



INFOCUS PROJECT
- PORTO'S INTEGRATED
LOCAL ACTION PLAN
DEFINING THE WORKING
PLACES OF TOMORROW!



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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

- CCDR-N:** Comissão de Coordenação e Desenvolvimento Regional do Norte (Northern Coordination and Regional Development Commission).
- CEiiA:** Centro para a Excelência e Inovação da Indústria Automóvel (Center for Excellence and Innovation of the Automobile Industry).
- CMP:** Câmara Municipal do Porto (Porto Municipality).
- FoCAS:** Fórum de Comunicação da Asprela (Asprela Communications Forum).
- GOPorto:** Gestão e Obras do Porto (Management and Works of Porto).
- HCP:** Health Cluster Portugal.
- IAP:** Integrated Action Plan.
- IEFP:** Instituto de Emprego e Formação Profissional (Institute of Employment and Vocational Training).
- LIPOR:** Serviço Intermunicipalizado de Gestão de Resíduos do Grande Porto (Intermunicipalized Waste Management Service of Greater Porto).
- P.Porto:** Politécnico do Porto (Polytechnic of Porto).
- PPP:** Public-Private partnership.
- Produtech:** Pólo das Tecnologias de Produção (Production Technologies Pole).
- ULG:** Urbact Local Group.
- UP:** University of Porto.
- UPTEC:** Parque de Ciência e Tecnologia da Universidade do Porto (Science and Technology Park of the University of Porto).



Summary: background and objectives

After several years of relative stagnation and decline, Porto's urban economy has been on the rise. Beyond tourism, the emergence of fast growing start-ups and the city's heightened attractiveness to external investment raises the bar for urban economic planning. Nowadays, economic reconversion co-exists with dereliction and abandoned buildings; new skill mismatches have emerged, with the demand for talent in some niches already exceeding supply; location preferences of businesses and workers within the city are changing; and entrepreneurial ecosystems need to consolidate, giving rise to more frequent processes of "entrepreneurial discovery" and identification of promising new specializations. These issues configure policy areas in which local economic strategy may intersect, complement and improve (regional) RIS3 strategies towards more sustainable urban and regional economic development outcomes.

This IAP is developed under the framework of the URBACT III InFocus network – a network of European cities committed to designing better local policies to improve cluster development, talent attraction and retention, new working spaces and places branding strategies. This specific IAP focuses on gearing the development of Porto's new knowledge and working spaces (e.g. university campuses, technology parks, new redeveloped industrial-office buildings and other related precincts) to tackle these challenges in an integrated manner. By doing so, it intends to link the city's urban planning competences with cluster development, branding and investment attraction agendas, while simultaneously thinking about them from a RIS3 standpoint. This should contribute to providing RIS3 strategies a more tangible territorial and urban dimension.



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