

# SENIOR PARTICIPATORY BUDGET OF VALONGO

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# BACKGROUND

Citizen participation is already an established practice in the municipality of Valongo, with various participatory processes having been implemented over the last decade.



# PARTICIPATION

- IMPROVES PUBLIC POLICY;
- BUILDS TRUST AND BRINGS VOTERS CLOSER TOGETHER;
- HAS AN IMPACT ON DEMOCRACY AND SOCIETY.

BUT... IT ISN'T SPONTANEOUS.

- A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION OF THE POPULATION DOES NOT PARTICIPATE
- LOW REPRESENTATION OF THE ELDERLY



# OBJECTIVES

ACCORDING TO DATA FROM INE: PEOPLE AGED 65 OR OVER ACCOUNT FOR AROUND 20% OF THE RESIDENT POPULATION IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF VALONGO.

- > VALUE AND RECOGNISE THE EXPERIENCE AND WISDOM OF OLDER PEOPLE;
- > FOSTER A SENSE OF BELONGING AND EMPOWERMENT;
- > COMBAT ISOLATION.



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TARGET GROUP:

» RESIDENTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF VALONGO AGED 62 OR OVER

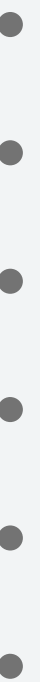


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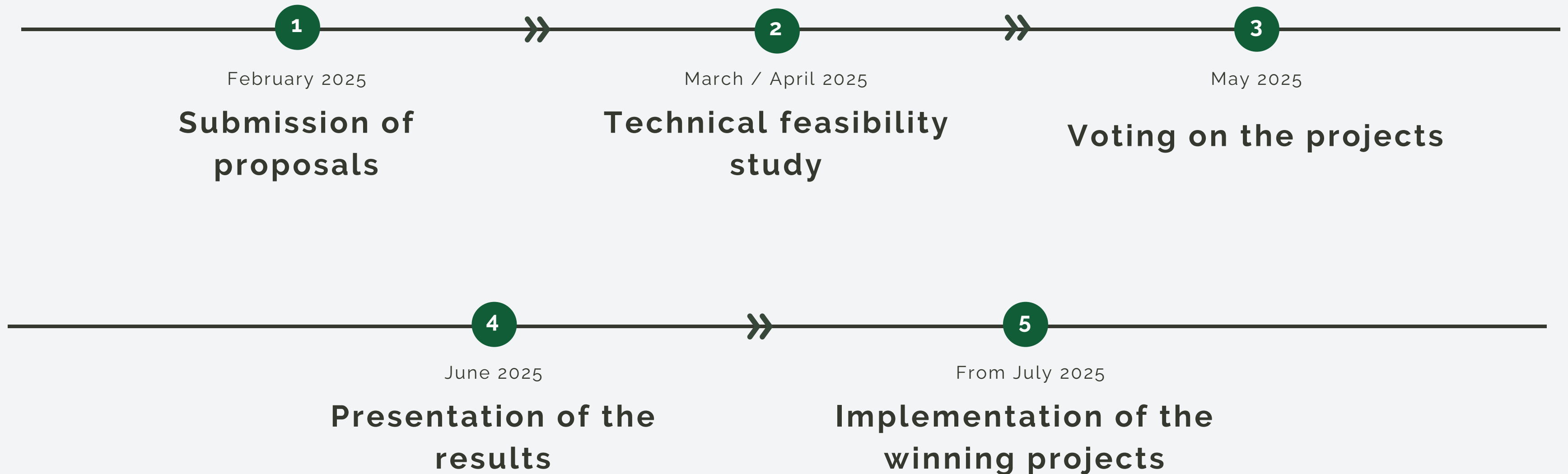
» €50,000, DISTRIBUTED EQUALLY



IN FEBRUARY 2025, THIS WAS THE ONLY ACTIVE SENIOR PARTICIPATORY BUDGET IN MAINLAND PORTUGAL



# STAGES OF THE PROCESS



# SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

- > 5 PARTICIPATORY MEETINGS;
- > DURATION: 2 HOURS 30 MINUTES;
- > DISCUSSION IN 'WORKING GROUPS';
- > PRESENTATION AND DEFENCE OF PROPOSALS;
- > VOTING IN AN ASSEMBLY FORMAT;
- > SELECTION OF PROPOSALS FOR TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS.



# RESULTS

Parish	N.º of participants	Proposals submitted
Ermesinde	113	62
Alfena	53	35
Valongo	57	44
Campo	32	20
Sobrado	11	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>168</b>

» PARTICIPANTS: 70.1% WERE WOMEN AND 29.9% WERE MEN;

» 57% OF PARTICIPANTS STATED THAT THEY ATTENDED THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION WITH THE INTENTION OF LISTENING AND OBTAINING FURTHER INFORMATION; HOWEVER, IT WAS FOUND THAT SOME OF THE PARTICIPANTS ENDED UP SUBMITTING PROPOSALS.



# TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY STUDY

## ANALYSIS

- » PROPOSALS APPROVED AT THE 5 PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETINGS;
- » TECHNICIANS FROM DIFFERENT MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS.

## DECISION

- » REJECTION;
- » APPROVAL;
- » APPROVAL SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS.

## NOTIFICATION

- » NOTIFICATION BY EMAIL AND POST;
- » DEADLINE OF 10 WORKING DAYS;
- » IMPLEMENTATION AND CONVERSION INTO PROJECTS.

# VOTING

Parish	Winning Project	Total Votes
Alfena	Trip to Santiago de Compostela for the Alfena Seniors	85
Campo	Boat trip to Régua for the Campo Seniors	35
Ermesinde	Dance Hall	44
Sobrado	Trip to Madeira for the Sobrado Seniors	20
Valongo	First flight for the Valongo Seniors	7
<b>Total</b>		<b>836</b>



# PRESENTATION OF THE RESULTS



# IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WINNING PROJECTS



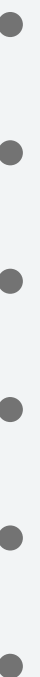
## 2 PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED

- » TRIP TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA FOR THE ALFENA SENIORS
- » BOAT TRIP TO RÉGUA FOR THE CAMPO SENIORS



## 3 PROJECTS CURRENTLY BEING IMPLEMENTED

- » DANCE HALL
- » TRIP TO MADEIRA FOR THE SOBRADO SENIORS
- » FIRST FLIGHT FOR THE VALONGO SENIORS



# CHALLENGES

- > **DIFFICULTIES IN ACCESSING AND USING DIGITAL PLATFORMS**
  - >> REQUIRE IN-PERSON ALTERNATIVES AND ONGOING SUPPORT.
- > **DIFFICULTY IN ENSURING REPRESENTATION AND MOBILISATION**
  - >> THE IMPORTANCE OF ENSURING REPRESENTATIVE PARTICIPATION FROM A DIVERSE RANGE OF PROFILES WITHIN THE OLDER POPULATION.
- > **REQUIREMENT FOR TECHNICAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES**
  - >> REQUIRES ADAPTED METHODOLOGIES, TRAINED TEAMS AND TIME FOR PERSONALISED SUPPORT.
- > **PHYSICAL, MOBILITY AND SCHEDULING BARRIERS**
  - >> NECESSITATES AN INCLUSIVE DESIGN OF THE PROCESS, THE VENUES AND THE TIMETABLES OF THE MEETINGS THEMSELVES.



# THANK YOU

Happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you very much for your attention!

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