



The Portuguese Presidency of the European Union

-Preparations of Portuguese Environmental NGOs -

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1. Portugal



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1. Portugal

Republic – XVII Constitutional Government

Population: 10 Million (107 hab/Km²)

Adhesion request: 1977

Treaty of adhesion: 12th of June, 1985

Previous presidencies:

1992

European Union Treaty Ratification
Rio Conference

2000

Lisbon Strategy

1. Portugal

Present Administration:
Socialist Absolut Majority

Prime Minister: José Sócrates



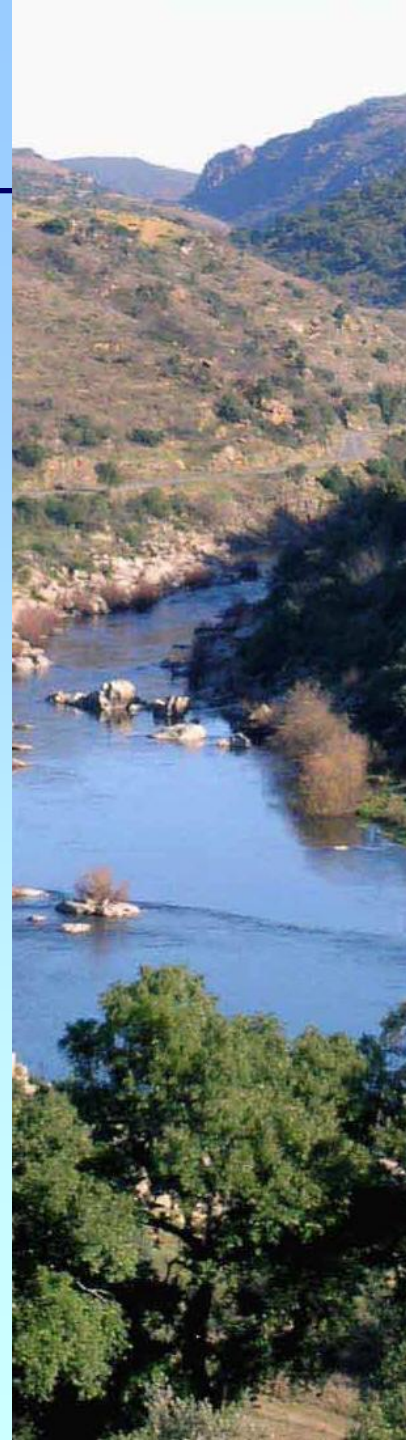
Ex-Environment Minister

Environment, Land Planning and Regional
Development Minister: Carlos Nunes Correia



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2. Portuguese ENG0s



2. Portuguese ENGOS



LPN – Liga para a Protecção da Natureza



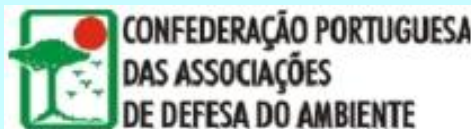
Quercus – Associação Nacional de Conservação da Natureza



GEOTA – Grupo de Estudos de Ordenamento do Território e Ambiente

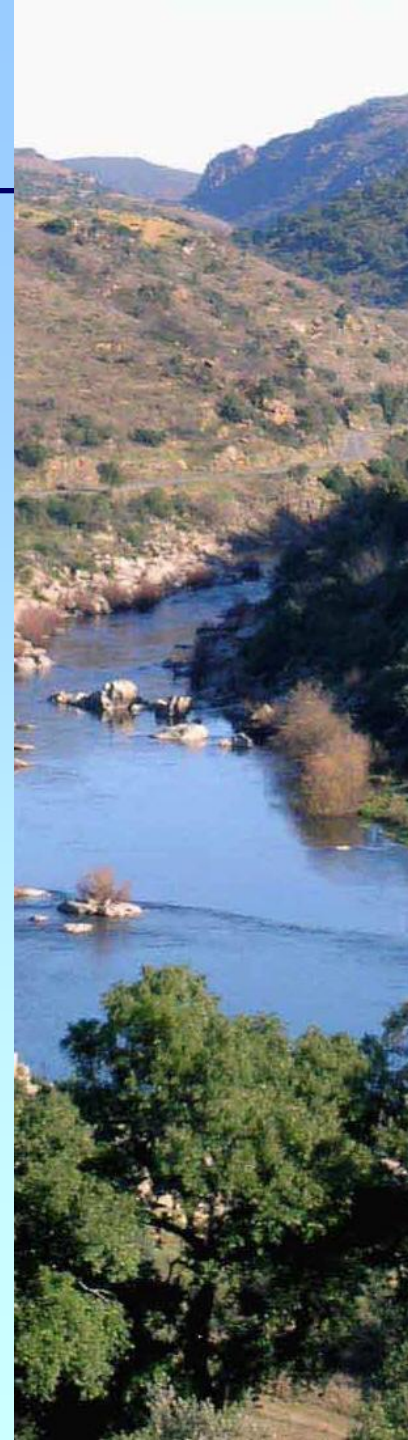
N.P.E.P.V.S.

NPEPVS – Núcleo Português de Estudo e Protecção da Vida Selvagem



CPADA – Confederação Portuguesa das Associações de Defesa do Ambiente

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2. Portuguese ENGOS



LPN – Biodiversity, Water, Agriculture, Soils, Forests, Energy, GMO's, Society, Coast and Land Planning, Large-scale projects

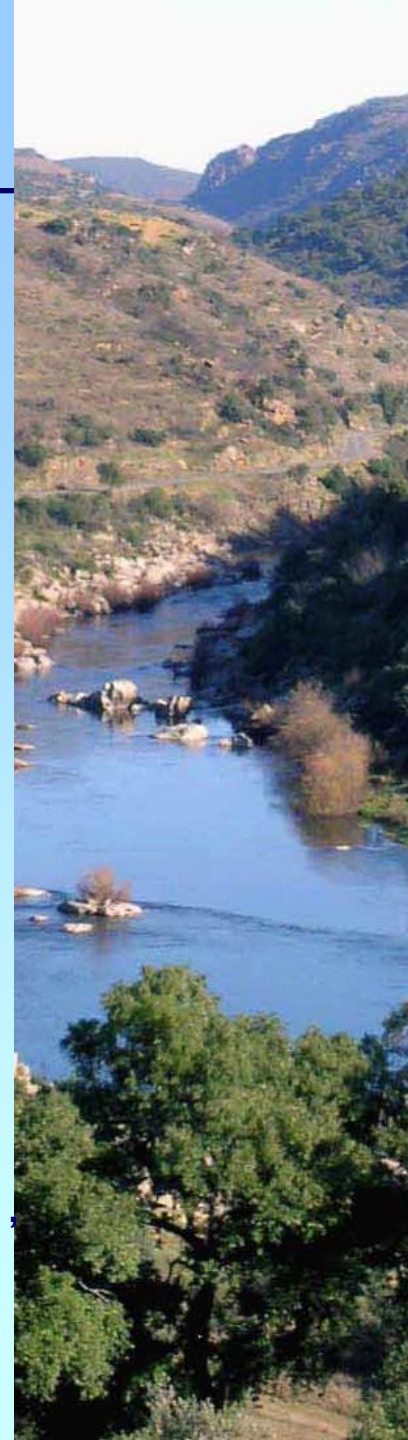


Quercus – Air, Energy (efficiency), Climate, Pesticides, Waste, Forests, Large-scale projects



GEOTA – Oceans, Water, Coast and Land Planning, Large-scale projects,
Energy, Waste

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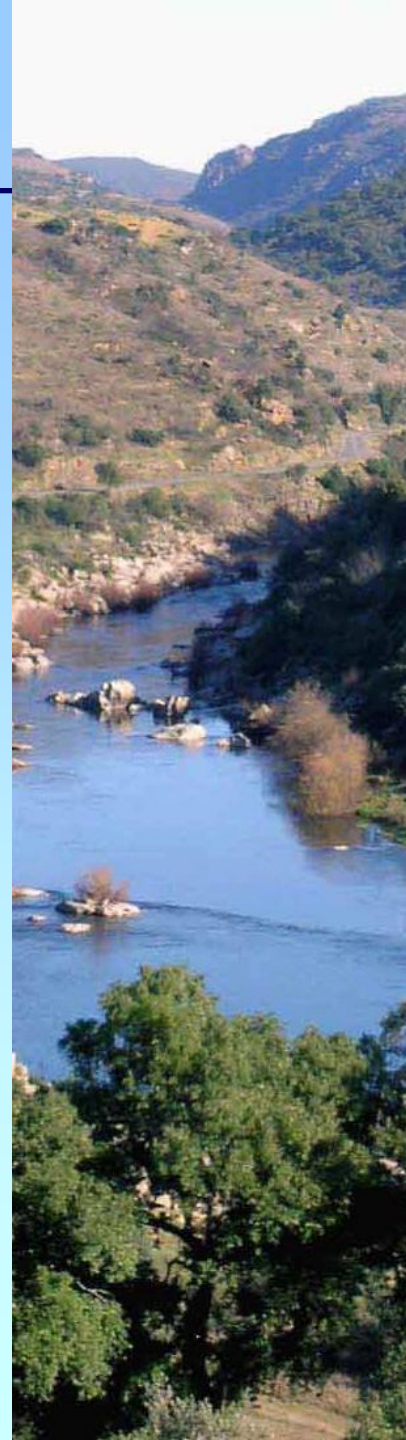
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1. NGO Coordination Meetings

- Work distribution according to expertise areas
- Consensus
- Common positions
- Ministerial meetings preparation

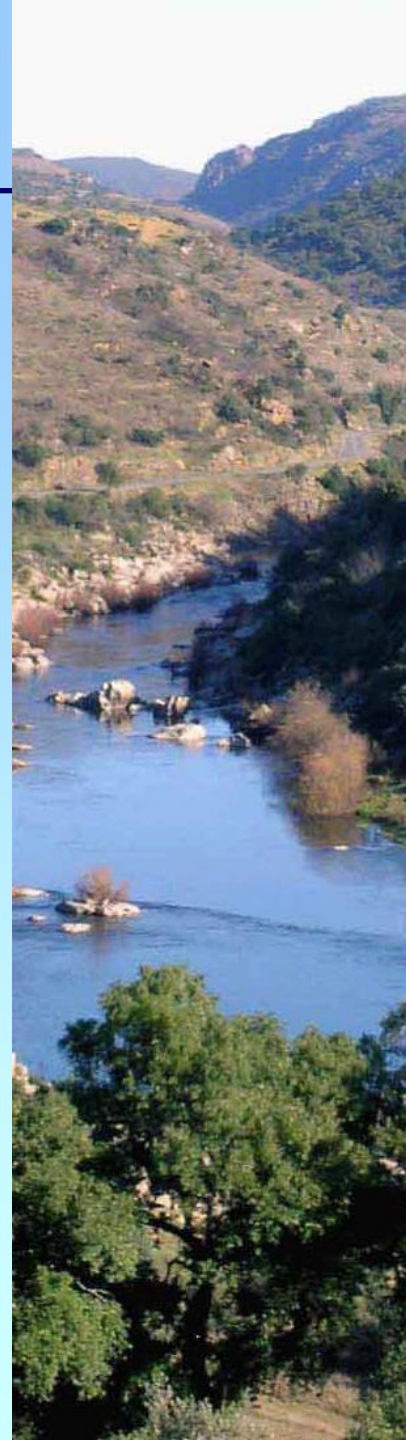
2. Ministry – NGO's Presidents Meeting

3. Ministry – EEB – National member NGO's



3. ENGO activities

4. Expert thematic meetings on the Priorities with the Ministry
5. NGO Briefings & Ministry-NGO Mailing Lists
6. Capacity Building Workshop (March, 2007)
7. Internet Platform for discussions

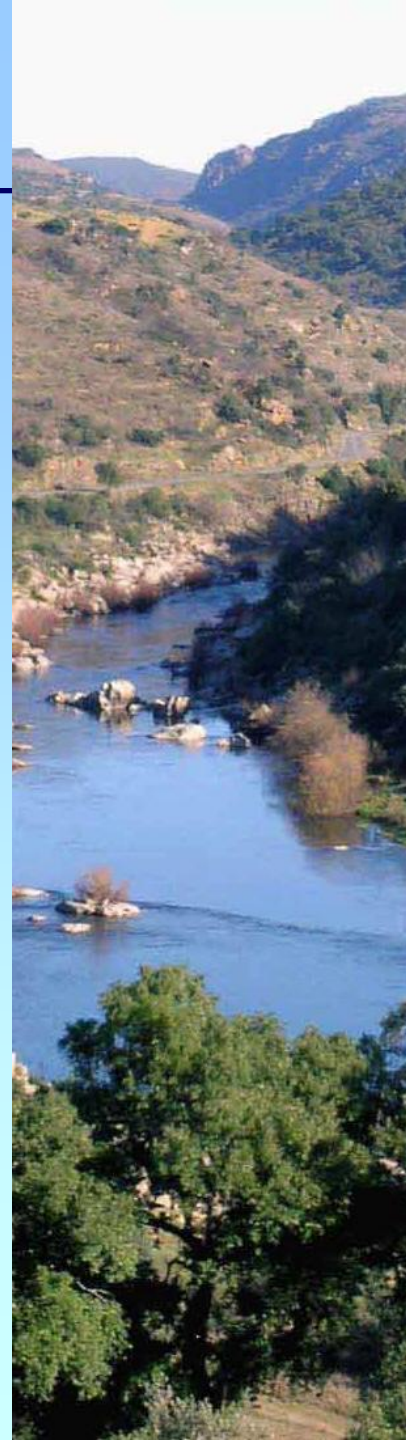


3. ENGO activities

8. Letters demanding written answers

9. Presentation of Demands and Suggestions

10. Presidency Balance Meeting





4. Environmental Priorities

1. Water Scarcity and Drought
2. Climate Change
3. Business & Biodiversity
4. Maritime Policy
5. Soils and Desertification



4. Environmental Priorities

1. Water Scarcity and Drought



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1. Water Scarcity and Drought

- Several countries in the EU are still dealing with the consequences of 2005 drought (particularly southern countries)
- Impact at the european level is expected to rise when considering climate change and the increase in extreme phenomena frequency



4. Environmental Priorities

1. Water Scarcity and Drought

- > EC published report in November, 2006 and a second one will be published this month
- > Report on prolonged drought
- > Theme for Informal Environment Council (1st of September, Lisbon)
- > Conclusions to be presented in Environment Council (30th of October, Luxembourg)



4. Environmental Priorities

1. Water Scarcity and Drought

- > Give an european dimension to the issue considering the present lack of strategy dealing with the problematics and consequences
- > Develop a legal tool as present ones do not include specific analysis and consequences



4. Environmental Priorities

2. Climate change



4. Environmental Priorities

2. Climate change

- A priority for every presidency
- > Focus on the preparation and participation of the EU in COP13 of the UNFCCC and COP/MOP3 of the Kyoto Protocol (3rd to 14th of December, Bali)
- > Last presidency before the beginning of fulfillment period of Kyoto Protocol's commitments



4. Environmental Priorities

2. Climate change

- > Global agreement for the 2012 Climatic Regime
- > EC technical analysis in July – Germany, Portugal and Slovenia working on this before Energy-Climate package of November
- > To effectively create an European Internal Market for Energy



4. Environmental Priorities

3. Business & Biodiversity



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3. Business & Biodiversity

- Issue raised during COP8 of CBD
- Considering the goal of halting the decline of Biodiversity by 2010
- > Enhance the EU's capacity to achieve this goal
- > Establish a commitment between companies and Biodiversity (flexible, long term)



4. Environmental Priorities

3. Business & Biodiversity

- > To introduce Biodiversity into the daily life of citizens and companies
- > To launch the initiative creating Market Based Instruments allowing the conversion of environmental costs and benefits into economic value – possible Biodiversity Market (!!!)



4. Environmental Priorities

3. Business & Biodiversity

- > Charter or Code of Conduct for companies (similar to Corporate Social Responsibility)
- > Creation of a reference framework of volunteer agreements
- > Certification System
- > Platform for Benchmarking and support



4. Environmental Priorities

3. Business & Biodiversity

- > High Level Conference (12th and 13th of November, Lisbon)
- > Nature Directors Meeting (29th and 30th of November)
- > CBD expert workshop on ecological criteria and bio-geographic classification systems

4. Environmental Priorities

3. Business & Biodiversity

- “Extensivity” project – Environmental Management System and Sustainability in Extensive Agriculture

A simple and low cost Sustainability Management System integrating environmental, social and economic aspects.

Certification of origin, green accounts, ISO14001, Emas, etc. Several multiple economic benefits for farmers.





4.Environmental Priorities

4. Maritime Policy



4. Environmental Priorities

4. Maritime Policy

- 3 to 5% of GDP in Europe/40% Coast Richness
- Public discussion on Green Paper finishing
- EC will publish results in October
- > Integration of Economic activities, Scientific knowledge, growth and employment



4.Environmental Priorities

4. Maritime Policy

- > Seminar on Good Practices (9th and 10th of July, Terceira Island)
- > Seminar on Governance (20th of July, Portugal)
- > High Level Conference (22nd of October, Lisbon)
- > European Council of Chiefs of State & Gov.

5. Events during the Presidency



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1. Informal Environment Ministers Council
Lisbon, 1st of September, 2007
2. 19th COP of the Montreal Protocol
Montreal, 17th to 21st of September, 2007
3. 6th EU/UN Conference “Environment for Europe”
Belgrade, 11th to the 13th of October, 2007
4. Environment Council
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6. 8th COP of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
Madrid, 3rd to 14th of September, 2007
7. Informal Council of Land Planning Ministers
Lisbon, December, 2007
8. 13th COP of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and 3rd COP/MOP of the Kyoto Protocol
3rd to the 14th of December, 2007
9. Environment Council
Brussels, 17th of December, 2007





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