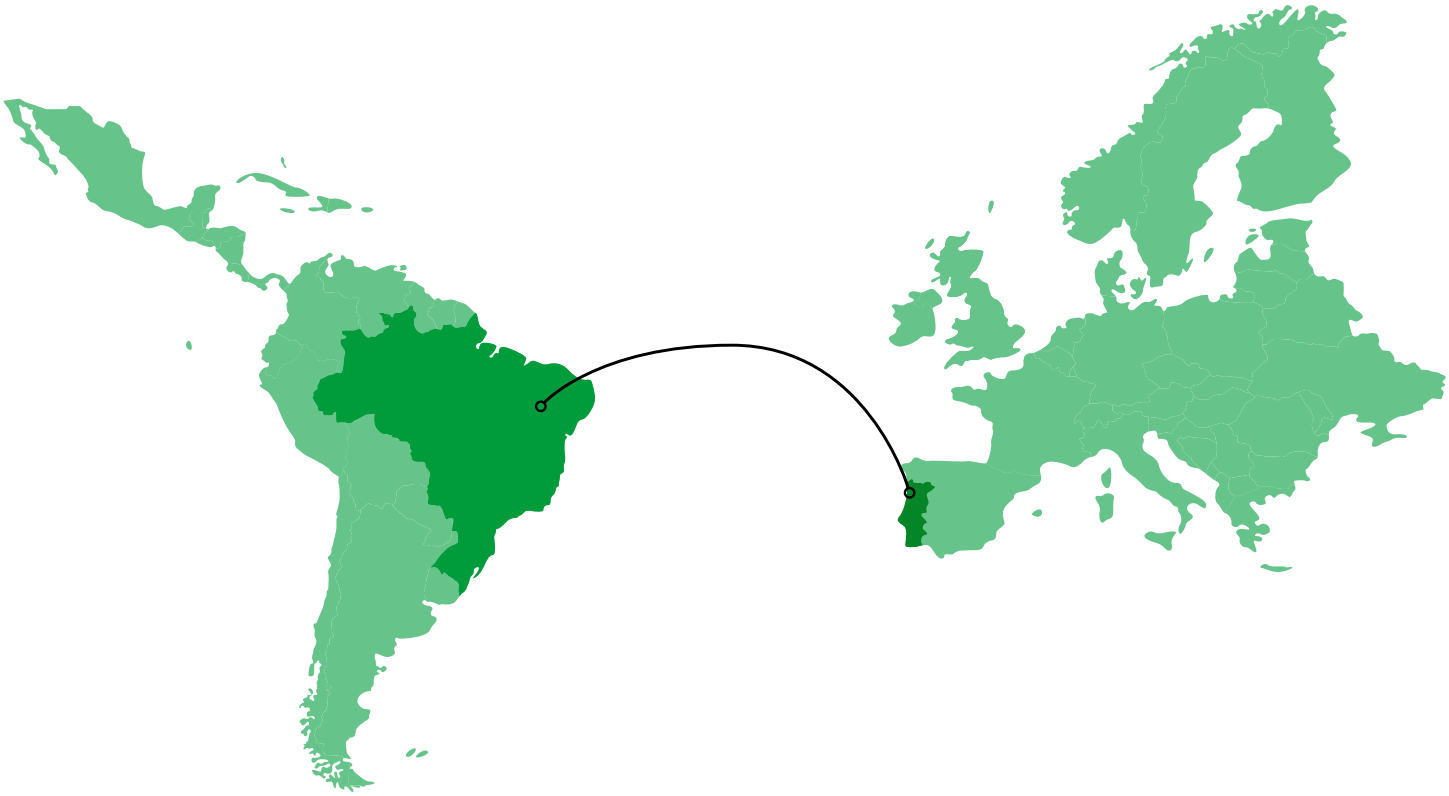
# PAIRING REPORT:

## SANTO TIRSO-ARARIPINA



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## THE PAIRING AT A GLANCE

The Municipality of **Santo Tirso** is located in the north of Portugal and is part of the Porto Metropolitan Area.

The municipality of **Araripina** is located in the extreme west of the State of Pernambuco, in Brazil..

**Keywords**

#Urban regeneration
#Green areas
#Urban Parks
#River regeneration

**Thematic areas of cooperation**

**Rehabilitation of urban areas**

**Objectives**

1. Revitalization of an urban area to implement a green park in Santo Tirso.
2. Strengthening vegetal species in Santo Tirso by implementing spaces to grow plant seedlings in Santo Tirso based on the experience of Araripina.
3. Implementation of an Open-Space Museum in Araripina, based on the experience and technical support of Santo Tirso.

### Activities

The cooperation between Santo Tirso and Araripina is focused on **rehabilitation of urban areas through sustainable development and recovering of green areas and better-quality urban spaces.**

During the technical mission in Araripina, the Santo Tirso delegation learned about the Brazilian City Council's seedbed project, which was of great interest to the Portuguese city. On this visit, the representatives formalized the exchange for the implantation of an open-air museum, inside the Waldomiro Lacerda Park. In addition, the Portuguese staff was able to learn more about the history of Araripina, its historical heritage and works that are being carried out in the municipality favouring tourism, local artisans and the development of small businesses.

That visit finally inspired the main axis of their cooperation: the implementation of actions for the propagation of plant species in the city. Complementing the visit, an internship was organised focusing specifically on this topic, which contributed to the articulation between Santo Tirso government and local stakeholders to advance the project.

On its part, the regeneration of an area of approximately 20 thousand square meters located on the banks of the Ave river, in Santo Tirso, was also identified as a cooperation area during the mission to the city; together with the development of a Plan for a new Park in Araripina inspired by the International Museum of Contemporary Sculpture of Santo Tirso, which is today a reference in the international artistic panorama, and which contributed with a sculpture for the new Park.

### Stakeholders involved

**Municipality of Santo Tirso**. APA - Portuguese Environment Agency; CRE-Porto; Educational establishments.

**Municipality of Araripina.**

## MAIN INTERVENTION-PILOT PROJECT

**Development of public parks and an open-air museum (Araripina).**

The International Museum of Contemporary Sculpture of Santo Tirso is today a reference in the international artistic panorama. Thanks to this cooperation, the city of Araripina will create a Plan for a new park and an open museum inspired by Santo Tirso.

**Promote the propagation of plant species in Santo Tirso - Mudas Project**

Santo Tirso is going to adapt a process developed in Araripina in relation with the collection of seeds and seedlings of native vegetative species and others of ornamental interest in order to raise awareness and to create urban forests.

## MAIN IMPACTS AT LOCAL LEVEL

Araripina has been able to further develop its concept for the Valdomiro Lacerda park. During the internship the foundation for the sculpture exhibition was laid, and the sister sculpture was finalized.
Likewise, in Santo Tirso, the cooperation has contributed to the finalization of the concept for the regeneration of river-side park, an environmentally sensitive area of 20.000 sqm. At the technical level the city adapted the process developed in Araripina in relation with native seeds (collection of seeds and seedlings of native plant and ornamental species; development of new seedlings, etc.); and the project generated a large community involvement, especially in the schools, which participated in the related-awareness and training actions.

## LESSONS LEARNED AND ADDED-VALUE OF IUC

"The Mudas project is innovative in Santo Tirso as well as all the social dynamics that arise associated with this project in Araripina".

"The main contributions of this program have been opening horizons through knowledge of very different realities; involvement of populations in the projects; and developing the ability for technical cooperation between teams of each city".

**- City of Santo Tirso**

## CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORKS

Related **SDGs** and **Urban Agenda for the EU** topics:

11 URBAN DEVELOPMENT

13 CLIMATE ACTION

**Urban Agenda for the EU:** Climate Action; Sustainable Use of Land and Nature-Based Solutions.

## INTEREST IN FUTURE THEMATIC NETWORKS

| Interest shown by **Araripina** both in the Action Plan and in the survey conducted by the Program | | Interest shown by **Santo Tirso** both in the Action Plan and in the survey conducted by the Program | |
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| **NETWORK 1** | Mobility, Connectivity and Transport | **NETWORK 1** | Mobility, Connectivity and Transport |
| **NETWORK 2** | Smart Cities & Digital Transition | **NETWORK 2** | Smart Cities & Digital Transition |
| **NETWORK 3** | Urban Poverty and Regeneration, Housing, Social Inclusion – Cohesion, Equity | **NETWORK 3** | Urban Poverty and Regeneration, Housing, Social Inclusion – Cohesion, Equity |
| **NETWORK 4** | Circular Economy, Waste and Sustainable Production / Consumption | **NETWORK 4** | Circular Economy, Waste and Sustainable Production / Consumption |
| **NETWORK 5** | Sustainable and Healthy Cities, Sustainable Land Use – Nature-Based Solutions | **NETWORK 5** | Sustainable and Healthy Cities, Sustainable Land Use – Nature-Based Solutions |
| **NETWORK 6** | Climate Action, Energy, Water and Air Quality | **NETWORK 6** | Climate Action, Energy, Water and Air Quality |
| **NETWORK 7** | Innovation and Economic Growth, Strategic Sectors, Jobs and Skills. | **NETWORK 7** | Innovation and Economic Growth, Strategic Sectors, Jobs and Skills |

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