# ALQUEVA MULTI-PURPOSE PROJECT BRIEF PRESENTATION





#### ALENTEJO – THE TERRITORY





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#### INDEX OF SUSCEPTIBILITY TO DESERTIFICATION NATIONAL SCALE



# Portugal

EDIA

Fonte: Project "DesertWatch", 2009



#### PURPOSES

Creation of a Strategic Water Reserve

Guarantee of Water Supply

Production of Clean Energy

**Environmental Improvement** 

New Agricultural Activities

Contribution for the Development of a Quality Tourism

Creation of New Business Opportunities

Improve the Labour Market



- Alqueva Dam and Power Plant
- Pedrógão Dam and Power Plant
- Primary Network
- Secondary Network



#### ALQUEVA AND PEDRÓGÃO RESERVOIRS





#### Alqueva Reservoir

Surface: 250 km<sup>2</sup> Shoreline: 1 160 km Full Capacity: 4 150 hm<sup>3</sup> Useful Capacity: 3 150 hm<sup>3</sup>

#### Pedrógão Reservoir

Surface: 11 km<sup>2</sup> Shoreline: 118 km Full Capacity: 106 hm<sup>3</sup> Useful Capacity: 54 hm<sup>3</sup>



#### PRIMARY NETWORK

#### Water Abstraction, Storage, Regularization and Supply

45 By Pass Dams
5 Small Power Plants
380 km of Channels
15 Pump Stations

Reinforce public water supply





#### SECONDARY NETWORK

#### Agriculture

- 23 Regularisation dams
- ✓ 37 Secondary Pump Stations
- ✓ 1 577 Km of underground pipelines
- ✓ 3 973 hydrants

More than 110 000 ha irrigated land





#### SECONDARY NETWORK



Alqueva Global System + 110 000 ha irrigated area



#### **POWER PLANTS**



# Alqueva Power Plant

• Power: 520 MW



# Pedrógão Power Plant

• Power: 10 MW



#### 5 small power plants

• Power: 9,6 MW



#### WATER USAGE

#### **Public Supply**



#### • Monte Novo, Alvito e Roxo: Regular

- Enxoé: Test
- Sines: Negotiation

### Hydropower production

- Turbinated Water : 3.476 hm<sup>3</sup>
- Pumped Water : 3.059 hm<sup>3</sup>



#### Irrigation

- 106 hm<sup>3</sup> (2013)
- Area benefit 65.724 ha
- Area irrigated 40 749 ha



# ALQUEVA MULTI-PURPOSE PROJECT ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY





# THE ALQUEVA PROJECT AND THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE REGION

The regularization of the flow of the Guadiana river, in order to significantly mitigate the effects of prolonged drought and increase reliability of water supply.

A strategic water reserve in the Alentejo region.

More efficient management of surface water resources of the region.

The increase of economic income of the region and the fight against social desertification.



# THE ALQUEVA PROJECT AND THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE REGION

The maintenance of river ecosystems and their environmental functions.

The significant decrease in pressure on groundwater resources.

The minimization of socioeconomic and environmental impacts resulting from extreme hydrological situations.

A spatial planning more sustainable and balanced, which contributes to increased social cohesion in a depressed region.



#### **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**





#### ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT - MAIN AREAS



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#### Environmental monitoring (water)

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#### Natural Resources (water)

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### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

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#### **PRE-INUNDATION ACTIVITIES**

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Replacement of community facilities and network accessibility

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### **CONSTRUCTION PHASE - CULTURAL HERITAGE**

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#### Archaeological follow-up.

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Archaeological excavations.

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Archaeological surveys (manual and mechanical).

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Transport of architectural elements for deposits accredited.

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Sealing and protection of archaeological remains.

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ATTENDANCE – CONSTRUCTION PHASE**

To define environmental management system and implementation.

To support and to verify the implementation of environmental requests.

To define and implement environmental procedures.

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING**

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State of surface water bodies

State of groundwater bodies

Biodiversity

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Soil

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Cultural Heritage

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Start monitoring water quality (exploration phase) with the closure of the gates of Alqueva dam, in February 2002.

Definition of a monitoring program that considers the primary infrastructure as a whole.

The definition of the program considered competencies conferred by EDIA Concession Agreement, signed with the Portuguese State, and the activities defined in the Environmental Management Program of Alqueva Project.

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING – WATER STATUS**

#### GOALS

- Assess the adequacy of water stored and in transit in the system, compared to the uses specified in the Concession Agreement.
- Safeguarding EDIA the responsibility of any deterioration in water quality due to the actions taken by third parties.
- Identify potential problems in the quality of the influent water to the reservoirs.
- Identify sudden changes in the quality of water stored in reservoirs.
- Get information for calibration and measurement of water quality models.

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#### NATURAL RESOURCES – WATER MANAGEMENT

Identification of pressures to which water bodies of Alqueva Project are subject.

Identification of appropriate measures to reduce pollutant loads reaching water bodies.

Implementation of measures to prevent degradation of water quality.

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### STRATEGIC CHALLENGES - WATER

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## Sustainable water use

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