



# GoGreen

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GREEN DEAL



## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

# LOCAL ACTION FOR THE EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL:

## EMPOWERING POLITICAL DECISION-MAKERS AND TECHNICIANS IN MUNICIPALITIES



# TORRES VEDRAS

18 and 19 Nov. 2024

# Agenda

## 18 November 2024



### Torres Vedras Theatre

9.00am -  
9.30am

*Theatrocine  
entrance*

#### REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING

Welcoming participants, speakers and guests  
Accreditation and submission of documentation

9.30am -  
9.45am

*Auditorium*

#### ART OPENING

by the Torres Vedras Physics Music Conservatory

9.45am -  
10.15am

*Auditorium*

#### OPENING SESSION

Shaping the European Green Deal through institutional collaboration.

**Laura Jesus Rodrigues**, Mayor of Torres Vedras — Portugal  
**Joaquim Ramos Pinto**, President of the Portuguese Association for Environmental Education — Portugal  
**Cláudia Silva**, GoGreen project coordinator — Portugal  
**Susana Escária**, Head of the Prospective and Planning Department of the General Secretariat of the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Action and Member of the New Environmental Fund initiative — Portugal  
**Filipe Duarte Santos**, President of the National Council for the Environment and Sustainable Development (CNADS) — Spain

Presenter: **Carla Castelo**, Ambassador for the European Climate Pact (Portugal)

10:15am -  
11:00am

*Auditorium*

#### PRESENTATION OF PROJECT RESULTS

Three years of European partnerships.

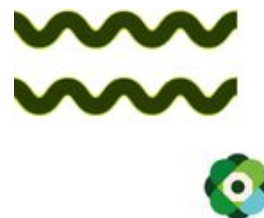
**Jade Alves Gabiron**, Portuguese Association for Environmental Education — Portugal  
**Isolde Dingerkus**, Leave No Trace Ireland — Ireland  
**Cláudia Silva**, Lousada City Council, project coordinator — Portugal  
**George Isias**, Synthesis Center for Research and Education — Cyprus  
**Tim Chabot**, Zoersel City Council — Belgium  
**Nacho García Castañares**, Soto del Real Town Council — Spain

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### Torres Vedras Theatre

11:00am –  
11:30pm

#### COFFEE BREAK

at Torres Vedras Theatre

11.30am –  
1:00pm

#### ROUND TABLE

Municipalities at the forefront of European sustainability.

*Auditorium*

**Hanna Zdanowska**, Mayor of Łódź and member of the “Green Deal Going Local” working group — Poland

**Javier Benayas**, Secretary of the Spanish Sustainable Development Network (REDS-SDSN) — Spain

**João Ferrão**, Coordinator of the local ODS project — Portugal

**Laura Jesus Rodrigues**, Mayor of Torres Vedras — Portugal

Moderator: **Luísa Schmidt**, Sociologist and Research Professor at the Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon (ICS-ULisboa) — Portugal

1:00am –  
2:30pm

#### LUNCH

2:30am –  
2:45pm

#### PRESENTATION OF THE FINALIST PROJECTS IN THE GOOD PRACTICE COMPETITION

*Auditorium*

Presenter: **Carla Castelo**, Ambassador for the European Climate Pact — Portugal

2:45pm –  
4:15pm

#### INTERACTIVE CASE STUDY

Shaping Inclusive and Sustainable Cities to fight Energy Poverty

*Auditorium*

**Luísa Barateiro** - Ambassador of the European Green Deal — Portugal

**Michael Quinn** - Rewild Rangers program coordinator — Ireland

**Simone Júlio** - Project coordinator at Associação OFICINA — Portugal

**Jonas Meuleman**, Researcher at the GreenDeal-NET network — Belgium

Moderator: **Islene Façanha**, Project manager and political analyst at ZERO Association — Portugal

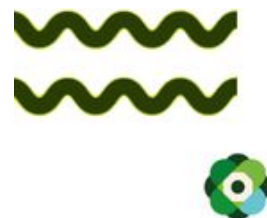


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Torres Vedras Theatre

4:15pm –  
4:45pm

### RESULTS OF THE GOOD PRACTICES COMPETITION

Presenter: **Carla Castelo**, Ambassador for the European Climate Pact — Portugal

4:45pm –  
5:30pm

### CONCLUSION PANEL

A look to the future of the European Green Deal

*Auditorium*

**António Vicente**, Deputy Head of the European Commission Representation in Portugal — Portugal  
**Sérgio Pedro**, Researcher at the Centre for Social Studies, University of Coimbra — Portugal

Presenter: **Dulcineia Basílio Ramos**, Councilor for Environment and Sustainability, Tourism and Internationalization in the Municipality of Torres Vedras — Portugal

5:30pm –  
6:00pm

### CLOSING SESSION

*Auditorium*

**Vasco Alves Cordeiro**, President of the European Committee of the Regions — Portugal  
**José Alho**, Vice-President of the Lisbon and Tagus Valley Regional Coordination and Development Commission, I.P. — Portugal  
**Lurdes Soares**, GTEAS - Environmental Education for Sustainability Working Group — Portugal  
**Sofia Cordeiro**, Local Climate Action Coordinator at ADENE - Energy Agency — Portugal  
**Joaquim Ramos Pinto**, President of the Portuguese Association for Environmental Education — Portugal  
**Dulcineia Basílio Ramos**, Councilor for Environment and Sustainability, Tourism and Internationalization in the Municipality of Torres Vedras — Portugal

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6:00pm –  
8:00pm

### FREE TIME

8:00pm –  
10:00pm

### SOCIAL DINNER

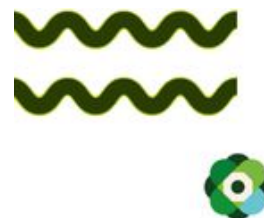


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## 19 November 2024



### UNESCO West Geopark

9.00am - 9.30am **REGISTRATION**  
Meeting at the Torres Vedras [Bus Terminal](#)

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9.30am - 12.30pm **VISIT 1 - Guarda Rios on the Rio Grande and its tributaries**  
*Lourinhã (transport included)*

Start at Praia da Areia Branca, with a presentation of the project, then head to the village of Lourinhã (exact location to be agreed), with the aim of getting to know how the activity works and its results.

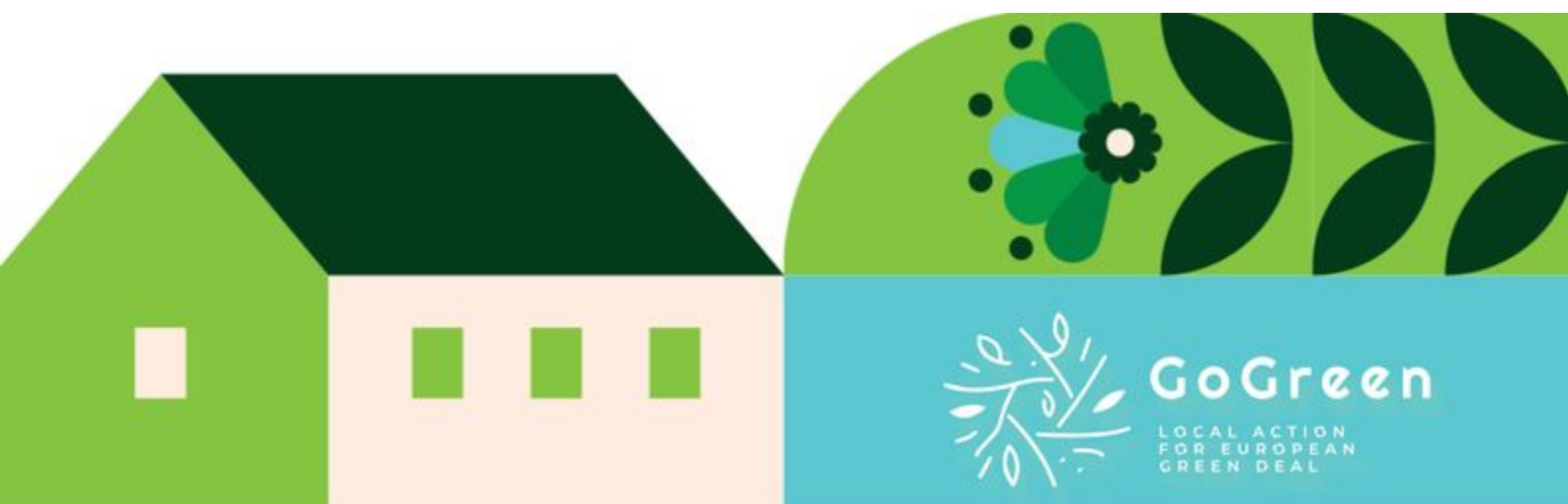
Speaker: *Lourambi - Environmental Association*

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9.30am - 4.30pm **VISIT 2 - The West Geopark Biodiversity**  
*Lagoa de Óbidos and Paúl da Tornada (transport included)*

Start from one of the recently installed birdwatching stations and walk along the shores of Óbidos Lagoon. There are three new Biological Bird Observatories at Óbidos Lagoon, all of which have information panels on the waterbirds of Óbidos Lagoon, with data from the Bio Lagoa de Óbidos project, a partnership between Óbidos Municipality, Águas do Tejo Atlântico and the PATO Association, and the ornithologist Hélder Cardoso. This is followed by a visit to the Paul de Tornada Ecological Educational Centre and to the trail and observatories of the Paul de Tornada Local Nature Reserve, to discover an important wetland that has been classified as a Ramsar Site and is part of the National Network of Protected Areas. The Reserve is managed by Caldas da Rainha City Council, in close collaboration with the Institute for Nature Conservation and Forests and the Environmental Non-Governmental Organisations GEOTA and Associação PATO.

Speaker: *Óbidos Municipality, Caldas da Rainha Municipality, Águas Tejo Atlântico; PATO Association; GEOTA, Oeste UNESCO Global Geopark.*



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### UNESCO West Geopark

9.30am -  
5.30pm

#### **VISIT 3 - Torres Vedras coastal route**

*Assenta Beach, Foz do Sizandro Beach and Santa Cruz (transport included)*

Learn about the coastal and marine biodiversity of an exceptional area in the municipality of Torres Vedras, as well as the project to recognise this area as a Local Nature Reserve. There will also be an opportunity to learn about the crafts of the fishermen, the unique fossil remains and the visitor infrastructure installed in strategic locations. In Santa Cruz, the implementation of the ISO 13009:2015 standard (Tourism and related services - Requirements and recommendations for operating on a beach) will be presented in the support facilities at the Centre and Física beaches, as a way of guaranteeing the reconciliation of the provision of a quality service with the principles of environmental sustainability. The values of coastal communities will also be shared, with a presentation of the activities of the Sealand Association.

Speaker: Municipality of Torres Vedras, Natural History Society; Parish Council of S. Pedro da Cadeira; Beach Concessionaires and SeaLAND Association

9.30am -  
5.30pm

#### **VISIT 6 - Preserving in order to know**

*Peniche (transport included)*

Visit to the continental part of the Berlengas UNESCO Biosphere Reserve with an interpretive tour of places of interest in the landscape and a visit to the Lota de Peniche, lunch in Peniche, visit to the MARE research centre and learn about the barnacle co-management project.

Speaker: Geoparque do Oeste; Municipality of Peniche, ESTM, MARE, Doca Pescas

