



# EIXO ATLÂNTICO DO NOROESTE PENINSULAR

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## Partner profile

### 1. General

<b>Name</b>	Eixo Atlántico do Noroeste Peninsular
<b>Type of entity</b>	Cross-border association of local entities
<b>Countries</b>	Spain and Portugal
<b>Geographical coverage</b>	Galicia–North of Portugal Euroregion
<b>Areas of work</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Territorial governance and citizen participation</li><li>- Sustainable development and territorial integration</li><li>- Culture, education, and youth</li><li>- Green and digital transition</li><li>- Urban and rural development</li></ul>

### 2. Relevant Experience

The Eixo Atlántico is a **cross-border association** composed of **40 local authorities from Galicia and Northern Portugal**, with **more than 30 years of experience** in regional development through territorial cooperation. The Eixo Atlántico consists of a diverse network of cities, ranging from large metropolitan centers to intermediate or dispersed municipalities, with varying urban densities and territorial realities, ensuring that the solutions and proposals promoted by Eixo are adaptable and transferable to European cities of any type.

It has **proven experience in territorial development through cooperation** in areas such as multilevel governance, social inclusion, environmental sustainability and sustainable development, tourism, education, sports, culture, and international relations.

Its management capacity is demonstrated by the **successful implementation of more than 38 European projects** under various EU funding programs, mostly as the lead partner. This experience provides expertise in areas such as:

- ≡ Coordinación de proyectos europeos en las siguientes temáticas: gobernanza, cohesión territorial, deporte, sostenibilidad, turismo sostenible, desarrollo económico, cultura, educación y juventud.
- ≡ Capacity to work and network with local and regional actors: universities, public administrations, cultural, sporting and social entities.



- ≡ Proven capacity to boost citizen participation and co-creation of public policies.
- ≡ Cross-border integration in the Galicia-Portugal Euroregion.

It also has a **vast network of experts** made up of leading professionals who provide specialised technical support in areas such as territorial development, the environment, mobility and strategic planning, among others. It also has a wide network of collaborators and contacts in different fields, including public administration, cultural and social entities, universities, etc.

Finally, it is important to highlight the pioneering and innovative nature of the initiatives launched by the Eixo Atlântico over the years. These include the creation of the **Eixo Atlântico's Cross-border Urban Ecology Agency**, which draws up the organisation's sustainability strategy and provides support to its members in all areas related to sustainable development; and the **First Cross-border Urban Agenda for Europe**, for which it mobilised territorial and international experts in the fields of economics, culture, urban ecology, social inclusion and public administration. Along these lines, the municipalities that form part of the Eixo have developed more than 100 projects in the last 10 years, covering all areas of Urban Sustainability.

### 3. Possible contributions and Topics of interest in CL2

#### CLUSTER 2 – Culture, Creativity and Inclusive Society

##### Democratic governance, territorial cohesion and inclusive policies

Eixo Strengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Extensive experience in cross-border cooperation, territorial integration and institutional participation between local administrations.</li> <li>- Capacity to pilot participatory digital tools and assess citizens' perception of European integration in peripheral areas.</li> <li>- Contribution to the analysis of structural inequalities (economic, territorial) and their impact on institutional trust and democracy.</li> </ul>
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##### Media, disinformation and critical thinking

Eixo Strengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Network of local/regional media that can act as contrasting dissemination spaces and media literacy hubs.</li> <li>- Facilitation of pilots on anti-disinformation and civic education tools with local actors.</li> <li>- Participation in initiatives that protect the right to information in democratic contexts.</li> </ul>
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### **Culture, heritage and social resilience**

Eixo Strengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Experience in valorisation of intangible cultural heritage as an element of cohesion and sustainable development in rural territories.</li> <li>- Promotion of intergenerational and community approaches to safeguarding local heritage in a cross-border context.</li> <li>- Participation in initiatives linking culture, health and well-being through local cultural networks and social agents.</li> </ul>
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### **Just ecological transition and regional transformation**

Eixo Strengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Applied knowledge of industrial transition processes in Atlantic areas, useful for comparative studies and elaboration of policy recommendations.</li> <li>- Support for the planning of ecological transition policies with criteria of social justice and intergenerational equity.</li> <li>- Collaboration with coastal and rural municipalities in climate change mitigation and adaptation, climate emergency governance and sustainable territorial solutions.</li> </ul>
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### **Calls of interest**

- ≡ HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-DEMOCRACY-03: Preparing the EU for future enlargement: challenges and opportunities
- ≡ HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-DEMOCRACY-08: Economic inequalities and their impact on democracy
- ≡ HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-DEMOCRACY-09: Fighting against disinformation while ensuring the right to freedom of expression
- ≡ HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-DEMOCRACY-10: The role of civic and citizenship education for strengthening civic and democratic participation and support for common European values
- ≡ HORIZON-CL2-2025-02-HERITAGE-02 two-stage: Innovative approaches to intangible cultural heritage for societal resilience
- ≡ HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-HERITAGE-09: Impacts of culture and the arts on health and well-being
- ≡ HORIZON-CL2-2025-01- TRANSFO-02: Historical and regional analyses of industrial transitions and their lessons for ensuring a fair green transition



- ≡ HORIZON-CL2-2025-01- TRANSFO-07: Impact of the learning environment and the use of digital tools in everyday life on key skills and competence development
- ≡ HORIZON-CL2-2025-01-TRANSFO-10: Intergenerational fairness in the context of
- ≡ demographic change in the EU
- ≡ HORIZON-CL2-2025-01- TRANSFO-11: Migration and climate change: building resilience and enhancing sustainability