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## Eixo Verde Azul (EVA) - Green Blue Axis

River Jamor: municipalities of Sintra, Amadora and Oeiras (Portugal)

The "Green and Blue Axis" (EVA) project involving municipalities of Sintra, Oeiras and Amadora and the Parques de Sintra - Monte da Lua, SA company aimed at creating and consolidating an ecological axis along the River Jamor.

The project incorporates specific integrating actions related to various types of intervention, to be implemented and executed within the scope of municipal operations, and has acted as a catalyst for inter-municipal collaboration at a function scale.

Environmental and economic positive impacts on the region's residents' quality of life and well-being are expected from the "EVA". This program will lead to both short-term (e.g. renaturation and quality improvement of the River Jamor, ensuring flow control, completion of a pedestrian and cycling network) and long-term results (e.g. reducing the metropolitan carbon footprint, increasing the territory's resilience vis-à-vis climate change, increasing in soft mobility infrastructure creation of new public spaces and urban park).

The project is part of the Lisbon Metropolitan Area (A.M.L.) regional strategy, within the framework of the Europa 2020 objectives: adaptation to climate change; risk prevention and management; environmental protection; transition to a low carbon economy and mobility.

EVA projects constitutes a promising case study of best practices, in which an integrated territorial approach that responds to local challenges, also has the potential to create value on a regional scale. The total investment has been estimated to €11 million (including €

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