

EDITORIAL

Quaternaire Portugal has, within its scope of intervention, several lines of action and reflection on the sustainability of the territories and their impact on economic and social development, as well as on people's quality of life. In terms of territorial planning, the company has maintained a relevant consulting activity in the elaboration of several planning and management tools, ranging from regional planning programs, coastal planning and reservoir programs to municipal and town planning, at different levels and territorial scales. In the field of territorial public policies, through the reinforcement of its internal skills with several experts and partners, has intervened in a number of areas, namely those related with coastal issues, development and promotion of landscape and natural resources, or with policies for urban sustainability and regeneration.

More recently, within the context of the challenges and priorities that the Portuguese public administration has been taking on the circular economy, following the Government presentation of the Action Plan for the Circular Economy in Portugal, **Quaternaire Portugal** arises as partner for diagnosis and preparation of strategic agendas in the regional framework. In these matters, the company has also sought to contribute to the reflection on the role that the circular economy can play in the revitalization of the territories and particularly in low-density territories.

Strongly committed with the challenges of territorial sustainability and promoting a systematic approach to the climate change impacts on the territories and on economic and human activities, **Quaternaire Portugal** participated in the Climate Change Leadership – Porto Summit 2018, held in Porto, last July, and decided to join [The Porto Protocol](#) initiative, in September.

Launched in July this year by Adrian Bridge, Taylor's CEO, this initiative already brings together a significant number of companies and institutions that want to share ideas, procedures and experiences towards adapting and minimizing the effects of climate change.

The company's participation in this project represents more than a commitment for the adoption, within the organization, of new practices with less environmental impact (in terms of consumption, mobility solutions, etc.).

Considering its consulting activity, **Quaternaire Portugal** also assumes, as a member of this platform, a continuous commitment on fostering knowledge, reflection and proposition of new measures and new solutions for the mitigation and adaptation to climate change, in terms of planning and territorial policies, economic and social development and the promotion of new skills.

The board

QUATENAIRE PORTUGAL ACTIVITY

TERRITORY

REGIONAL SPATIAL PROGRAMME FOR MADEIRA AUTONOMOUS REGION

Quatenaire Portugal is developing the new Regional Spatial Programme for Madeira Autonomous Region - PROTRAM, in a joint venture with TIS – Consultores em Transportes, Inovação e Sistemas. The programme will substitute the former regional plan, in force since 1995. It's the first regional programme carried out in accordance with the 2014 Law on Spatial Planning.

PROTRAM should be concluded in a 15 month period and it's, now, in its second phase.

This Programme will define a territorial based strategy for the region's development, integrating sectoral and national territorial policies as well as local strategies. It aims to become a reference board to other regional programmes and local masterplans.



Madeira Island Landscape

SPATIAL PLAN FOR COASTAL AREA OF TERCEIRA ISLAND, AZORES



Terceira Island Landscape

There is an ongoing update to the Spatial Plan for Coastal Area of Terceira Island, in Azores, for which **Quatenaire Portugal** was responsible in 2005. The plan's modification, in which the company is collaborating with the Regional Directorate for the Environment, is due to the need for adaptation to current reality of the territory and to its social, economic and environmental features. The first steering committee meeting has occurred in October, launching the field work.

This project is financed by Regional Operational Programme Azores 2020 and has a 15 month deadline.

Quatenaire Portugal is also preparing the Spatial Plan for Coastal Area of Porto Santo Island, in Madeira region.

SPATIAL PROGRAMME FOR BAIXO SABOR RESERVOIR

EDP Production Company and National Environmental Agency granted **Quaternaire Portugal** the development of Baixo Sabor Reservoir Programme. The first meeting of the steering committee has already happened, as well as initial field work. The project has 15 month deadline and covers a 118 km² area, including four municipalities: Torre de Moncorvo, Mogadouro, Alfandega da Fé and Macedo de Cavaleiros.

The programme aims to ensure the quality of water resources and to help manage the use of land and water surface in accordance with the reservoir's purpose.



Baixo Sabor Dam Landscape

PROJECT FOR AN ECOLOGICAL PARK IN ERICEIRA

The first phase of the project for an Ecological Park in Ericeira was recently concluded by Quaternaire Portugal. The park will occupy an area of 16 ha near the sea and to the Empa and Orelheira beaches. The project aims to improve the quality of the site, which has an extreme sensibility, and to increase its natural features.

The park will become a place where environmental education is promoted and where multiple types of users are invited to enjoy the views and walk.

The project includes a small building aimed to support the activities of the park, as well as parking and access to emergency vehicles.



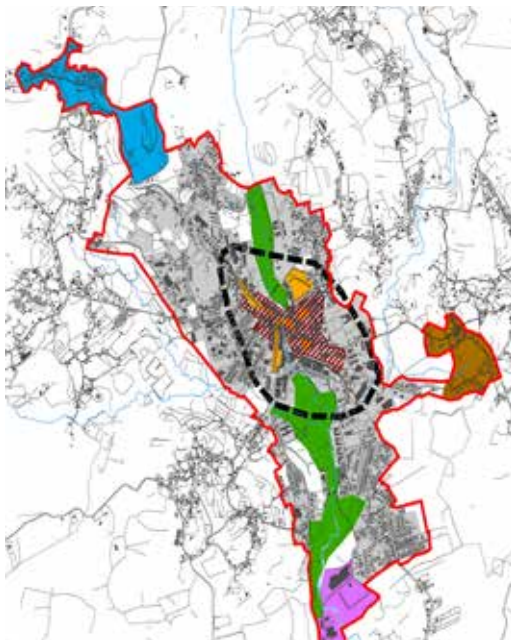
The site of the futuro Ecological Park

URBAN REHABILITATION

Quatenaire Portugal keeps a strong activity in urban policies instruments, namely in urban renewal strategies for different municipalities. Recently, the company concluded three projects which exemplify different kind of services provided by the team in accordance with the urban rehabilitation law.

The first project consists of the definition of six urban rehabilitation areas in Povoação (S. Miguel Island, Azores). The work involved meetings with the local authorities and field work, urban analysis and strategy definition, aimed at increasing urban renewal and building rehabilitation.

The second project is the South Matosinhos Urban Rehabilitation Strategic Programme, that was commissioned by the City Council and coordinated by **Quatenaire Portugal**. The Programme's public discussion was held in October, and the document is available here: [Link](#)



Strategic model for Póvoa de Lanhoso



Mobility system proposal for South Matosinhos

The third, and last project to briefly highlight here is the Póvoa de Lanhoso's City Centre Urban Rehabilitation Strategic Programme, which was recently presented to the City Council. This Strategic Programme defines a local urban regeneration strategy, as well as a mid-term action plan. Also, it identifies the public and private initiatives that are needed to improve the quality and the attractiveness of the urban space in this area. The action plan also quantifies the financial resources needed and potential funding sources. After the approval, the Strategic Programme should be presented and discussed publicly.

FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT FOR URBAN REHABILITATION AND REVITALIZATION (IFRRU) 2020

Quatenaire Portugal has been following the implementation of the Financial Instrument for Urban Rehabilitation and Revitalization (IFRRU) 2020, a financing instrument created to increase urban renewal in Portuguese cities.



IFRRU 2020 annual event (6 November 2018)
Source: <https://www.portaldahabitacao.pt>

The company was present at the annual event that took place in Vila Nova de Gaia, last November, where the instrument's main results were publicly present and discussed.

The **Quatenaire Portugal**'s team has also been involved in the organisation of public sessions regarding IFRRU 2020. In Arouca (metropolitan area of Porto), Daniel Miranda, coordinator of the local Urban Rehabilitation Strategic Programme, presented the programme main features as well as the main fiscal incentives available for owners and investors that want to participate in this urban rehabilitation strategy.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

TOURISM OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR REDONDO

The Tourism Operational Plan is an initiative of the Municipality of Redondo that aims to assess the Redondo's positioning and to define lines of action for its tourist development.

Based on the identification of the territory most relevant and distinctive assets, as well as its weaknesses and areas of priority intervention, the Plan must, above all, contribute to the strengthening of the competitiveness of the Redondo's agents and tourism companies installed here

Following these objectives, **Quatenaire Portugal**, in partnership with Portalegre's Polytechnic Institute, carried out a work that included analysis of key documents and national and international statistics, as well as analysis of the Redondo's positioning in specialized websites. Also, our team promoted meetings with companies and other local and regional players, and conducted two surveys (one for local actors and the other to assess the tourist satisfaction). The Plan also includes several seminars to present and publicly discuss the objectives, methodology and preliminary and final results of the study. Until this moment, two meetings have already being held, on 29 May and on 23 October.



Redondo's Historic Centre

STRATEGIC MASTERPLAN FOR PORTO'S EASTERN AREA

The eastern part of the Porto city, which corresponds to around one-fifth of its territory, is marked by a series of social and territorial cohesion problems. The Municipality wants to answer to this problems through an ambitious policy, which bets on housing and social inclusion, environmental re-qualification, urban rehabilitation, investment attraction and the creation of high-impact public equipment projects, namely on the former Municipal Slaughterhouse and the new Campanhã's Intermodal Transports Terminal.

In order to give coherence to these interventions and to broaden their regenerative effects, ensuring that they will result in a sustainable process of integration of the eastern area into the current city's dynamics, the Municipality of Porto commissioned **Quatenaire Portugal** to develop a Strategic Masterplan, an essential planning framework tool for the territorial integration of the municipal sectoral policies in the coming years.

After validating the diagnosis and the strategic approach by the Municipal Executive, **Quatenaire Portugal's** team is currently developing the final phase of the Strategic Masterplan (vision, strategy, and territorial model).



Masterplan intervention area



Site analysis scheme

CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Quatenaire Portugal is currently leading two relevant studies covering the circular economy topic.

On the one hand, we are supporting the Centre Regional Coordination and Development Commission on the elaboration of the Regional Circular Economy Agenda and its Action Plan. This project involves a diversified group of regional stakeholders, mainly those that participate actively in the Coordination and Monitoring Platforms and Working Groups of the Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS3). On the other hand, we are supporting the Alentejo Regional Coordination and Development Commission to elaborate the regional economic metabolism analysis. Both studies are coordinated by **Quatenaire Portugal** and involve a collaboration with SIMBIENTE.

Also, this two studies will allow our company to elaborate an specific approach to the circular economy agenda, integrating it in a more broad approach to the climate change issues, in which the team is focused to build an autonomous approach.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT STUDY OF THE TOURISM SECTOR IN CAPE VERDE

The Environmental and Social Strategic Assessment Study of the Tourism Sector in Cape Verde was conducted by the consortium Mundi Consulting - **Quatenaire Portugal**. Its main objective was to identify the necessary conditions to ensure that the dynamics of tourism growth in the country continue within a framework of environmental and social sustainability.

The study is based on a diagnosis, analysis of the institutional and legal framework, characterization of stakeholders in the tourism sector and the synthesis of the main opportunities, threats and main challenges of tourism development in Cape Verde, as well as its the potential impacts.



Fishing area in one of Cape Verde's islands

The evaluation was based on a set of key environmental, social and political-institutional performance indicators, that allowed the team to evaluate the contribution of the current tourism development model to the sustainability of the territory and provide information to support decision-making.

In addition, recommendations and planning guidelines were formulated for the preparation of Tourism Planning Instruments and Investment Packages, ensuring that environmental and social issues are taken into account.

The study was concluded with a public seminar, held in the city of Praia in May.

STUDY FOR REPOSITIONING THE MUNICIPALITY OF MATOSINHOS IN THE BLUE ECONOMY

In November 2018, **Quatenaire Portugal** concluded the study for the competitive repositioning of Matosinhos within the framework of opportunities and challenges generated by the Blue Economy.

The repositioning strategy is based on the enhancement of a set of specific assets that could achieve the singularity and inimitability of this territory, under the condition that the municipality implements a coherent intervention to enhance those assets.

The specific assets encompass:

- (i) the relevant critical mass of scientific and technology resources in marine activities, fisheries and aquaculture, as well as and in robotics for exploiting the deep ocean resources located in Matosinhos, located in the port of Leixões;
- (ii) the port and its logistic activities;
- (iii) the intense modernization of fish canning industry;
- (iv) the still relevant concentration of fishery activities;
- (v) the relevance of tourism cluster (beach, nautical, cruises, sports and gastronomy);
- (vi) the heritage and cultural endowment of the municipality itself.



Matosinhos harbour

This study corresponds to a first step in the definition of a Plan of Action for the Matosinhos' Blue Economy.

CENTRE FOR ENHANCING AND TRANSFERRING TECHNOLOGY TO MEAT SECTOR

The Municipality of Vila Nova de Famalicão invited **Quatenaire Portugal** to design the mission, role, strategy and action plan of the Centre for Enhancing and Transferring Technology to Meat Sector (CETT-Meat), following the legal constitution of TECMEAT, a non-profit association targeted at creating a Competences Resources Centre for the agro-food sector which is dedicated to the meat sector.

The work, that is now coming to an end, involves a detailed work of improving the matching between the scientific and technological research potential offered by the Universities and Research Centres integrated within the National Scientific and Technologic System (NSTS) associated to the project and the meat sector firms that the CVTT-C wants to assist.

The work also integrated a dimension of helping TECMEAT association to submit a tender to the Regional Operational Programme North 2020 to finance the preliminary installation activities of the CETT-Meat. Under the coordination of **Quatenaire Portugal's** team, the work involves the collaboration of SIGMA Consulting.

ASSESSMENT OF THE BAIÃO'S INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE

Invited by the Baião City Council, **Quatenaire Portugal** is developing an assessment of the potential for recognizing and valuing intangible cultural heritage manifestations in this municipality. These intangible manifestations are part of the social and cultural history of a given community and territory, due to the uniqueness of techniques and products, the exceptional quality of execution, and also by its symbolic value of cultural representation and its aesthetic quality that determines the demand for these productions.



Walking sticks and umbrellas workshop at Gestaçô (Baião)

At Baião, the intangible cultural heritage that most identify this territory are practices related to gastronomy, as well as those related to the traditional arts and crafts (manufacture of walking sticks and umbrellas, the production of baskets, among others).

These activities have an exemplary character and show up a surprising modernity in contemporary economic and environmental contexts, being connected to current notions of permaculture, green economy, and circular economy. This fact is deeply linked to the nature of these activities and the use of resources and raw materials extracted in the territory and abundant in the region.

CATALOG DESIGN OF TOURIST EXPERIENCES BASED ON THE INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE ALENTEJO AND RIBATEJO REGION

The Catalog design of Tourist Experiences based on the Intangible Cultural Heritage of the Alentejo and Ribatejo Region was completed last May. The project was commissioned by the Regional Entity of Tourism of the Alentejo and Ribatejo, and conducted by Ideias Maiores with technical assistance of **Quatenaire Portugal**.

The project aimed to contribute to the dynamization of a more structured and updated regional tourism offer, in line with the main international trends.



Alentejo traditional pottery

It included documentary analysis and fieldwork carried out by the team, in order to develop a proposal of a catalog of tourist experiences based on the Intangible Cultural Heritage which is present in this region. Also a conceptual approach has been developed to design this Catalog, presenting a range of preliminary proposals for different tourist products and experiences that have been structured according to the motivation of the tourists, the territorial distribution of intangible cultural manifestations and their aggregating capacity with other intangible cultural heritages with which it is obvious to explore thematic affinities. Thus, it was proposed a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage Route, Thematic and Territorial Programs and, finally, a varied range of Tourist Experiences based on each individual intangible cultural heritages.

EVALUATION

MONITORING OF THE ATIVA_MENTE PROJECT

The ATIVA_MENTE project is an integrated project for active inclusion in Santo Tirso city, developed by the Municipality in partnership with the Ringe's Housing Complex Residents' Association, a municipal social neighborhood.



Ringe's Housing Complex

The project integrates a set of activities that seek to empower individuals, families, and communities. It is intended to promote and increase employability in socially disadvantaged populations and to strengthen the empowerment of the most vulnerable groups within this population, in order to foster more structured and self-respect trajectories from a personal, family, collective and professional point of view. These most vulnerable groups include ethnic minorities, women and people with addictive behaviours.

Quatenaire Portugal is assisting the local partnership in monitoring and assessing the implementation of the project, which will last until 2020. The project monitoring and assessment is based on a methodology that integrates several achievement and result indicators and an interactive model for information collection and sharing.

EMPLOYMENT, COMPETENCES AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING

SANQ PROJECTS

Quatenaire Portugal maintains an important activity in the skills needs anticipation field, within the skills needs anticipation system Portuguese acronym: SANQ), dynamized by the National Association for Qualification and Vocational Training. This work includes conducting regional diagnostic and supporting planning and coordination process for the Vocational Training network.

Considering, on the one hand, the company's history of involvement in SANQ and also, on the other hand, the current conditions of the Intermunicipal Communities (CIM) and Metropolitan Areas in supporting the planning of the courses, the development of works in this field has assumed different profiles – such is the case of the ongoing SANQ projects for the Coimbra Region CIM and for the Lisbon Metropolitan Area.

The adaptation to the institutional conditions and the regional contexts is also evident in works focused on specific sectors. Such is the case of the recent SANQ project carried out for the Restoration, Hospitality and Tourism Sector, commissioned by the AMAL - Intermunicipal Community of Algarve.

EDUCATIONAL UNDERACHIEVEMENT PROJECTS

Quatenaire Portugal is supporting a diverse range of projects that are being developed within the scope of the Integrated and Innovative Plans to Combat Educational Underachievement, promoted by Intermunicipal Communities (CIM) and Metropolitan Areas.

In Alentejo Central and Alto Tâmega CIMs, studies are being carried out to support municipal education policies and inter-municipal action. These studies include the production of information and reflection concerning educational underachievement and college drop-out phenomenon. Also, the exploration of proposals that aim to contribute to consolidate the municipal intervention and to foster a complementarity of the action with the educational community.

The methodology is characterized by the active participation of all stakeholders, integration knowledge and reflection on the territories and issues of success/failure and a combination of quantitative and qualitative approaches.

In Santiago do Cacém (Littoral Alentejo), the project “Zero Insecurity - Equality in Education” is being supported technically by **Quatenaire Portugal** on the project's monitoring and assessment and also on the creation of a Local Education Observatory. In Mora (Central Alentejo), **Quatenaire Portugal** is providing technical assistance to the implementation and monitoring of a municipal project to combat educational underachievement.

PUBLIC EVENTS

FIRST PORTUGUESE URBANISTS MEETING PROMOTED BY THE NATIONAL ARCHITECTS ASSOCIATION

Last September, Daniel Miranda, **Quatenaire Portugal's** consultant, was invited to participate at the First Portuguese Urbanists meeting, promoted by the National Architects Association, that took place in Coimbra. The meeting focused on the following motif: urban rehabilitation: new realities and new policies.

Daniel Miranda's intervention brought a critic perspective to recent financing public policies to urban renewal in Portugal, based upon the knowledge and experience of the **Quatenaire Portugal's** team within this field of work, particularly in the most recent years.



SECOND SME MOVE PROGRAMME FORUM



The Board of Directors of the SME MOVE Programme led by the Portuguese Industrial Association (PIA), supported by the Operational Programme Competitiveness and Internationalisation (POCI-COMPETE), invited António Manuel Figueiredo to make a presentation in the Programme Annual Forum organized by PIA and POCI-COMPETE and held in Coimbra. The SME MOVE Programme supports training-action processes, whose projects are until now the unique examples of training projects supported by POCI-COMPETE Programme.

Quatenaire Portugal has developed a deep and vast knowledge about these training modalities, learning from its broad experience of evaluating training-action programmes, involving entrepreneurial association such as AEP, CCP, and CAP. That experience culminated in the publication of a study called "Training Action Strategies for SME+s in Portugal", with the support of the ESF Technical Assistance Operational Programme.

António Figueiredo's presentation in Coimbra has been inspired by that experience, stressing the strengths and scope of the training-action modality, and discussing its current and future challenges, in line with the organizational stage and the competitiveness challenges of the SME's and not ignoring the well-known difficulties in investing in training of their workers and managers.

FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON SUSTAINABLE AND LAND USE PLANNING

Ana Barroco, member of the **Quatenaire Portugal**'s Board of Directors, was invited to participate in the event promoted by Madeira University, held in June. This international congress aimed to discuss the recent features and emerging problems to land use and sustainable planning practice. Many technical experts from different Portuguese Speaking countries were present.

During the congress, the presentations discussed the different practices and approaches between countries like Portugal, Mozambique, Cape Verde, Angola, East Timor and Brazil, and also focused its relations with the legal framework, which have some similarities but also specificities. It became clear how the state of development of a country influences the approach to land use and sustainable planning practice.

Ana Barroco's presentation focused the case of East Timor, a territory in which **Quatenaire Portugal** developed recently a National Spatial Plan, as well as other working experiences from the company's team in countries like Angola and Cape Verde.

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL SPATIAL PLANNING

António Manuel Figueiredo, **Quatenaire Portugal**'s Strategy and Innovation director, was invited for two events, both related to spatial planning that took place in Lisbon recently.

The first was a debate about the new National Spatial Programme and occurred during its public discussion period. The second was the annual seminar promoted by the Association Ad Urbem, and was dedicated to programmes which are central administration responsibility. In this event, António Manuel Figueiredo talked about his experience in regional spatial plans and the future of these kind of instruments, namely focusing the main challenges that they face currently, considering the high level of uncertainty in the public administration context (an issue that is related to the on-going decentralization process in Portugal).



'SKILLS ANTICIPATION METHODS AND PRACTICES: IDENTIFYING EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES AND SKILL NEEDS FOR POLICY' - EUROPEAN CENTER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING

In order to follow the most recent production on skills anticipation methods **Quatenaire Portugal** was present at the Policy Learning Forum 'Skills anticipation methods and practices: identifying emerging technologies and skill needs for policy', promoted by European Center for the Development of Vocational Training (CEDEFOP), held in June at Thessaloniki.

This forum was promoted as part of CEDEFOP's programme 'Assisting EU countries in skills matching: in-depth country reviews'. It aimed to provide a platform for national stakeholders of EU countries to participate in a high-level programme for learning and discussing how to put appropriate key skills anticipation methods into practice. The event focused on the methods and practices of technological skills foresights, sectoral-based skills anticipation tools, and implementation and practical steps of setting up tracer studies.

Participants from various European countries and representatives of the International Labor Organization, the European Training Foundation and the European Commission were present. It was an important moment to update the internal competencies and to strengthen the network and partnerships.



SECOND MEETING OF UMPP MASTER AND DOCTORAL CONSORTIUM FOR RESEARCH ON PUBLIC POLICY

The participation has been held in an initiative led by Évora University researchers under the coordination of Professors Paulo Neto and Manuela Serrano. António Manuel Figueiredo (**Quatenaire Portugal**'s Strategy and Innovation director) collaborates regularly with this network and some papers have been published illustrating the network activities.

The 2nd Meeting of UMPP Master and Doctoral Consortium for Research on Public Policy, held in Évora, invited António Manuel Figueiredo to discuss the evolution of strategic frameworks elaborated for the Alentejo region along the successive programming periods, comparing those frameworks with the undergoing socioeconomic development process in Alentejo, mainly regarding the answer to the main structural bottlenecks faced by Alentejo region. The reflexive analysis presented in this Meeting incorporated the **Quatenaire Portugal**'s experience mainly in the Ex-ante Evaluation of the Alentejo Regional Operational Programme 2014-2020 and the participation in designing the priorities for the 2030 programming period, elaborated for the Alentejo Regional Coordination and Development Commission in collaboration with Gabinete Oliveira das Neves, that aimed to answer the demand of the current Portuguese Government. Other works developed by **Quatenaire Portugal**'s team in Alentejo region were also invoked in this discussion.



WORKSHOP “HOW TO MAKE URBAN REHABILITATION HAPPEN?”

The research center CEDOUA, for planning, urbanism and environment, promoted a workshop about urban renewal as a major purpose of cities current policies. The consultant Daniel Miranda, from **Quatenaire Portugal**, also vice-president of APRUPP (Portuguese Association for Urban Renewal and Heritage Protection), talked about the practice in urban renewal, and recent challenges.

TAGUS ANNUAL SEMINAR: 25 YEARS IN LINE WITH TERRITORY

From a long time, **Quatenaire Portugal** has developed strong interaction and collaboration links with the local development association fabric in Portugal that has been created within the framework of the successive LEADER programmes and of the decision of the present programming period to mainstream LEADER approach in local development policies. It was in this context that TAGUS, a local development association located in Tramagal, Abrantes, invited António Manuel Figueiredo to make a presentation in the initiative commemorating the 25 years of the Association.

The main topic of the presentation has been a discussion about the future of local development taking into consideration its organizational stage and capabilities, the options designed for the future programming period and its proximity mission of cooperation with the territories in which it works.

METROPOLITAN SEMINAR “INOVATE_INTEGRATE_DEVELOP”



Porto’s Metropolitan Area promoted, last 24th october, the Seminar “Inovate_Integrate_Develop” related to its educational underachievement plans. It was a work day dedicated to the plan’s official presentation and to reflection about the action towards promoting educational success.

Quatenaire Portugal was represented by the consultant Lurdes Cunha, which was an active participant in the afternoon panel. She presented the project “School and labour – bridges under construction”. This project is being developed with **Quatenaire Portugal**’s support. It aims to contribute to valuing of young people’s vocational education and to educational success, reducing school drop-out in Porto’s Metropolitan Area. The project takes action in information level and school quality conditions.

“IN TALKS” AT ADRAT – ALTO TÂMEGA REGION DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

The “In TALKS”, jointly organised by ADRAT and the Alto Tâmega Intermunicipal Community for several years and editions, are an open discussion event of relevant issues for the future development of Alto Tâmega territory and for the local development activities led by ADRAT itself. The 2018 edition has discussed in parallel the future of Alto Tâmega and of Europe, analysing the local development problems in line with the big challenges that EU is now facing.

The session to which **Quatenaire Portugal** has been invited through the participation of António Manuel Figueiredo was focused on the theme “Alto Tâmega and Europe – Prospective issues” and the theme of the presentation was “Culture and governance”. The presentation developed the approach that **Quatenaire Portugal** is elaborating on the local development perspectives, analysing in depth the challenges concerning building local capabilities, organizational abilities, strategic and proximity issues, linking them with the international context and in particular the European one.

WORKSHOP “TAKE BACK THE CITY”

On 27 November, the Mira Forum, located in the parish of Campanhã in the city of Porto, held a stimulating initiative was organized by the Goethe-Institut Portugal and the Friedrich Ebert Portugal Foundation. It involved local partners, particularly the Architecture and Urbanism Studies Center of the University of Porto’s Faculty of Architecture and the “Habitar Porto” initiative. In addition to an International Debate concerning the topic of “Opportunities and Challenges: How to Preserve Urban Diversity”, the initiative included also a workshop, attended by people from diverse backgrounds of civil society and scientific and technical areas.

The **Quatenaire Portugal**’s President of the Board of Director, Elisa Pérez Babo, was invited to participate in this workshop and to discuss with the other participant’s several ideas on the current challenges concerning housing, access to city services and the urban economy, especially within the city of Porto. In the end, it was clear that initiatives like this need to continue in order to stimulate a large participation of the population in the debate on the most recent problems in contemporary cities, namely related to the ways of living, access to services and spaces of public and collective use, housing, the most recent solutions for sharing resources and assets, among others topics.



PUBLIC SESSION “ARCHIPELAGO - THE PORTO ISLANDS”

Quatenaire Portugal has been invited by DOMUS SOCIAL, through the participation of António Manuel Figueiredo, to integrate the panel of speakers in the session, mainly targeted at discussing a study elaborated by the University of Porto Faculty of Engineering entitled *Survey and Strategic Plan for rehabilitating the Porto islands ('ilhas')*. The panel was dedicated to the theme of management and intervention models to implement the rehabilitation strategy of the so-called 'islands' ('ilhas') settlements designed by the University of Porto Faculty of Engineering team.



The intervention of António Manuel Figueiredo covered the critical analysis of the study integrating it in a more vast discussion about the city models that the desired rehabilitation may stimulate, with particular highlights on the presence (not exclusively) of that housing modality in Porto's Eastern Area, for which **Quatenaire Portugal** is currently elaborating the Strategic Masterplan.

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