



TOURISM

PROGRAMME OF PUBLIC INVESTMENT OF TOURISTIC INTEREST FOR THE ALGARVE

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OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of PIPITAL are to:

- Rehabilitate and upgrade areas destined for tourism;
- Improve the quality of environmental standards in the region;

- Promote the creation of facilities that make it possible to diversify the regions tourist attractions;
- Improve the operations and planning of tourist zones or zones for tourist use;
- Promote tourism in the region.

WHO THE PROGRAMME IS DESTINED FOR:

The programme is aimed, among others, at local government in the region, municipal, inter-municipal and regional companies, non-profit public and private entities and regional development companies with municipal participation. Projects that result in public-private partnerships always considered as priorities.

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ELIGIBLE PROJECTS:

Projects in the following areas are eligible:

- 1. Urban renovation:** green spaces/landscaping, recovery of heritage/historical centres/old urban centres, rehabilitation of urban centre and planning of riverside urban areas;
- 2. Urban and tourism access:** various urban modes of transport, intermodal transport centres, planning and flow of traffic and roads with direct access to tourist areas;
- 3. Urban environment:** cleaning systems, collection and deposit of solid urban waste and systems for treatment of waste water in tourist areas;
- 4. Cultural projects:** museums, cultural centres and libraries;
- 5. Regional infrastructure projects:** infrastructure and facilities for sports that have a regional impact, socio-cultural facilities with a regional impact, facilities to popularise science with a regional impact and regularisation and planning of navigable waterways;
- 6. Planning of tourism areas:** upgrading tourism areas in bad condition, access to areas of tourist concessions and tourism developments, planning and landscaping improvements in tourism areas and the area surrounded them and tourism signs;
- 7. Tourism promotion:** support for attracting tourists and new business opportunities;
- 8. Projects are other types with a direct and relevant impact on tourism.**

FORMS OF FINANCING:

The financing of the projects take the following forms:

- 1. Local government projects with European Union financing** – i.e., the projects that are subsidised by European Community funds may be complemented with PIPITAL resources (although at least 10% of the total investment is reserved and must be paid by the promoting local authority);
- 2. Local government projects without European Union financing** – in other words, projects that do not receive European Union subsidies. These projects may receive resources allocated to PIPITAL (however, the local authority promoting the project must contribute at least 10% of the investment);
- 3. Other projects** - case-by-case basis by the programme management units.

GRANT RATE AND TYPE OF SUPPORT:

The programme provides financial support of up to 90% of the total investment.

MANAGEMENT UNIT:

The programme is managed by a management unit whose role is to analyse and approve the projects. It is made up of the following bodies: *CCDR Algarve, Instituto do Turismo de Portugal, Direcção Geral do Turismo, Região de Turismo do Algarve, Associação de Municípios do Algarve.*

WHERE TO MAKE APPLICATIONS:

Applications should be sent to the *Comissão de Coordenação e Desenvolvimento Regional do Algarve.*

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