



The Mancomunitat of the Ribera Alta is a second level local entity formed by 35 town councils, which decide to group together on their own free will. Its aim is to promote activities and provide services to cater for the needs of all its municipalities. It was created in 1997 and it has a population of about 200.000 people.

A Consortium for the Environment has recently been created, working for the Ribera Alta and a neighbouring county, Ribera Baja. It is now implementing a SAVE project, which will start a local energy agency. One of our partners is the Energy Agency of the Maresme County Council.

The county is basically agricultural, with an active trade at domestic and international levels.

Industry is dominated by small and medium-sized companies, mainly devoted to food processing, although it also covers furniture, car parts, and others.

Small trade and services play an increasingly key role in the local economy. Tourism is also very important, with two different activities: seasonal in the beach and ecological in the inland area.

As a whole, from the economic point of view, La Ribera features an important export activity, tourism and a large number of small and medium-sized companies that face the challenge of a new, more competitive environment.