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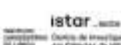
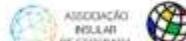
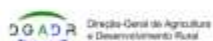


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#### WELCOME

Welcome to the **XVIII International Seminars on the Overarching Issues of the European Area!**

The eighteenth edition of this event proves the important role science and academia play in questioning, debating, and striving to provide answers to the various challenges that we face as a society. In the current context, bearing in mind the profound changes over the last few decades, there is a pressing need to give continuity to the dynamics established in previous editions. The main goal is to broaden the discussion on multiple issues with the participation and contributions of renowned specialists from various continents, as well as academics and representatives from prominent institutions and society itself. They are irreplaceable agents to alleviate and resolve the problems addressed, regardless of whether they are social, cultural, economic, or environmental.

As President, and on behalf of the Organising Committee of the XVIII International Seminars on the Overarching Issues of the European Area, we invite you to visit the city of Porto and share your knowledge and experience with the entire community. With your contributions and the combined efforts of the participants, strategies and solutions can be developed and deepened to overcome the many problems facing the world today.

We look forward to your presence and collaboration. We hope you will have an enriching and unforgettable professional and scientific experience.

It will be a great pleasure to welcome you to our historical city, to listen to the relevant contributions across multiple thematic sessions and debates, or through the presentation of posters.

Welcome to the **University of Porto** and to **Portugal!**

**Maria Helena Pina**

President of the Organising Committee, University of Porto, Portugal.

## CALL FOR PAPERS:

Dear colleagues,

Still recovering from the pandemic crisis, our increasingly globalised world has been immersed in a war with far-reaching repercussions. Despite the threats and destruction to which our planet has been subjected, a multiplicity of ecosystems persists even though they are suffering a critical loss of biodiversity. It is very common to find a combination of dynamic, multifunctional territories in these ecosystems neighboured by others in decline, where development and sustainability are at stake. These spaces show the indelible effects of climate change and particularly of human intervention, further aggravated by the ongoing war in Europe. However, awareness of these critical issues is growing and their impact on the environmental, economic, and social levels has fostered the need for intervention at multiple different scales. Thus, strategies are being drafted that focus on inclusive development based not only on the conservation of landscapes and heritage but also on the revitalisation of social frameworks. To achieve these aims, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals established by the UN and embodied in the "Agenda 2030" are of mandatory reference, representing imperative challenges in the current context of warfare in the European area which aggravates social inequalities and environmental problems.

The aim is to eradicate poverty while promoting equal access to energy, education, and quality health services. Another area of focus is the creation of jobs and energy efficiency, in addition to the conservation and management of endogenous resources. The intention is also to promote effective institutions and stable societies where justice, peace, health care, and gender equality are unequivocal and inclusive. Policy convergence is required to achieve these goals, where environmental and social strategies gain priority over strictly economic motives. They should be clearly guided by innovation and ethics, sustained by digital resources, and dedicated to increasing literacy and technical training. These principles pave the way towards greater territorial cohesion as the most effective means of overcoming the systemic and multifaceted crisis we have experienced in recent times.

It is, therefore, necessary to continue to reflect on these topics without ignoring their complexity and territorial diversity. The European space should be compared with others, highlighting interconnections, particularly with the Brazilian space from which several innovative projects have emerged. This collaborative link is further strengthened through the **XVIII International Seminars of the Overarching Issues of the European Area**. The main objective, evident in the previous editions of this event, also persists: the approach to current problems in a scientific, creative, multidisciplinary, and inter-university setting, highlighting the search for strategies to mitigate these problems within a framework of sustainability and resilience.

This event, organised by the University of Porto with several national and international partners, is increasingly acknowledged as a research network that seeks to provide answers to emerging challenges. In 2024, the XVIII International Seminars of the Overarching Issues of the European Area will feature a scientific committee made up of renowned national and international scholars from more than a dozen countries, centred on the theme of **"Building Resilient and Sustainable Territories"**.

It is with great satisfaction that we announce that the **XVIII International Conferences on Overarching Issues of the European Area**, to be held between May 23 and 26, 2024, in Porto, are **High Patronage of His Excellency, the President of the Portuguese Republic**, Professor Doctor Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa. The High Patronage is an endorsement from the President of the Republic to realize ideas aimed at "promoting, encouraging, and mobilizing the country and its citizens for the challenges and opportunities that arise in Portugal." To this support is also added the **High Patronage of the European Parliament**, granted by the President of the European Parliament, Roberta Metsola.

## TOPICS:

1. Society and Culture
2. Education and Teaching
3. Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Digital Transformations in Territories
4. Tradition, Heritage, and Tourism
5. Economy and Sustainability
6. Urban and Rural Connections
7. Resilience and Transitions in Rural Areas
8. Landscape and Ecosystem Management
9. Climate Change, Environment and Sustainable Development
10. Vulnerabilities, Risks, and Civil Protection
11. European Security and Defence
12. European Policy Challenges and Spatial Planning
13. Biodiversity conservation and ecosystem management
14. Circular economy and waste management
15. Environmental policy and governance
16. Resources management and conservation
17. Sustainable agriculture and food systems
18. Green technologies, energy, and innovation
19. Social and economic dimensions of sustainability
20. Population ageing and Rural Health

\*Other topics may be accepted subject to acceptance from the scientific committee.

We are very pleased to invite you to submit contributions under the conference's thematic topics. This is a unique opportunity to share your research and experience with an international community of scholars, experts, and policymakers. Join us on this journey, working together to promote strategic solutions to tackle the enormous challenges of our time and structure a more sustainable and resilient future. **Submit your abstract** and be part of this international discussion. We look forward to your contributions and your presence at the conference!

Abstracts submitted to the **XVIII International Seminars of the Overarching Issues of the European Area** must be unpublished, well-structured, and appropriate to the topics suggested for discussion at the event. The abstracts submitted must be based on original data, of high technical quality and meet international ethical standards. **Abstracts of a commercial nature will not be accepted.**

**Authors must choose the available presentation medium:** Oral Paper Presentation; Poster Presentation; and Poster.

### Submission of paper and poster proposals:

- a. **NEW Deadline: 24th March 2024**
- b. Notification of Acceptance: **31st March 2024**

**Abstract Submission Form:** <https://forms.office.com/e/LRbgAS17z8>



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## PUBLICATION STRATEGY:

Participants in the **XVIII International Seminars of the Overarching Issues of the European Area** can submit their short abstracts for oral and/or poster presentations (between 200 to 250 words, not including references) until ~~20th February 2024~~ **24th March 2024**. **All accepted abstracts will be published in the Book of Abstracts published by the University of Porto, with ISBN and DOI.**

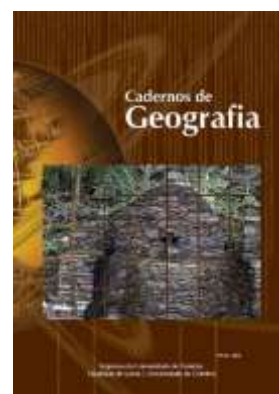
Subsequently, participants with accepted short abstracts will be invited to submit their **extended abstract (1 to 4 pages)** by **12th May 2024**, to be published in the MDPI *Journal Proceedings*.



The template for this extended abstract is available on the Conference website. Authors can consult the publisher's website for more detailed instructions: <https://www.mdpi.com/journal/proceedings/instructions>. In all circumstances, the extended abstract must be in English. **Note:** The document to be submitted must be original and unpublished. If it does not comply with this rule, the abstract will not be included in the abstract publication.

## Special Editions:

- The journal "**Cadernos de Geografia**" is published by the Department of Geography and Tourism, Faculty of Arts, University of Coimbra. The manuscripts (unpublished articles, notes, news and reviews) can be written in Portuguese, English, French or Spanish on topics in the scientific field of Geography, Tourism, Social Sciences and Earth Sciences or in other scientific areas regarded as central to a spatial dimension and of interest to regional planning. This journal is indexed in **Web of Science**, DOAJ, Google Scholar, Latindex, ERIHPLUS, EBSCO, MIAR, DIALNET, REDIB, and SHERPA/ROMEO. The papers are subject to peer review. Website of Journal: <https://impactum-journals.uc.pt/cadernosgeografia>
- **Ebook:** As usual, once the best papers have been selected, authors are invited to submit their texts to the Special E.book "**Possible Paths to a Resilient Territory**" published by the Faculty of Arts and Humanities of the University of Porto, with ISBN and DOI. This E.book is indexed in Google Scholar, the UP Repository, RCAAP, DRIVER and BASE (Bielefeld Academic Search Engine). The papers are subject to peer review.



As this is an international conference, we are preparing **special publications with international publishers**.

## PROGRAMME:

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

**Michael Woods**, Aberystwyth University, United Kingdom

Michael Woods is Professor of Human Geography and Co-director of the Centre for Welsh Politics and Society at Aberystwyth University and Co-Director of the Wales Institute of Social and Economic Research, Data and Methods (WISERD). His research interests include: (1) globalisation and rural change in the 'global countryside', the focus of his ERC GLOBAL-RURAL project (2014-19); (2) civil society and polarisation, as Co-Director and Theme Leader for the ESRC WISERD/Civil Society Research Centre (2014-19); and (3) spatial justice, investigated in the Horizon 2020 IMAJINE project (2017-22). These interests come together in his new ERC/UKRI project 'Rural Spatial Justice' on rural support for disruptive political movements in the UK, USA and Europe. Michael Woods is a former editor of the Journal of Rural Studies and the author of several books, including Rural (Routledge, 2011) and An Introduction to Political Geography (Routledge, 2015).



**Ulrike Grabski-Kieron**, University of Münster, Germany

Ulrike Grabski-Kieron, Dr., Professor Emerita. Professor of Local and Regional Development and Spatial Planning at the Institute of Geography, University Muenster, Germany. Research interests: applied research on rural areas and rural spatial development, spatial planning, geographic cultural landscape and land use management. Long term international collaborations, especially with French partners. Studies of Applied Geography at the Ruhr University Bochum (Germany) doctorate (1985), habilitation (1993), research assistant until 1986; executive employee of the Northrhine Westfalia state agency for urban and regional development, Technical Management Department (1986 - 1996). Member of the ARL – Academy for territorial Development in the Leibniz Association, Germany. Memberships on various advisory boards and committees for Police advice. Co-editor of the book series “Ländliche Räume: Beiträge zur lokalen und regionalen Entwicklung - Rural areas: Issues of local and regional development ( Lit- Verlag, Münster, Germany). Since 2017 freelance scientific activities and projects of scientific writing.



## GENERAL PROGRAMME:

General Program					
		May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26
Morning	08h:30 09h:00	Reception of Participants	Reception of Participants	Reception of Participants	Field Trip
	09h:00 10h:00	Workshops	Plenary Session	Plenary Session	
	10h:00 10h:20		Coffee break	Coffee break	
	10h:20 11h:20		Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions	
	11h:20 11h:30		Break	Break	
	11h:30 12h:30		Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions	
12h:30 14h:00	Lunch				
Evening	14h:00 15h:00	Opening session	Round Table	Round Table	
	15h:00 15h:10	Break	Break	Break	
	15h:10 16h:40	Policy Session	Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions	
	16h:40 17h:00	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	
	17h:00 18h:30	Visit to the City of Porto	Parallel Sessions	Parallel Sessions	
18h:30 19h:00	Ebook		Cultural Moment		
Night	20h:00		Dinner		



## WORKSHOPS:

### WORKSHOP I

#### Shaping Future Fire-Resilient Landscapes and Communities in Portugal

**Description:** The workshop "Shaping Future Fire-Resilient Landscapes and Communities in Portugal", organized by ForestWISE, ISA, and CTFC, is structured into two panels. These panels will focus on the current challenges and best practices for fire-resilient management and on building a roadmap towards resilient communities and landscapes, exploring synergies of EU-funded projects such as FIRE-RES, RESIST, and ResAlliance. The goal is to engage the public, share risk communication and resilience strategies, and discuss the impact of EU-funded projects on Portuguese areas through roundtables and Q&A sessions.

**Organizers:** ForestWISE, ISA e CTFC

**Location:** Anfiteatro Nobre - Faculdade de Letras da Universidade do Porto. Via Panorâmica, s/n 4150-564 Porto, Portugal

**Institutions and Projects:**



**Program** (in construction):

09:15h -

**Opening session:** Carlos Fonseca, Brigitte Botequim (CoLAB ForestWISE®)

- Welcome & Introduction to the WS Objectives

#### Panel I - Insights from FIRE-RES project

- Current Challenges in Fire-resilient Management, **Francisco Castro Rego** (ISA/CEABN)
- Planning for Fire-Resilient Landscapes, **José Borges et al.** (ISA/CEF)
- Successful Fire-Resilient Initiatives, **Duarte Dias** (INESC TEC)
- Vitor Reis & Verónica Catarino (ENB) (to be confirmed)
- Adopting Innovations for Resilient Landscapes, **Alexandra Xavier & Alípio Torre** (INESC TEC)
- Casual Q&A with Speakers

10:45h - Coffee Break

11:00h - **Panel II - Building a roadmap for resilient communities and landscapes – Synergies from EU funding projects**

**1<sup>st</sup> part: Dynamic session: Casual Q&A with Speakers**

- Strategic Risk Communication for Empowering Communities, **Conceição Colaço**, (ISA/CEABN)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> part: Round table: Empowering Communities and Territories: Unlocking Resilience

Round Table on Visualizing the Impact of EU-Funded Projects in Portuguese Areas:

- *FIRE-RES and 1 Stakeholder*
- *ResiAllience and 1 Stakeholder*
- *RESIST and 1 Stakeholder*

12:30h – Closing

## WORKSHOP II

### Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Tourism Product Management

#### Description:

The "Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Tourism Product Management" workshop, organized as an event in the field of tourism, aims to explore the frontiers of management and promotion of tourism products with an innovative and entrepreneurial focus. This meeting will be held at the Higher Institute of Studies in Fafe, in Medelo, Portugal, and will feature the participation of experts and professionals from the tourism sector from renowned institutions, including the European Institute of Higher Studies. This workshop is particularly significant as it is integrated into the "XVIII International Seminars Overarching Issues of the European Area", a series of seminars addressing cross-cutting themes of relevance to the European space. This context provides an excellent opportunity for participants to engage in broader discussions and collaborate on issues that go beyond national boundaries, emphasizing the importance of innovation and entrepreneurship in the sustainable and resilient development of tourism.

**Organizer:** José Luis Braga, IESF

**Location:** I.E.S.F. - Instituto De Estudos Superiores de Fafe, 4820-509 Medelo, Portugal

**Institutions:** Instituto Europeu de Estudos Superiores



#### Program:

09:00h - Reception of participants

#### 09:30h - Opening session:

- Enrique Vasquez Justo (President IEES)
- Isabel Borges (Director ESTF - IEES)
- José Luís Braga (ESTF - IEES)

#### 10:00h - Panel I: Case Studies

Chair: (To be appointed)

- **Susana Ribeiro** (ATP): *The "marketplace" platform for selling experiences in Porto and Northern Portugal* (Not confirmed)
- **Maria do Céu Sá Lima** (Turihab): *The CENTER Platform: National Center for Rural Tourism - past, present, and future* (not confirmed)
- **António Barros Cardoso** (GEHVID-APHVIN): *The role of history in identifying tourism potential: the case study of the book "Travel & Dream Through Lima"*

- **José Luís Braga (IEES):** *Context Travel - Innovation in Presentation and Interpretation of Heritage*

11:15h - Coffee break

**11:30h - Panel II: Roundtable on innovation in the development of tourist experiences:**

Chair: Isabel Borges (IEES)

- Representative of IPDT (not confirmed);
- Member from Porto and North Tourism (not confirmed);
- Diogo Ventura (Wine School of World of Wine) – (not confirmed).

**12:30h - Closing: José Luís Braga (IEES)**

## WORKSHOP III

### Resilient and Sustainable Tourism

**Description:**

The "Resilient and Sustainable Tourism" workshop will take place on 23rd May, with three presentations between 9:30 and 11:00 and from 11:30 to 13:00 a round table and participatory activity. It is developed within the framework of the partnership with the University of Porto and CEGOT and is integrated into the "XVIII International Seminars Overarching Issues of the European Area". Resilient and Sustainable Tourism is considered an extremely relevant theme, as it contributes to the preservation of the natural and cultural heritage of a destination. By adopting sustainable practices, such as promoting responsible tourism and the conscious management of resources, this tourist destination ensures the durability of its tourist attractions for future generations. Moreover, the resilience of the sector allows it to face challenges, such as global crises, ensuring economic stability and the maintenance of local jobs. In this context, the integration of sustainable initiatives not only preserves the unique beauty of the territories but also strengthens their reputation as a responsible and resilient tourist destination.

**Organizer:** Eunice Duarte, IPLUSO

**Location:** Auditório 1 - ESCAD – Escola Superior de Ciências da Administração. Rua do Telhal aos Olivais n8 - 8a 1950-396 Lisboa

**Institutions:** ESCAD – Escola Superior de Ciências da Administração (IPLUSO)



**Program:**

- **Pedro Moreira, CP -** *Railway Tourism in Low-Density Territories* (Not confirmed)
- **Hugo Francisco, Portugal Green Travel -** *Structuring the tourist offer in inland territories*
- **Pedro Beato, Regional Tourism Entity of Alentejo and Ribatejo -** *The main challenges to achieve sustainability in resilient destinations*

## POLICY SESSION

### “Building Resilient Communities: What is the role of civil protection?”

#### Description:

The political session titled "Building Resilient Communities: What is the Role of Civil Protection?" explores the critical function of civil protection agencies and their contributions to the resilience of communities in the face of disasters, crises, and emergencies. The session will shed light on how effective civil protection can mitigate risks, enhance emergency preparedness, and ensure rapid and efficient response to incidents by delving into strategies, policies, and real-world examples. The discussion is timely and relevant, considering the increasing frequency and intensity of natural and human-made disasters globally. Attendees can expect a comprehensive analysis of current challenges and innovative solutions in the realm of civil protection, fostering a deeper understanding of its pivotal role in safeguarding communities and promoting sustainable resilience.

**Speakers:** (in construction)

## ROUNDTABLE I

### Railways in the Territory: From Historical Significance to Future Mobility

#### Description:

This round table aims to explore the critical role of railways in structuring territories, from their historical importance to their potential in shaping future mobility landscapes. The round table brings together experts from different areas to discuss how railways have influenced the development of regions and societies over time and discuss the future of mobility in the low-density regions. The discussion will explore strategies to optimize rail systems to meet the evolving needs of communities and contribute to sustainable and inclusive mobility solutions for the future.

**Speakers:** Coming Soon

**Chair:** Luís Almeida, Associação Vale do Douro

**Location:** Anfiteatro Nobre - Faculdade de Letras da Universidade do Porto. Via Panorâmica, s/n 4150-564 Porto, Portugal

## ROUNDTABLE II

### "Portugal and Tourism in the 21st Century: Emerging Transitions towards Sustainable Development"

#### Description:

The roundtable on "Portugal and Tourism in the 21st Century: Emerging Transitions towards Sustainable Development" promises an insightful exploration into the evolving landscape of tourism in Portugal. This session aims to explore the challenges and opportunities the tourism sector faces in embracing sustainability in the 21st century. This is the perfect backdrop for a meeting of minds dedicated to shaping Portugal's sustainable tourism future. Attendees can expect a thought-provoking

session that highlights the significance of sustainable tourism practices and explores innovative strategies for implementing these practices in the Portuguese context.

### Speakers:

- **Sérgio Barroso**, Centre for Studies and Urban and Regional Development, Ltd
- **Hélder Lopes**, University of Minho
- **Marta Nestor**, Faculty of Design, Technology and Communication of the European University of Lisbon

**Chair:** André Samora Arvela, ISCTE

**Location:** Anfiteatro Nobre - Faculdade de Letras da Universidade do Porto. Via Panorâmica, s/n 4150-564 Porto, Portugal

### FIELD TRIPS:

#### VISIT TO THE CITY OF PORTO

#### Porto, World Heritage - form and function

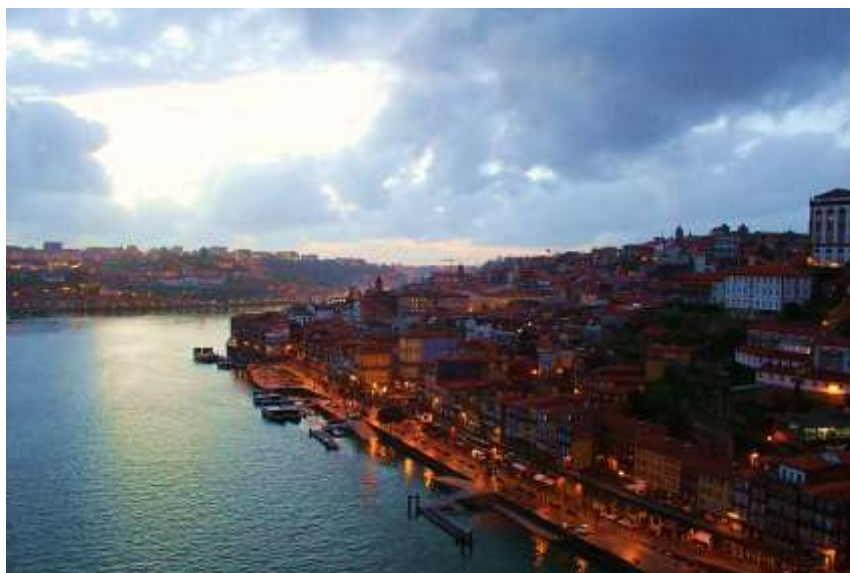
REGISTRATION



**Date:** May 23, 2024

**Organizers:** **Jorge Ricardo Pinto**, FLUP/ ISCET/ CEGOT

**Description:** Built on a promontory over the Douro, close to the Atlantic, but at a safe distance, Porto is built like the nest of a bird of prey. There, at the top, a cathedral was built in the 12th century. Down there, a swarm of people gathered densely by the river, filling boats with goods, walking along the old granite sidewalks, trading products from other destinations. On this route, we will walk through the curved and tortuous streets dating back to medieval times, in the historic center of Porto, a World Heritage Site, in search of churches with baroque facades, houses with medieval foundations, and narrow alleys that wind down the slope. Along the way, we will find traces of other geographies, temporal and spatial, that developed within the city's ancient walls. The space is damp, sometimes mysterious, here and there dark and gloomy, but each step reveals perspectives on the blue of the river where the masts of old boats stood. There we go!



# FIELD TRIP

## The Sousa Valley: Environmental Preservation and Sustainability Promotion in Lousada Municipally

Date: May 26, 2024

Organizers: Cláudia Magalhães, João Pedro Barreiros, Ricardo Nogueira Martins and Manuel Nunes.

REGISTRATION



### Description:

The visit "The Sousa Valley: Environmental Preservation and the Promotion of Sustainability in Lousada" is an initiative that aims to highlight the efforts and strategies implemented in the Sousa Valley, particularly in Lousada, to preserve the environment and promote sustainable practices. The focus is on showcasing how this region, rich in natural beauty and cultural heritage, is taking concrete steps towards sustainability. Through this visit, participants will have the opportunity to witness first-hand the commitment to environmental preservation and the innovative approaches adopted to ensure that economic development in the area goes hand in hand with ecological sustainability. It explores how local actions can significantly impact global environmental challenges, making it a must-attend for anyone interested in conservation, sustainability, and cultural heritage.

### Programme:

#### Morning

- 09:00-10:30**      **Lousada Network of Municipal Microreserves: conservation and future of ecological connectivity**  
Guided Visit to Casa de Vila Verde "Mata da Quinta da Piscina microreserve"  
  
*Tea break - offered by the Municipality of Lousada*
- 11:00-13:00**      **The forest for all concept as an open-air lab & showcase of structures to promote biodiversity**  
Guided Visit to Mata de Vilar
- 13:00-14:00**      **Picnic lunch at Mata de Vilar - offered by the Municipality of Lousada**

#### Afternoon

- 14:30-15:30**      **Riverine ecosystems and cultural heritage**  
Guided Visit to Pias Molinological and Forest Park
- 15:30-16:00**      **Cultural visit**  
Visit to Moinho do Meio water mil  
  
*Traditional snack - offered by the Municipality of Lousada*
- 16:30-17:15**      **Environmental Education as key factor**  
Visit to Casa das Videiras - Environmental Education Center
- 17:15-18:00**      **Living Spaces project: enhancing the ecological and functional role of municipal green spaces**  
Casa das Videiras - Environmental Education Center

Support:



### CULTURAL MOMENTS:

- **Ebook Presentation “The Overarching Issues of the European Area: Moving towards Efficient Societies and Sustainable Ecosystems”.** Published by the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Porto, and edited by Helena Pina, Felisbela Martins and André Rocha.



- **Book Presentation "Regiões Inteligentes e Nova Administração"** (Smart Regions and New Management) by António Covas. In an increasingly complex and interconnected world, the effective management of territories and their administration are crucial to the progress of nations, states and cities. They are spaces where strategic vision merges with an understanding of society's needs, where digital infrastructure is complemented by a humane and inclusive approach. The ability to create Smart territories and manage them is an imperative of this century. This book is a collection of reflections that can lead to the principles, strategies and practices that will allow the concept of territories to evolve into smart territories that are inclusive and promote harmony and globally sustainable development. Courtesy commentator: **André Samora-Arvela.**



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