSONS LEARNED

- The work done prior to the transfer is essential: accurate information + having decent housing and employment offers
- The job offer must be combined with housing or another formula that promotes integration.
- It is CHOICE of the migrants to move to the rural areas
- The accompaniment after moving is also crucial for a better integration
- Work with the host community

KEY FACTORS

- Diversification of funding
- Collaboration networks
- Regular administrative status
- Knowledge of the language and driving license

AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

- Internet connection in rural areas.
- Encourage self-employment in rural areas.
- Improvement of transportation that connects with rural areas.
- Search for mechanisms to help families in extremely vulnerable situations.





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