

# QUARTEIRA DECIDES

ABELHEIRA | CHECUL | IGAPHE

Promoting entity



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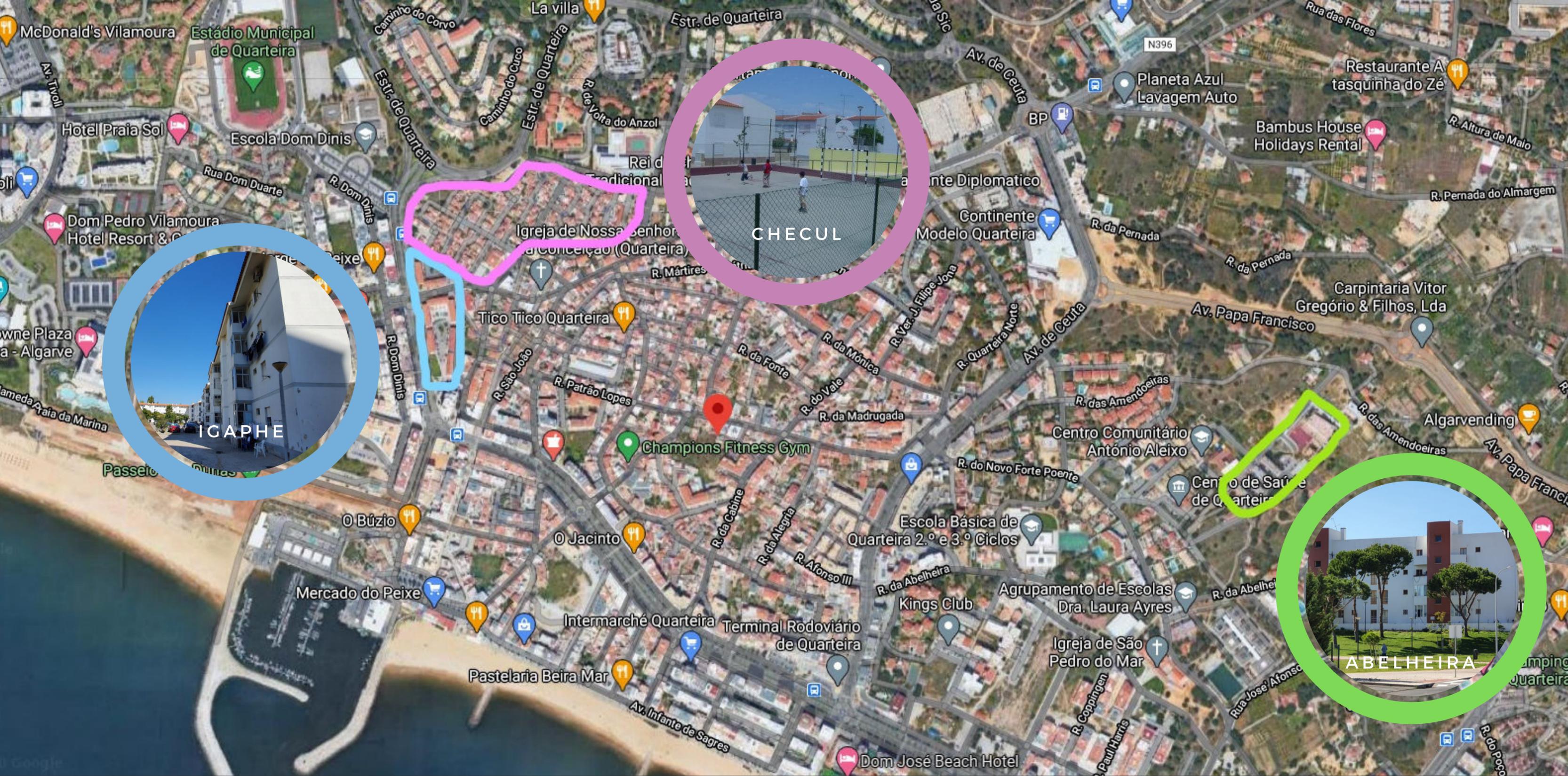
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# PROJECT

Presentation



**City of Quarteira**

**Abelheira, Checul and IGAPHE Neighborhoods**

# Central idea

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Three neighborhoods in the city of Quarteira, characterized by ethnic and cultural diversity, socio-economic weaknesses, as well as low civic cohesion, will decide and implement the projects they consider most important for the community, through a participatory budgeting methodology.

Each neighborhood will have its own budget that will be discussed and agreed upon by the residents. To monitor and facilitate this process, local tutors will be selected and trained in each neighborhood.

The neighborhoods in question are: Abelheira, Checul and IGAPHE.

# Methodology

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The Participatory Budgeting (PB) methodology foreseen for each neighbourhood requires:

- the selection of tutors in each neighbourhood, between the ages of 16 and 25;
- the training of tutors in the methodology associated with the process;
- the dissemination of the PB, to be ensured through the tutors, flyers to be distributed in each house and a public meeting to be held in each neighbourhood (to be adjusted to the circumstances of the pandemic);
- the holding of a participatory budgeting assembly in each neighbourhood for the presentation, debate and selection of proposals (to be adjusted to the circumstances of the pandemic);
- carrying out a technical analysis of the feasibility of these proposals (according to criteria defined and disseminated in advance to residents);
- the return of the results of the technical analysis to the residents of each neighbourhood;
- the voting on the finalist projects and the presentation of the results;
- the implementation of winning projects.



# Calendar

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The project will run from January to December 2021, according to the following phases:

## JANUARY | FEBRUARY

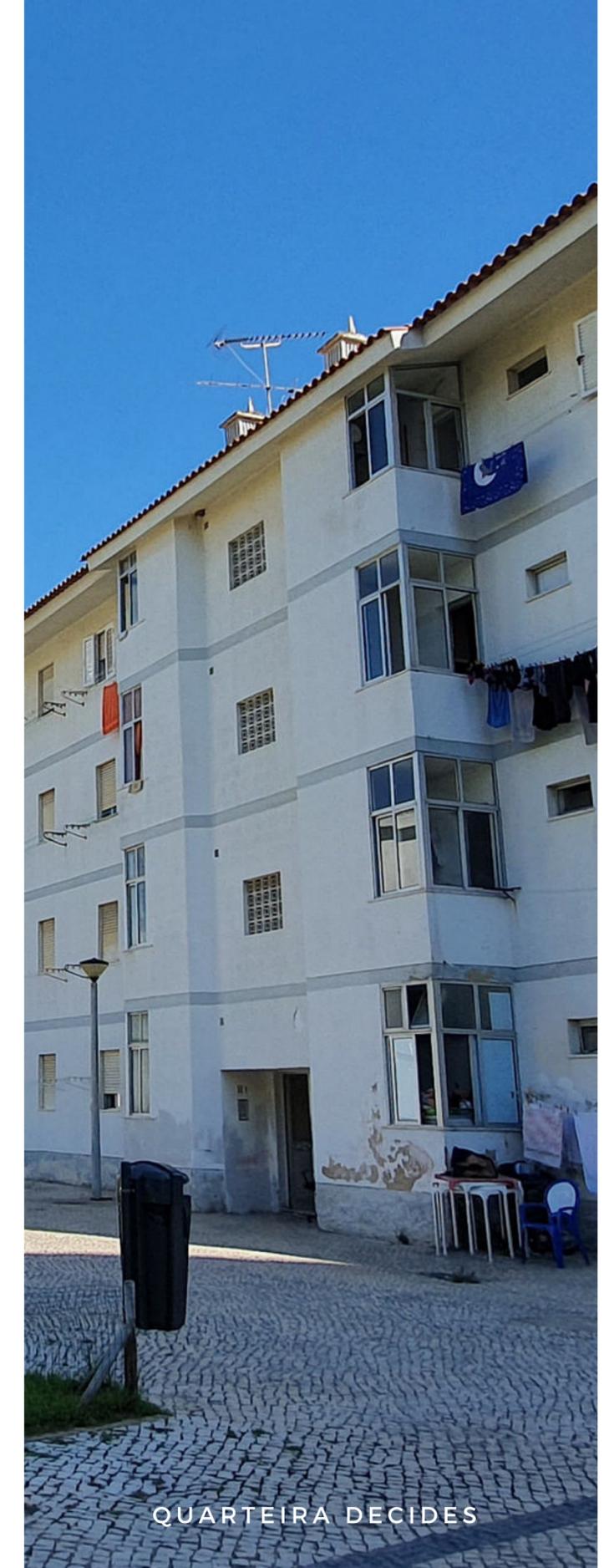
- Definition of eligibility criteria for projects to be financed in the neighbourhoods
- Selection of tutors
- Creation of project promotion materials

## MARCH

- Training of tutors
- Dissemination of participatory budgeting in the neighbourhoods

## APRIL

- PB Assemblies in the neighbourhoods
- Technical analysis of the proposals collected



## MAY

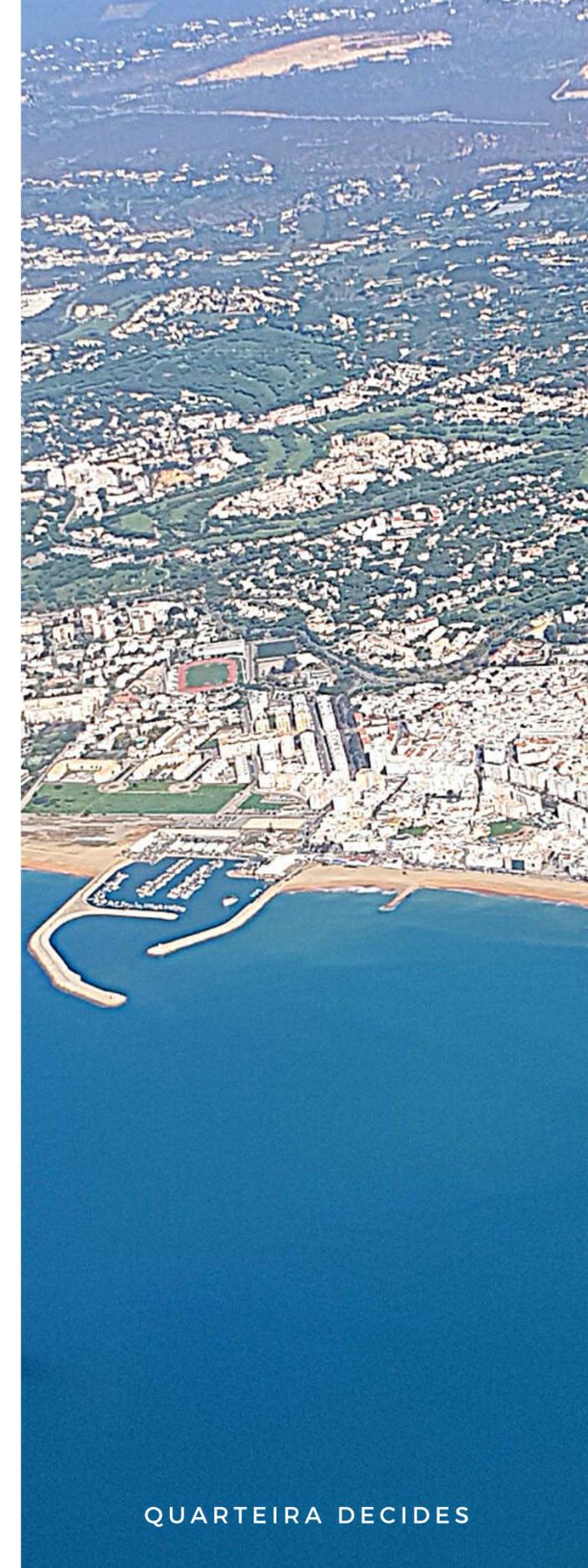
- Dissemination of the results of the technical analysis in the neighbourhoods
- Dissemination of finalist projects and local call to vote campaigns

## JUNE

- Voting on finalist projects in each neighbourhoods

## JULY | DECEMBER

- Definition of organization models in each neighborhood for the execution of projects
- Implementation of winning projects
- Production of a Methodological Guide
- Dissemination of the Guide in Portugal, through the Network of Participatory Municipalities (Seminar | Webinar)
- Dissemination of the Guide abroad, through the Network of Authors and Countries of the World Atlas of Participatory Budgeting (Webinar).

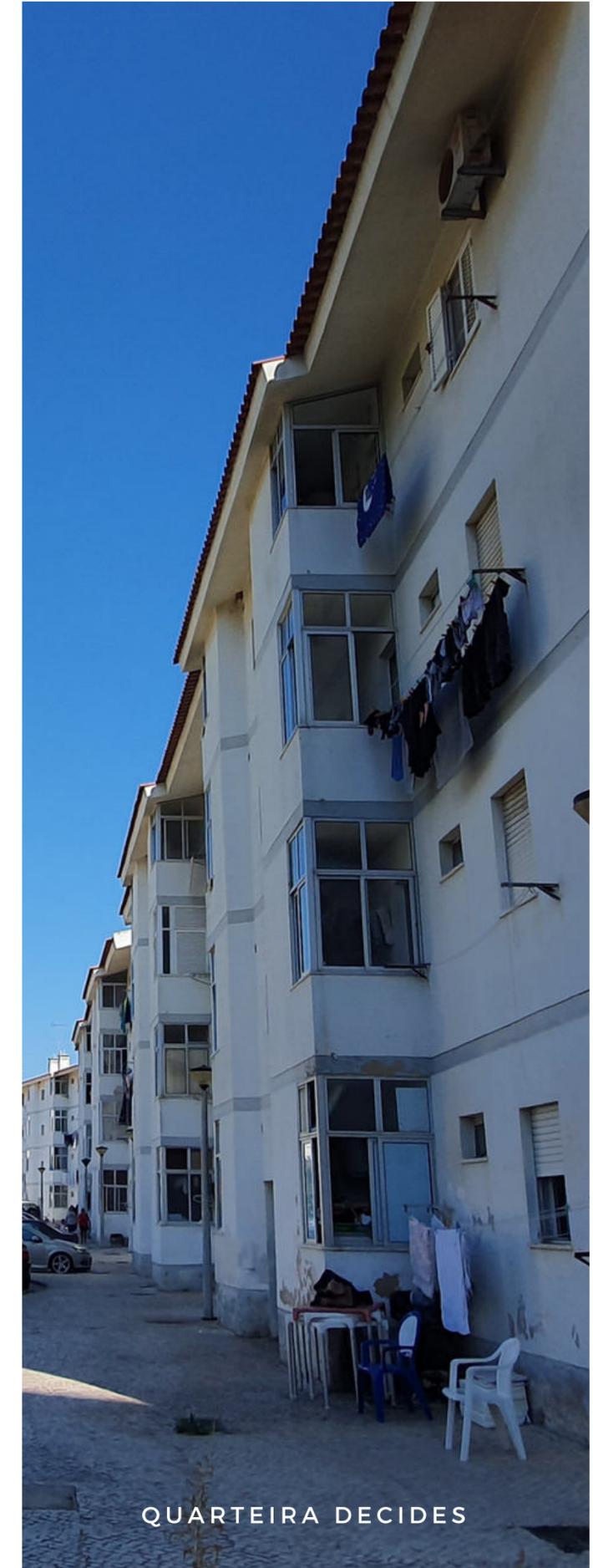


# Innovation

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The project highlights some elements of innovation, among which the following stand out:

- linking two participatory methodologies, namely the tutors(s) and the PB;
- ensure the empowerment of community members, thus transferring knowledge and skills to the people themselves;
- locating participatory budgeting in more fragile territories as a way of contributing to the organisation and social dialogue of these communities;
- to extend these initiatives to the most vulnerable social groups, contrary to the tendency of generalist PB, whose adherent public belongs mainly to the middle class;
- produce a guide that synthesises the methodology and allows its replication;
- ensure that each neighbourhood will have at least one project implemented as part of the project;
- assigning the responsibility for carrying out the projects to the residents of the neighbourhoods.

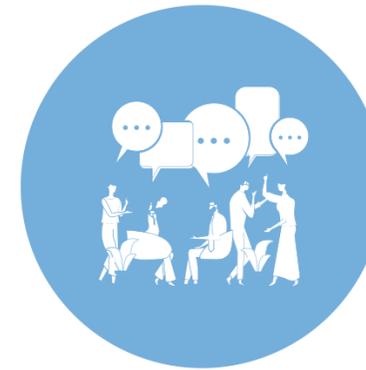


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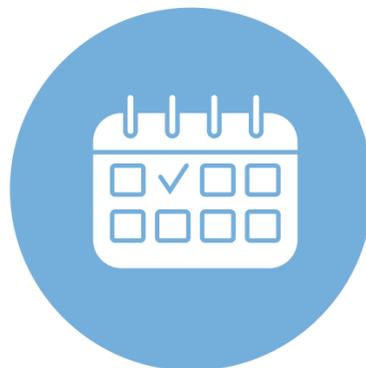
Summary



**3 neighbourhoods**



**6 tutors (3 boys and 3 girls)**



**12 months**



**3,500 € for each neighbourhood**

# CONCEPTS

Methods to be mobilised

An aerial photograph of a coastal city, likely Loulé in Portugal, showing a dense urban area with many buildings and a long, sandy beach that meets a clear, turquoise ocean. The sky is bright and clear.

# Participatory Budgeting

Participatory Budgeting is a process that provides for the allocation of monetary resources to a community so that it can collectively discuss its problems and decide on the priorities it wants to implement with the money allocated to it.

The Quarteira Decides project will adapt this concept and the methodology that supports it to three neighbourhoods of the city of Quarteira, in the municipality of Loulé, namely: Abelheira, Checul and IGAPHE.

3,500.00 € will be allocated to each neighbourhood.

# Tutors

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It is planned to recruit two tutors in each neighbourhood to act as project representatives in their respective communities. They must be between 16 and 25 years of age.

Oficina Association will take over their training before and during the project, so that they can follow the different phases, in particular:

- Preparation of the process (concept, methodology and calendar of the PB);
- Dissemination of PB and mobilization of residents for the process;
- Boosting PB Assemblies in the respective neighbourhoods;
- Participation in the technical analysis of proposals;
- Boosting the voting process;
- Participation in project implementation.

# Civic Europe

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## Incubator of civic initiatives

Civic Europe is an incubator for locally rooted civic initiatives, organizations and individuals in Central, Eastern and Southern Europe carried out by MitOst and Sofia Platform, funded by Stiftung Mercator

Its main mission is to provide financial support for local projects and to build the capacity of non-profit civil society organisations.

Civic Europe organises an annual "idea challenge", with the aim of selecting the 15 most promising ones, allocating each one the maximum amount of 50,000 euros. The eligible countries are Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain.

In the 2020 edition 841 applications were received. The Quarteira Decides project is one of the winners - <https://civic-europe.eu/ideas/quarteira-decides>

# Quarteira Decides

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## Promoting entity

OFICINA

## Partner entities

Municipality of Loulé  
Quarteira Parish Council  
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## Funding

Civic Europe