

IUC Urban Cooperation Action Plan (U-CAP) Summary

City:	Sao Leopoldo	Viana do Castelo
Province, State, Department...:	Rio Grande del Sul	Viana do Castelo, Alto Minho
Country:	Brazil	Portugal
Population:	203.071 (in 2003)	88 725 (in 2011)
Size (km²)	102,3 km ²	314.36 km ²
Period of cooperation	2017-2018	

Cooperation Themes:	Greening of cities: water waste management, energy efficiency
Related <u>SDGs</u> and <u>Urban Agenda</u> topics:	SDG 11: Urban Development SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation EU Urban Agenda: Sustainable Land Use and Nature-Based Solutions
Key <u>focus</u> of cooperation themes:	Key focus is on improved management practices for water and waste management, energy efficiency and dynamic business practices for these sectors. Business cooperation is seen as an additional asset.
Key <u>challenges</u> of cooperation theme:	Key challenges are in the fields of management of public green areas, of green infrastructure like water and energy.
Main <u>objectives</u> of cooperation as described in the U-CAP:	The joint action plan of both cities contemplates continued exchange on waste management (Innovative public procurement, indicator system for quality management in urban waste, modelling of operational production service [ISO 9001:2015]; and increasing citizen's awareness); and water management (regulation, energy efficiency and reduction of water losses).
Short description of main <u>activities</u> and key <u>outputs</u> (e.g. pilot projects):	Joint Action Plan wants to contribute to improvements of the following public services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Green Areas: Socio- Environmental Centre at the Imperatriz Park in São Leopoldo with exchanges of methodology with the Centre in Viana; - Waste: Innovative public procurement, indicator system for quality management in urban waste, modelling of operational production service (ISO



	<p>9001:2015). Increasing the awareness of smart citizens;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water: Exchange of experiences in projects of common interest in the regulation, energy efficiency and reduction of losses; - Energy Efficiency: to develop a Local Energy Plan, energy efficiency in public buildings, energy efficiency in public lighting, renewable energy inspired and supported by Viana expertise; and - Business Synergies: To support the internationalization of companies from both cities through the promotion of business meetings wishing to create synergies to open new markets. Analysis of Viana industrial policy to attract investments.
<p>Expected <u>results</u> and <u>benefits</u>:</p>	<p>As a follow-up to the exchange visits, during the internship work, Sao Leopoldo has been able to implement its plan for the creation of its Environmental Centre. Viana provided active support in defining the scope of work of this environmental center. A continued exchange exists between the two cities regarding synergies in business development. Both cities are eager to support international exposure of companies from both cities. The Mayors of these two cities are very eagerly pursuing their partnership, and it is likely to transcend beyond the activities contemplated originally in the action plan.</p>

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