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EVA Maize – Malanirs Kickoff

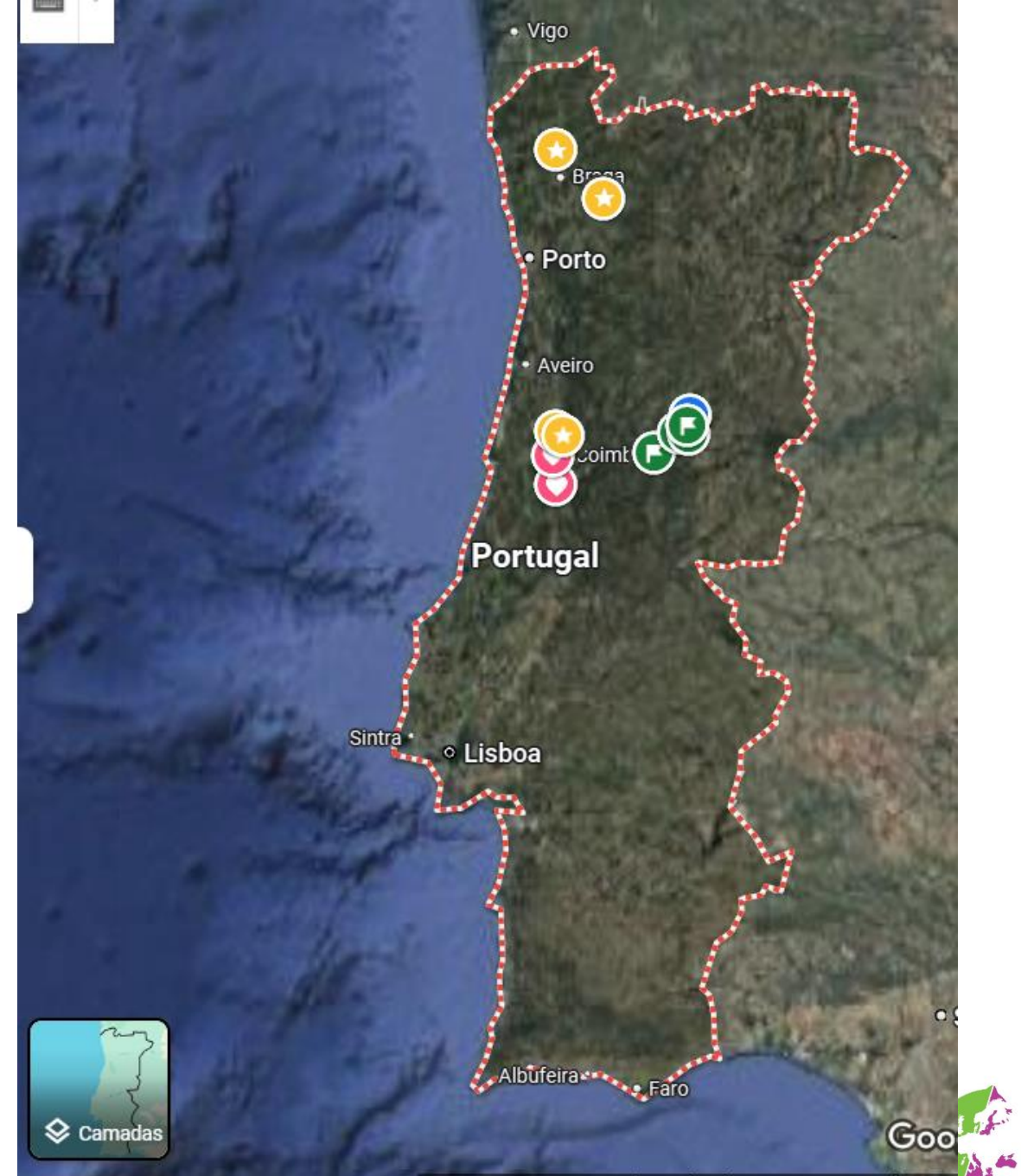
27 February, 2025

Bergamo, Italy



PUC - ESAC

- PUC-ESAC is a non-profit higher education, public institution.
- It comprises six teaching facilities covering a range of fields of study: from agriculture and environment, education, communication, tourism, arts, management, and accounting and marketing, to health and engineering, one of them is Coimbra Agriculture School (ESAC).



- Venue - Eucarpia 2025

VI_EUCARPIA CONFERENCE

on breeding to meet environmental &
societal challenges

26th TO 28th

MAY 2025
PORTUGAL

Instituto Politécnico
de Coimbra - ESAC



Projeto VASO

VASO 2.0 - Since 1984



To respect local culture promoting the selection and breeding of genetic resources increasing the yield, maintaining the quality.
To keep germplasm evolving with time!

Our main fields are in farmers fields

VASO 2.0 Connecting

Transdisciplinarity, multi-actor

Valorization of Genetic Resources and
beyond

Issues and challenges



Motivation – Not Forget and replace, Evolve and Valorise



Portuguese OPV exhibited significant higher protein, lower amylose contents and lower viscosity profiles than commercial hybrids varieties
Vaz Patto *et al.* (2009)



Evaluation and selection trials on Caldeirão maize (organic production area)



Phenotyping, characterisation and agronomic evaluation - germplasm regeneration and conservation





Agronomic and collaborative trials on Succession Agroforestry Systems (SAFS)

LAB



Breeding collection





LiveSeeding

Main objective of LIVESEEDING project is to foster the growth of the organic sector and transition towards more sustainable local food systems by delivering high quality organic seed of diverse cultivars adjusted to organic farming for a wide range of crops.

DERROGAÇÕES ATÉ 2036

To reach the “100 % organic seed target by 2036”, LIVESEEDING strives to:

Increase and optimize **crop diversity** to be used in organic farming systems

Increase **transparency** of the organic seed market

Advance pre- and post- registration **cultivar testing** dedicated to organic farming

Increase **supply of organic seed**

Ensure efficient **scaling out and scaling up** of organic seed and breeding initiatives

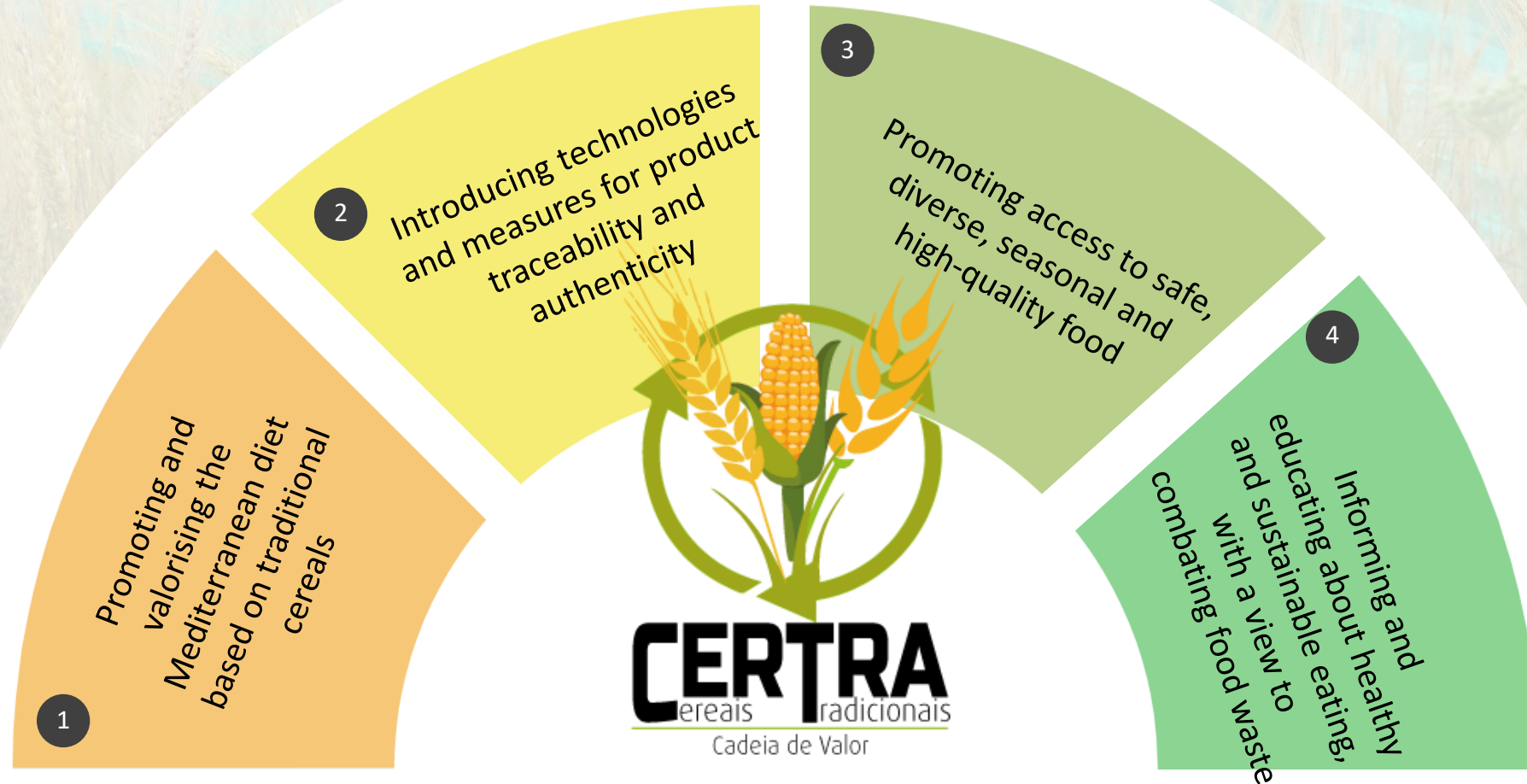
Promote **competitiveness** of the organic seed and breeding sector

Capacity building and participatory knowledge creation from seed to plate

Promote **organic breeding** supported by value chain partners and society



CERTRA



Points of action



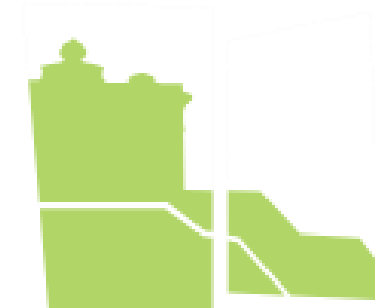
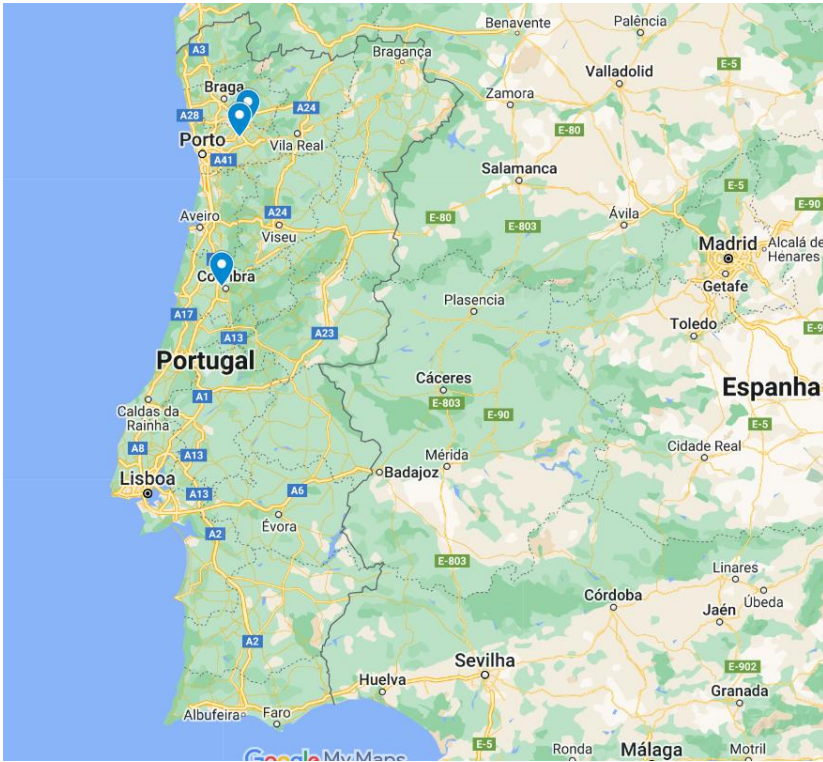
Living Lab Maize.Pt



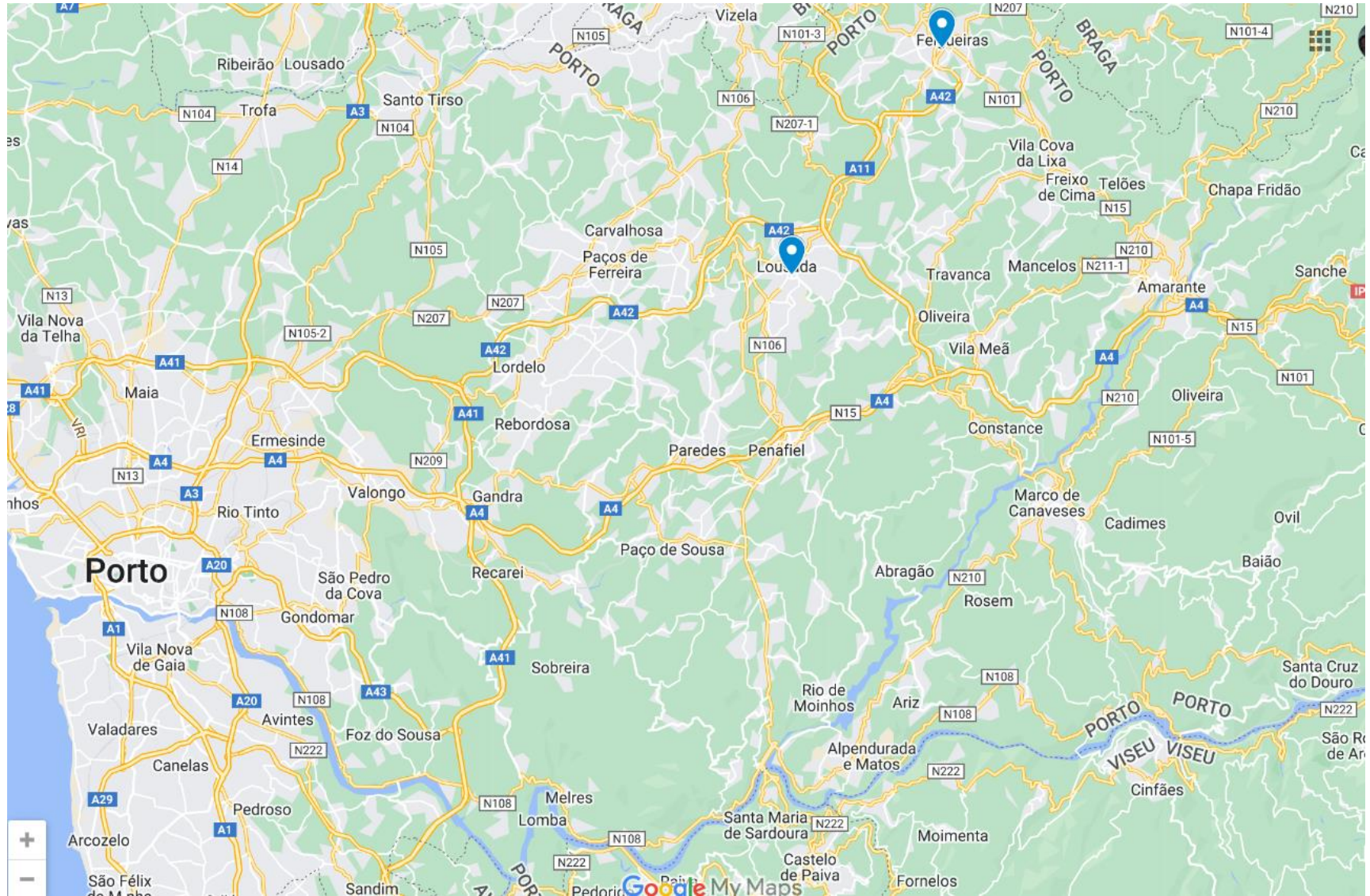
- **Pedro Mendes-Moreira,**
- **André Pereira,**
- **Isabel Dinis**

Living Lab Maize.Pt_Who?

- The partners:



LL The Sousa Valey Region (VASO)



Living Lab Maize.Pt_What?

Composites: SinPre, Acores

Improved populations: Pigarro, Amiudo, Castro Verde, Verdial, Verdial de Aperrela

Farmers' populations: more than 10



Living Lab Maize.Pt_Why?

- Traditional varieties are still being done generally for farmers that kept their traditions and like to eat a good maize bread. However, the price paid for their maize is very low.
- The standard maize bread in the supermarket has generally low quality but cheaper.
- There are people that search for quality and are willing to pay for a good maize bread and maize flour
- There is a need to make strong links between the actors from the seed to the plate
- Organic is a way to valorise and transition is very needed (e.g. DIVULGAR BIO)

#17 Living Lab Maize.Pt_When?



2023-09-19
Farmers Fields
Trials

2023-25
Marketing
maize flour
and
organizing the
process from
seed to maize
flour or bread



2022-03-15 COPAGRI VASO, What is a trial?, ecomics

- Pedro Mendes Moreira
- André Reis Pereira
- Isabel Dinis



#17 Living Lab Maize.Pt_Events and communication

Reunião Rede em ação

Encontro com as variedades tradicionais de milho nos campos da ESAC

19 de setembro de 2023



Inscrições: <https://forms.gle/dviCCHoRAda3Sb7g5>



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Projeto PRR-C05-103-I-000161 LA 1.3 - Dieta Mediterrânica
Projeto PRR-C05-103-I-000161 LA 1.4 - Comunicação
MEDIDA 12 - ALIMENTAÇÃO SUSTENTÁVEL



Desenvolvimento de Cadeias de Valor de Cereais Tradicionais para uma Alimentação Sustentável em Portugal



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Programa

10:00 Receção na parcela de Agricultura Biológica da ESAC "Caldeirão"

Coffee Break

Ensaio de variedades tradicionais de milho na ESAC

- Origem do germoplasma e práticas culturais

- Avaliação das variedades em campo

12:30 Almoço

14:00 Reuniões

Introdução ao projeto CERTRA - Luís Dias (IPB-ESAC)

Projeto CERTRA e LIVESEEDING - Pedro Mendes Moreira (IPC-ESAC)

Mesa redonda Multiactor - Questões que preocupam a fileira

17:00 Encerramento

Local:

Ovil e Caldeirão da Escola Superior Agrária de Coimbra

<https://goo.gl/maps/geQKzLbzR1dgHcm9>

GPS: 40.216894, -8.450921

Coimbra

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Expectations from EVA Maize/Malanirs

- Expectations and constraints for Malanirs from researchers' perspective (material, traits, conditions of operation)
- Interest and capacity to be involved in NIRS evaluation (do you have a NIRS device and experience to do biochemical analysis on grains?)
- Ways to cooperate/experience with PPP



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Thank you for you attention

