

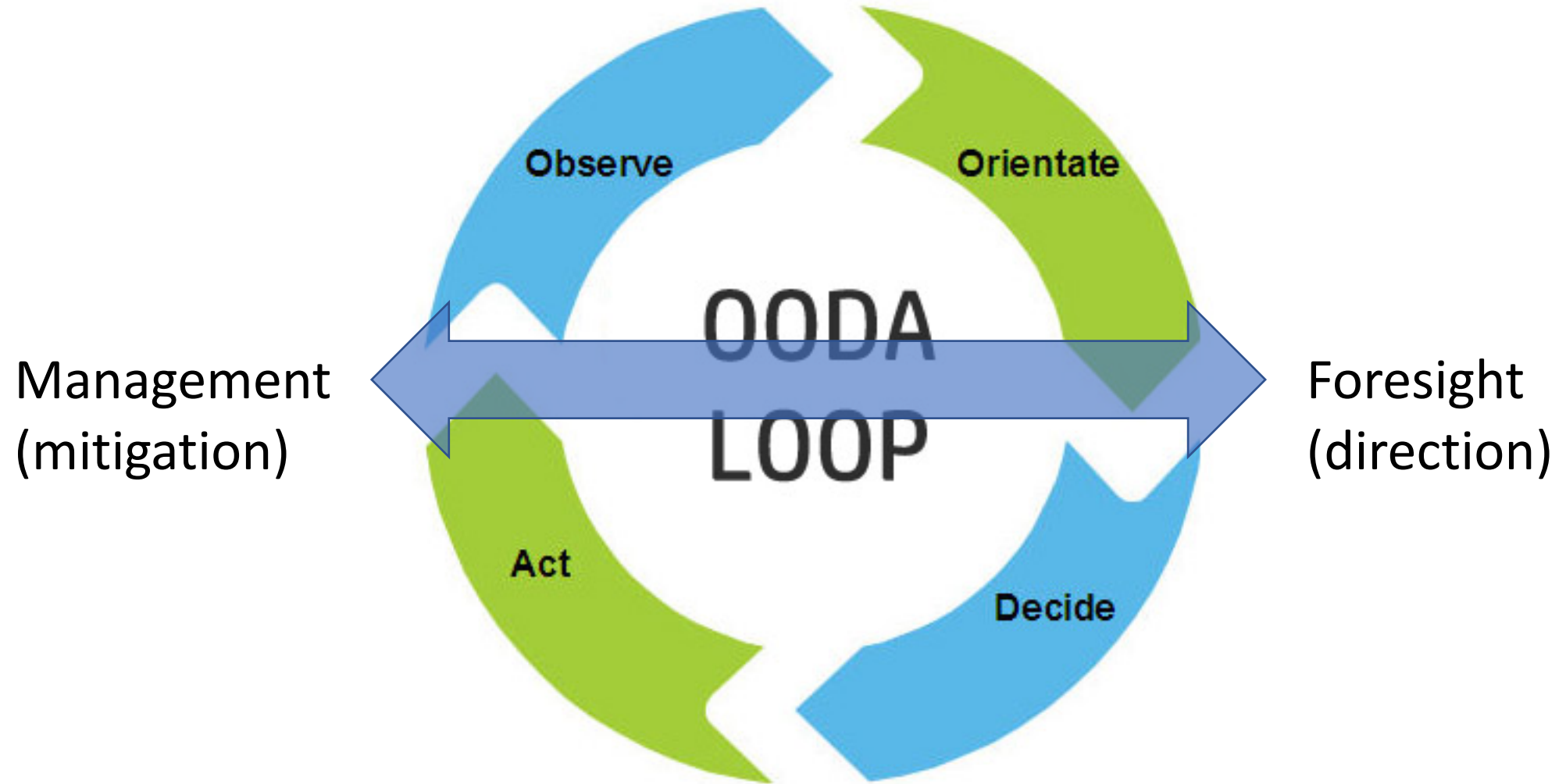


Session: SEA for Agriculture and Rural development strategies in the EU: a future challenge

# Is SEA primarily for mitigation or for providing direction ?

Maria Partidário

# Mitigation VS Provide Direction



# FOR REFLEXION

## SEA Rural Development Programme in Portugal 2006 and 2014





The role of SEA  
regarding intensive  
olival plantation in  
Alentejo PT

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# SEA Rural Development Programme in Portugal

## 2006 (110 pages) and in 2014 (278 pages)

### 5 CFD:

1. Competitiveness, Organization of production and value creation
2. Natural Resources, Biodiversity, Landscape
3. Energy and Climate Change
4. Territorial Development in Rural Areas
5. Knowledge, Innovation and Governance

All objectives and  
priorities as in CAP

Erosion, desertification, climate, emissions, habitats protection, conservation and management of biodiversity, efficient use of resources, water and soil protection, health of forest, energy, agrochemicals, price of water, agroforestry, fragmentation, agro-food production, modernization of irrigation, production chain, poverty...



# SEA Rural Development Programme in Portugal 2006 and in 2014

No mention in the SEA to olive trees intensive plantation –  
no assessment of effects or policy directions

Yet there are visible major impacts of massive plantations:  
water consumption, soil degradation, change in landscape,  
social cohesion, equitability in access to funding, etc

ESPECIALISTAS ALERTAM PARA OS PERIGOS DA NOVA MODA VINDA DE ESPANHA

# Plantação de olivais ameaça meio ambiente no Alentejo

Carlos Dias · 30 de Outubro de 2008, 9:13



Title: Olival plantation  
threat the  
environment in  
Alentejo,  
30 Oct 2018



SEA was done, is a great report  
in many aspects

But totally missed to give  
direction on how to deal with  
this critical threat to sustainable  
rural development in Portugal