ATAHCA - Associação de Desenvolvimento das Terras Altas do Homem, Cávado e Ave





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ATAHCA : a brief characterization of the territory

Founded: 1991

Geographic location: northwest Portugal

District: Braga

Intervention Region:

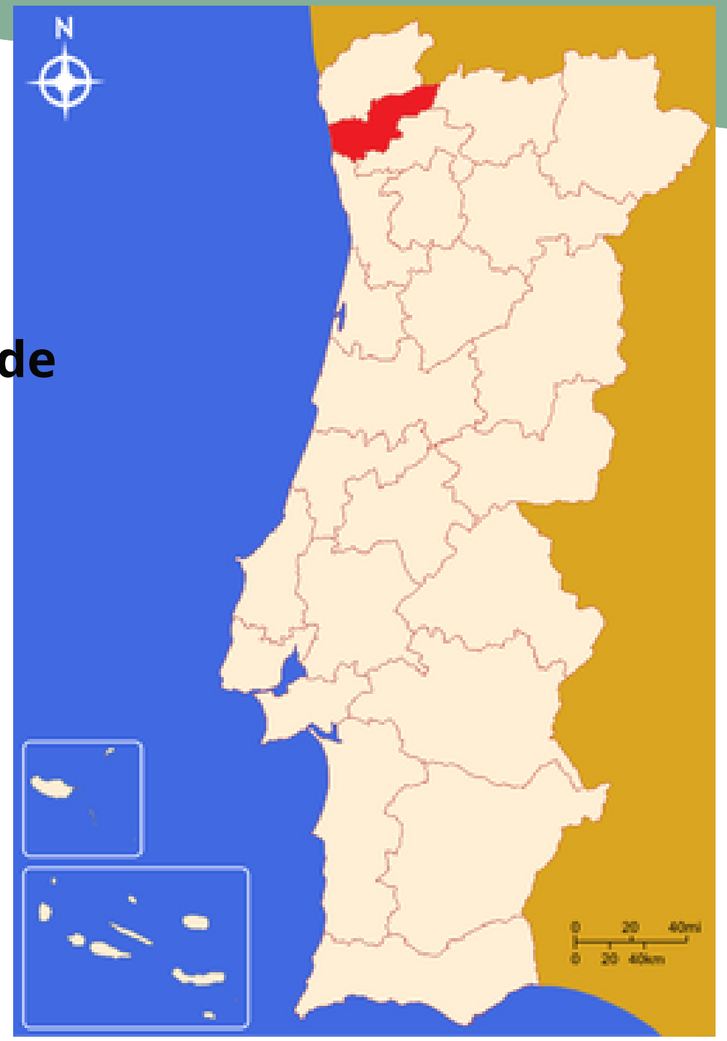
6 municipalities:

Amares | Barcelos | Braga | Esposende | Terras de Bouro | Vila Verde

Corresponds to the territory of the Cávado inter municipality Community (CIM Cávado)

Área = 1 246 km²

Resident population = 416 652 inhabitants (2021)



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Activities undertaken

Contacting local partners to present the project

Organization of the study visit to Portugal (May 2026) which included a seminar and visits to 12 projects and initiatives in the Peneda-Gerês National Park and the North Coast Natural Park.

Preparing the application to be submitted to the Rural Development Program in Portugal

Problems/How do we solve them??

Delay in the implementation of LEADER Cooperation in Portugal (regulations will be published this October, That's what they say) - We had to take a risk and begin participating in this project, and wait for LEADER's support.

Big distance between our territory and yours, which makes cooperation costs very expensive/ reduce to the number of participants

The available financial allocation is low - reduce to the number of participants

The financial support only covers 90% of the costs - request support from local partners for the remaining 10% of the costs.

what we expect from the project (the most important)

exchange of experiences and information between the partners of the territories

to know and learn from the work developed in other territories

to discover innovative solutions for the rural development of these territories

to experiment with new methods and best practices of cooperation

Ideas and suggestions for new projects

* Shared Best Practices Manuals: Create a practical, multilingual roadmap, based on good examples, that teaches rural entrepreneurs how to package, label, and market products with a zero carbon footprint.

* Present an Exchange Internship Project (Erasmus+: Individual Learning Mobility – Young People or Professionals): Promote connections between young farmers or entrepreneurs for two-week internships in sustainable agriculture and tourism projects in the various GREENPARK partner territories..

* Bioeconomy

* Circular economy (agriculture, tourism)

* Smart Villages

* Short food circuits (from producer to consumer, farm to plate)

Obrigado!

Thank you!

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