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territory and activity

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Who we are

We are an energy and environment agency (ENA) created in 2006, by the municipalities of Palmela, Setúbal and Sesimbra, in the scope of the Intelligent Energy Europe Programme.

Established as a non-profit association under the Portuguese law, ENA is constituted by a group of public and private entities and citizens, representing the diversity of the energy and environment community in the region of Lisbon and Tagus Valley.

Our team comprises professionals specialized in the areas of natural resources, energy, environment, mobility and transport.

Where we are

We are located in the Setúbal Peninsula, in the region of Lisbon and Tagus Valley, and our intervention area comprises the whole territory of the Palmela, Setúbal and Sesimbra Municipalities, bounded by the estuaries of Tagus and Sado rivers, and the Atlantic Ocean.



Our territory

Our intervention area, comprising a territory with 890 km² and approximately 233.000 inhabitants, brings together a set of unique conditions that allow us to plan and structure this region's growth, promoting the efficiency in the use of resources as part of an innovation-based green and circular economy.



In this region, known by its three castles, Setúbal municipality has the largest urban area, with high population density, and having an important commercial seaport in the Sado estuary.





The municipalities of Palmela and Sesimbra have a relatively low population density, with the agricultural activities and tourism playing an important economical role, taking into consideration the urban-rural dichotomy in a region characterised by the combination of tradition and technology.

The region brings together heavy and cutting-edge technology industry, handicraft activities, good quality tourism infrastructures and large natural areas with outstanding characteristics.

The landscape morphology is dominated by plains, with the exception of the mountainous range of Arrábida - highest point at 500 meters above sea level.



Overlooking the Atlantic Ocean, the slopes of the Arrábida Chain are covered with the most characteristic vegetation of the region - Mediterranean maquis.

The Arrábida Natural Park and the Natural Reserve of Sado Estuary, created by the urgency of preserving natural, historical, cultural and socio-economical values, is a revitalisation area of the countryside and traditional activities,

promoting the intimate and conscious contact of Man with the environment.

The Volkswagen AutoEuropa factory is located in Palmela and represents the most important industrial foreign investment made in Portugal and one of the five most modern car plants in Europe.



Convenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy



With its municipalities actively participating in the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, ENA is responsible for the production, monitoring and assessment of the Sustainable Energy Action Plans (SEAPs) and all activities developed in their scope.

The municipality of Palmela joined the Covenant of Mayors in 2009, registering, for the reference year (2008), an energy consumption of 1.501.672 MWh (1.036.667 MWh fossil fuels and 465.005 MWh electricity).

The transport sector showed the highest energy consumption level (694.253 MWh), followed by the industrial sector (356.546 MWh).





Setúbal joined the Covenant of Mayors for Climateand Energy in 2016. The reference year, 2011, registered a total energy consumption of 7.216.981 MWh (3.712.649 MWh fossil fuels and 3.504.332 MWh electricity).

The industrial sector reveals the highest energy consumption level (3.646.077 MWh), followed by the energy production and distribution sector (1.801.479 MWh).

Sesimbra participates in this initiative since 2019.

Following the commitments under the Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy, ENA is involving the local community and is working together with the municipalities of Palmela, Setúbal and Sesimbra for the implementation of activities and projects that will help to achieve, respectively for Palmela and Setúbal, a reduction of 20,2% and 20,0% on their CO_{2eq} emissions (Table 1).

Municipality	Decrease on energy consumption [MWh/y]	RES production [MWh/y]	Reduction of emissions [tCO2eq/y]			
Palmela	214.016	28.444	97.571			
Setúbal	84.385	2.901	58.662			

Table 1 – Estimated contribution of SEAPs' measures

Our expertise

KNOWLEDGE: Continuous collection, organisation and processing of policy, research and innovation data and information, transforming them into knowledge and skills to support the decision making processes of the agency and its stakeholders.

NETWORKING: Development of strategic partnerships among relevant stakeholders (at national and European level), fostering public and private participation in the knowledge exchange process, facilitating the access to financing opportunities and increasing the technology transfer with a view to contributing to the efficiency and equity of the resources' utilization.

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT: Systematised evaluation of the energy and environment landscape and the market challenges. Identification of the green growth needs and opportunities, improving and externalising knowledge and networks.

AWARENESS AND BEHAVIORAL CHANGE: Development of training actions, awareness campaigns, educational material and workshops to address behavioral change, energy and environmental literacy, looking for a fair and sustainable energy transition.



ENA technically supports its associates in the implementation of methodologies and studies, namely by carrying out:

- Energy audits at the industry, transport sector, services and housing;
- Implementation of energy management systems (ISO 50001);
- Measurement and verification of the energy performance and savings (ISO 50015 and IPMVP);
- Technical and economic studies and analysis on energy production and consumption equipment, searching for the best financing strategies;
- Analysis of energy supply contracts;
- Environmental impact studies;
- Evaluation of environmental incidences;
- Development and monitoring of environmental and energy sustainability plans;
- Adaptation plans and territory management tools;
- Sustainable mobility plans;
- Strategies to ensure the correct routing of waste;

Associates

ENA has relevant associates, maintaining a strong and skillful relationship that results from services and advice provided as well as from development of joint projects:

- Municipality of Palmela (municipality);
- Municipality of Setúbal (municipality);
- Municipality of Sesimbra (municipality);
- IPS (polytechnic institute);
- EFPS (professional education);
- TST (road public transport);
- Fertagus (rail public transport);
- E-REDES (national energy network);
- DOCAPESCA (seaport management);
- AMARSUL (solid waste treatment);
- BLUEOTTER CIRCULAR (waste management);
- AICEP Global Parques (management of business parks)
- AROLLA (industry)

ENA is also involved in national and international networks, as member of RNAE (National Network of Energy and Environment Agencies) and Energy Cites, having close connection with significant local and national stakeholders: schools, governmental entities, environmental and sectoral associations.





Relevant projects

Project	Programme Duration		Website	
Óleos alimentares Usados	PT/ENA (coordinator)	2008	http://oau.ena.com.pt/?cix=388	
pr@motion3e	EU/IEE (partner)	2008-2011	www.promotion3e.ips.pt	
€C@SAVE	PT/PPEC (partner)	2009-2011	http://www.ecosave.org.pt	
RECOIL	EU/IEE (coordinator)	2012-2015	https://www.recoilproject.eu	
YAECI Yearly Appliance Energy Costs Indication	EU/IEE (partner)	2012-2015	www.appliance-energy-costs.eu	
CONHECER & AGIR	PT/PPEC (partner)	2014-2016	http://www.conhecereagir.pt	
GEEPMES'	PT/PPEC (coordinator)	2014-2016	https://www.facebook.com/GEEPMEs	
smert office	PT/PPEC (partner)	2014-2016	http://energyoff.pt	
Project co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund COMPOSE	EU/ Interreg MED (partner)	2016-2019	https://compose.interreg-med.eu	
POR LUM TURISMO SUSTENTÁVEL	PT/PPEC (coordinator)	2017-2019	http://www.porumturismosustentavel.pt	
Maletas da Sustentabilidade	PT/Fundo Ambiental (coordinator)	2017	http://www.maletas.ena.com.pt	
A PONTO energia	EU/H2020 (partner)	2018-2021	https://www.pontoenergia.pt/english	
Mediterranean © ESMARTCITY	EU/ Interreg MED (partner)	2018-2020	https://esmartcity.interreg-med.eu/	
Mediterranean B EnerNETMob	EU/ Interreg MED (partner)	2018-2022	https://enernetmob.interreg-med.eu/	
Iceland DL Licehonstein Norway grants PLAAC - ARRABIDA	PT/EEA Grants (coordinator)	2021-2022	https://www.eeagrants.gov.pt/pt/progra mas/ambiente/projetos/projetos/planos- locais-de-adaptacao-as-alteracoes- climaticas-arrabida-plaac-arrabida/	



Relevant publications

Title		Project/Information
Sustainable installation and implementation of the LogisticHub of Poceirão: LogZ Handbook	2009	
Palmela's SEAP: Sustainable Energy Action Plan for Palmela		http://www.cm-palmela.pt/pages/1700
Energy matrix for the municipalities of Palmela, Setúbal and Sesimbra		http://ena.com.pt/?cix=655&slang=1&uix =652
Arrábida Energy Plan		
Setúbal's SEAP: Sustainable Energy Action Plan for Setúbal		http://www.mun-setubal.pt/pt/pagina/pacto-de- autarcas/416
RecOil Handbook "The power of Used Cooking Oil"		RecOil/ http://ena.com.pt/?cix=667&slang=1&uix =652
Handbook for Energy Management Process Implementaiton in SME's		GEEPME's/ http://ena.com.pt/?cix=673&slang=1&uix =652
The Used Cooking Oil-to-biodiesel chain in Europe: assessment of best practices and environmental performance		RecOil/ http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/p ii/S1364032115010096
Resource Guide		Sustainability briefcases/ <pre>http://www.maletas.ena.com.pt/?cix=300&la</pre>
Sustainable Energy Planning Toolbox	2019	https://reselplan-toolbox.eu/
RES in Rural Environments (Sesimbra Natura Park and Biovilla)		https://reselplan-toolbox.eu/case-studies/res- in-rural-environmentssesimbra.html https://reselplan-toolbox.eu/case-studies/res- in-rural-environments-a-biovilla.html
COMPOSE pilots in Setúbal Península: Storytelling video		https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wVRnkP nQkJM