INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP BUILDING ACTIVITY

"Make the Move for Green Inclusion II"

IN CASE OF SELECTION

Preliminary basic info

INFO PACK

PORTUGAL

17th – 22nd of October 2023

(= arrival and departure days)

Organised and funded by:







<u>In case of selection</u>: you must land in Lisbon airport on the <u>17th of October BEFORE 5 PM</u>, and have a flight departure from Lisbon Airport <u>AFTER 11 AM on the 22nd of October</u>.

ABOUT PORTUGAL

A LITTLE HISTORY OF PORTUGAL

Following its heyday as a world power during the 15th and 16th centuries, Portugal lost much of its wealth and status with the destruction of Lisbon in a 1755 earthquake, occupation during the Napoleonic Wars, and the independence in 1822 of Brazil as a colony. A 1910 revolution deposed the monarchy; for most of the next six decades, repressive governments ran the country. In 1974, a left-wing military coup installed broad democratic reforms. Portugal became a republic. The following year, Portugal granted independence to all of its African colonies. Portugal entered the EC (now the EU) in 1986.

GEOGRAPHY

Portugal is the country lying along the Atlantic coast of the Iberian Peninsula in South Western Europe. Lisbon is the capital. (just to be sure you are heading to the right country ... ②)

PEOPLE

Portuguese love partying, social life, cultural events and they are generally very easy-going people (unique and special, as most people in the world). They have the 'stereotype' of arriving (a bit) late everywhere, but that ... is really a matter of perspective and interpretation.

LANGUAGE

In Portugal, people speak Portuguese (not to be confused with 'Brazilian Portuguese') ©

The locals (mostly youngsters) speak English, but they appreciate that you make an effort to speak Portuguese. Even though basic English is well understood, this also provides the local community some good hearted laughs with your Portuguese trials.

MONEY

The national currency in Portugal is Euro (€). If you plan to make evenings in the city or the village in a bar/café, you should expect to pay around:

What you are having	in the city (not touristic spot)	in the village
a coffee (espresso)	Between 0,70 & 0,90 €	0,70 €
Soft drink or other juice	Around 1,50 €	1,30 €
A beer (33cl)	1,30 €	1,15 €

THE WEATHER

Even though summer can extend quite late in the autumn season, don't expect tropical weather for granted! The city & village are on the top of a hill, expect therefore some wind that might give you some chills. We are currently having mornings in the valleys filled with heavy fog ...as at any moment a dragon could fly out. Just to be sure: bring along warm clothes.

ABOUT RIO MAIOR

You will dinner-sleep-breakfast in the city Rio Maior. Every day we'll travel in the morning and evening to the village Vila da Marmeleira for our working together. The village Vila da Marmeleira belongs to the municipality of Rio Maior and the District of Santarém.



ABOUT VILA DA MARMELEIRA

During the days, we will be working in the village.

This village, located in the Tejo Valley, is described as a predominantly rural area, according to the typology of urban areas. It has 7.73 km² and 460 habitants.

The village owes its name to a quince tree, which had been planted in the sixteenth century from India. The fruits of this tree are used to make ...Marmelade!







MEALS

Breakfasts: will happen each morning in the hotel.

Lunches and dinners: as we work every day in the village Vila da Marmeleira, lunches are organized there. First and last evening dinner are taken care by us, for the other evenings you will receive 'dinner money' and are free to eat in any restaurant in Rio Maior.

Comfort breaks: every day there will be moments with snacks and a variety of drinks.



WHERE WILL YOU SLEEP

You will be hosted in a hotel (https://www.hotelpaulovi.pt/) in the city Rio Maior, in TWIN ROOMS.

This hotel is in the very centre of Rio Maior. Every morning we will leave with a bus to the village (20 minutes drive ... similar to what the kids from the villages around do every day for school), and return in the early evening.



For all participants:

Please consider taking a "personal travel or international assistance insurance" to 'play safe', note that this is not reimbursed.

For the ones who have the European Health Insurance Card (see besides), please take it with you. For the ones who don't have such card yet, maybe a good opportunity to arrange this (normally, free of charge).



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