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From hawthorns to almond trees. Ameixoeira Urban Park has over 600 trees

The plantation is part of the Life Lungs project, led by Lisbon City Council. The aim is to "promote the city's resilience to rising temperatures and water shortages".



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It was refurbished in 2018, following the popular victory in the Lisbon Participatory Budget, and saw the improvement of nearby green areas, such as the [Encosta do Olival Park](#). All of the projects contribute to the growth of the Lisbon Peripheral Green Corridor. Now, the Vale da Ameixoeira Urban Park has gained around 600 new trees, as part of the Life Lungs project, by the Lisbon City Council (CML), which aims to combat urban heating and water scarcity.

Among the trees planted this week in the 20 hectares of the park, which is crossed by a stream, are, curiously, not plum trees, but species that consume little water, such as hawthorn, strawberry tree, almond tree, olive tree, olala, magnolia and ginkgo biloba. As they grow, we will be able to count on the white flowers of the hawthorn trees (which can reach 500 years

of age) and almonds in the summer and strawberry trees in the autumn, as well as the shade of the olaia and magnolia trees, the latter of which can reach 30 metres in height. But of course, we still have to wait a long time for that to happen.



Nuno Correia | Ameixoeira Valley Urban Park

When the Peripheral Green Corridor is completed, the city will have a total of 150 hectares of green areas, connecting the Monsanto Forest Park and the Ameixoeira Valley Park. The corridor will also be adjacent to regional ecological structures, such as the Várzea de Loures, which extends over more than 1,000 hectares, following the Trancão River until it flows into the Tagus River.

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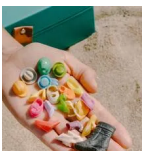
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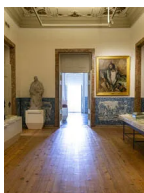
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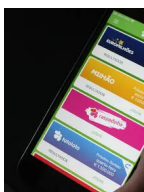
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