



The Organising Committee of the **XI Iberian Conference on Rural Studies** invites the submission of abstracts for oral communication or poster presentation. **The submission is open on the webpage of XICIER 2016** (<http://xicier2016.utad.pt>), where you can consult the list of topics, as well as other relevant information about the event. **The deadline for submission of abstracts is 31 March 2016.**

The XICIER 2016 will be held from **October 13 to October 15** at the [University of Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro \(UTAD\)](#), at **Vila Real, Portugal**. It is organised by the [Centre of Transdisciplinary Studies for Development](#) (CETRAD), the Portuguese Society of Rural Studies (SPER) and the Spanish Association of Agricultural Economics (AEEA). Other partners of the organization of the XICIER 2016 are: the Spanish Association of Geographers, (AGE), the Groups of Rural and Food Sociology from the Spanish Federation of Sociology (FES), the Rural Studies Network (RER , Brazil), the Spanish Society of Agrarian History (SEHA) and the Brazilian Society of Economics, Business and Rural Sociology (SOBER)

The overall theme of the XICIER 2016 is the ***Smart and inclusive development in rural areas***, providing the opportunity to discuss and to analyse ideas, proposals and results of research and actual experience already obtained on the applicability and implementation of smart growth agenda and sustainable and inclusive development in rural areas in different geographical and socio-cultural contexts, especially in Europe and Latin America.

Keynote speakers include André Torre, Andrew Copus, Luis Miguel Albisu. See updates in the conference webpage and/or facebook.

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Greetings from the Organising Committee!