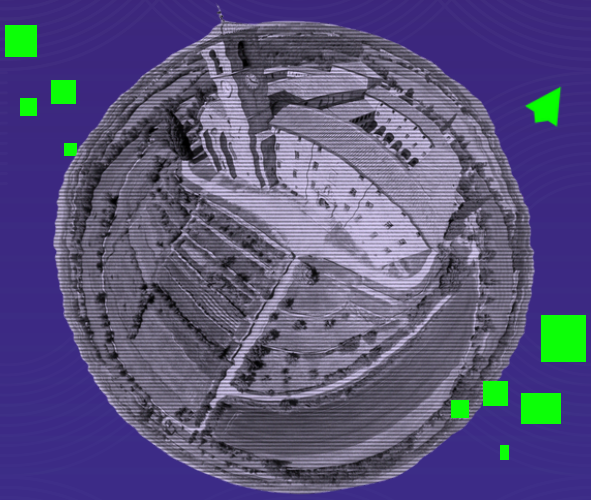
# RUR_DYNAMiX

IV International Conference on Rural Dynamics, Resilience and Innovation

Baião*26



18 november 2026 - Second Edition

## HANDBOOK

## 26–29 NOVEMBER 2026

## Baião, Portugal

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IV INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

# KNOWLEDGE MEETS TERRITORY

RUR_DYNAMIX 2026 brings together researchers, policymakers and territorial actors to explore the transformations shaping rural territories in times of global uncertainty.

The conference creates an interdisciplinary space for dialogue on rural dynamics, resilience, innovation and sustainable development, connecting knowledge with territorial practice.



## 26–29 November 2026 · Baião, Portugal

Research. Policy. Territories. Collaboration.

Welcome to Baião! The pre-conference takes place on 26 November, followed by three days of conference sessions and activities. We are delighted to have you with us. — The Organising Committee

BETWEEN MOUNTAINS AND THE DOURO

# DISCOVER BAIÃO



Baião is in northern Portugal, in the district of Porto. Its landscape connects the Douro valley with mountain territories, including the Serra da Aboboreira and the western slopes of the Marão.

Landscape, cultural heritage and rural life provide the setting for the conference and its dialogue on territorial resilience and innovation.

## Explore beyond the sessions

Discover the official tourism portal for local heritage, places to visit, accommodation and food.

**visitbaiao.pt**

# YOUR CONFERENCE VENUES

The conference and its associated activities are planned across three venues in Baião.

## Auditório Municipal

Open in Google Maps

Planned conference venue in Baião.

## Agrupamento de Escolas do Vale de Ovil

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Planned venue for conference activities.

## Mosteiro de Ancede

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Planned venue for cultural activities and the Sunday meeting point.

### AT THE VENUES

Activities take place across the three venues. Rooms, entrances and accessible routes will be clearly signposted on site.

### ORGANISERS & HOSTS

Organised by Rural Move and the University of Porto (CEGOT), in partnership with the Municipality of Baião.



River Douro at Cais da Ermida — Visit Baião.

# WHERE WE MEET



## Auditório Municipal

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ABOUT THE VENUE

Main venue for plenary and parallel sessions. Use the map link for directions.




## Agrupamento de Escolas do Vale de Ovil

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ABOUT THE VENUE

Venue for conference activities. Use the map link for directions.

# ANCEDE & TORMES



## Mosteiro de Ancede

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The Mosteiro de Ancede Centro Cultural is part of Baião's cultural heritage and is included in the planned conference cultural programme.



## Casa de Tormes

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Casa de Tormes is associated with Eça de Queiroz and the landscape evoked in A Cidade e as Serras. A guided visit is planned for Sunday.

VISITS

The Sunday visit is included in the registration. See page 14 for the schedule.




# ILARIA MARIOTTI

## POLITECNICO DI MILANO, ITALY

Associate Professor of Urban and Regional Economics, Politecnico di Milano.

Her research includes rural collaborative spaces, innovation and territorial development, with participation in REMAKING, MOBI-TWIN, CORAL and FIERE.

**The Right to Stay:**

**Building New Opportunities in Rural Places**

**28 November 2026 · 10:25 – 11:40**
**Main Auditorium – Vale de Ovil School Group**
**Baião, Portugal**



# MICHELE SALIS

CNR-IBE, ITALY

Research Director, Institute of BioEconomy, National Research Council of Italy (CNR-IBE).

His research combines wildfire modelling and geospatial analysis to assess fire dynamics, community exposure and prevention strategies. He contributes to FirEUrisk, FIRE-RES and FIRE-ADAPT, where he co-leads modelling and forecasting.

## Modeling wildfire spread and behavior

**to plan fire-resilient landscapes and support risk management in Southern Europe**

**27 November 2026 · 11:45**
**Municipal Auditorium**
**Baião, Portugal**

# 26–29 NOVEMBER 2026

## THURSDAY 26 · PRE-CONFERENCE

09:30–16:30 · Rural Ideation Bootcamp · Escola Secundária de Baião
25 vocational students in five teams will identify local challenges, develop ideas, use design thinking, build prototypes and pitch their solutions. Rural Impact Hub (RIHU) and Rural Move facilitate. The winning team presents its idea at the conference.

## FRIDAY 27

Workshops, opening, rural fire resilience, railways and accessibility, parallel sessions, and conference dinner.

## SATURDAY 28

Parallel sessions, Ilaria Mariotti keynote, rural futures roundtable, LNEG special session, book presentation, closing and awards, Ancede visit and documentary.

## SUNDAY 29

Casa de Tormes guided visit and the Jacinto walking route from Tormes to Aregos.

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PRE-CONFERENCE EVENT

# Rural Ideation Bootcamp

From ideas to action for rural communities

Facilitated by: rihu rural impact hub · Vale de Ovil



**25** VOCATIONAL STUDENTS

**5** TEAMS

**The winning team presents its idea at RUR_DYNAMIX 2026.**

**26 NOVEMBER 2026 · 09:30–16:30**

**Baião Secondary School**

Interreg España – Portugal · Desafios Sonens · Xunta de Galicia · Xuventude · Câmara · IPDJ Instituto Português do Desporto e Juventude · fnaj · Instituto do Emprego e Formação Profissional

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

# FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER

| | |
|---|---|
| **08:30** | Reception and accreditation |
| **09:00** | Simultaneous Workshops |
| **10:45** | Opening Ceremony |
| **11:45** | Keynote: Michele Salis |
| **13:00** | Lunch |
| **14:00** | Roundtable: Railways, Accessibility and Territorial Development |
| **15:45** | Parallel sessions I |
| **17:05** | Parallel sessions II |
| **20:00** | Conference dinner |

PLEASE NOTE

Rooms will be signposted at the venues.
The programme may be subject to minor changes.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

# SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER

| | |
|---|---|
| **09:00** | Parallel sessions III |
| **10:25** | Keynote: Ilaria Mariotti |
| **11:45** | Parallel sessions IV |
| **13:00** | Lunch |
| **14:00** | Roundtable: The Future of Rural Portugal |
| **15:20** | LNEG special session and parallel sessions V |
| **16:50** | Book presentation |
| **17:35** | Closing Session & Awards |
| **19:00** | Visit to Mosteiro de Ancede |
| **21:00** | Agroecology Documentary and Debate |

PLEASE NOTE

The LNEG special session runs from 15:20 to 16:35.
Rooms will be signposted at the venues.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

# SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER

| | |
|---|---|
| **09:00** | Meet at Mosteiro de Ancede |
| **09:15** | Transfer to Casa de Tormes |
| **09:30** | Guided visit to Casa de Tormes |
| **10:30** | Jacinto walking route: Tormes–Aregos |
| **12:10** | Return transfer |
| **12:45** | End of programme |



MEETING POINT & TRANSPORT

Meet at Mosteiro de Ancede at 09:00. A bus takes participants to Casa de Tormes; after the walk, a bus returns from Aregos station to Mosteiro de Ancede.

# OPENING CEREMONY

27 November · 10:45 · Municipal Auditorium, Baião

OPENING SPEAKERS



**Rui Ladeira**
Secretary of State for Forestry



**Ana Raquel Azevedo**
Mayor of Baião



**Diogo Miguel Pinto**
Conference Chair



**João Almeida**
Conference Co-Chair

# BOOK PRESENTATION & CLOSING

16:50 · BOOK PRESENTATION

## Commons, Collective Intelligence and Multiterritorial Cooperation

For the benefit of low-density areas






**António Covas**



**Maria das Mercês Covas**

WITH COMMENTARY BY

**António Luís Ferreira**

Co-founder of VERde NOVO

VERDE·NOVO

## 17:35 · Closing Session & Awards

# RESILIENT RURAL LANDSCAPES

## Co-creating Resilient Rural Landscapes: Connecting Science, Innovation & Communities

Scientific challenge: Wildfire resilience through integrated landscape innovation.

The workshop connects science, innovation and communities around the resilience of rural landscapes.

- Landscape Intelligence and Landscape Innovation
- Community participation
- Observation and planning technologies
- Knowledge transfer and rural wildfire resilience



Serra do Marão.

**WHEN**

27 November, 09:00.
Simultaneous workshops; rooms will be signposted at the venue.

# NEW GENERATION FOR A NEW RURAL ECONOMY

This workshop is organised in partnership with AJAP – the Association of Young Farmers of Portugal and aims to foster a participatory discussion on the main obstacles and opportunities for generational renewal and entrepreneurship in rural areas, seeking to identify concrete measures that can improve the conditions for creating, developing and sustaining projects in these areas.

The following speakers will take part in this session

- João Almeida - Presidente Associação Rural Move
- Paulo Ramalho - Vice-Presidente CCRD Norte*
- Jorge Pedrosa - Diretor Regional do IPDJ Norte
- José Eduardo Reis - Diretor-Geral Direção-Geral de Agricultura e Desenvolvimento Rural
- Diana Valente - Jovem Agricultora e Vice-Presidente da AJAP
- Jovem Agricultor de Baião
- (Moderador) Firmino Cordeiro - Diretor-Geral AJAP



Serra do Marão – Visit Baião.

WHEN

27 November, 09:00. Simultaneous workshops; rooms will be signposted at the venue.

**FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER · ROUNDTABLE**

# RAILWAYS, ACCESSIBILITY AND TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT

## Ferrovia, Acessibilidade e Desenvolvimento Territorial

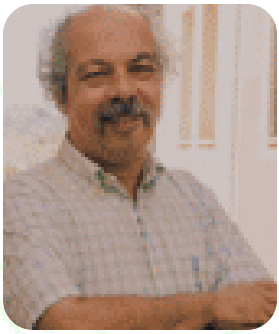
27 November · 14:00 · Baião

PANELLISTS



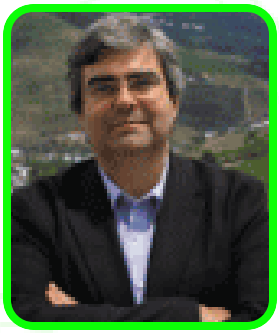
**Alberto Aroso**

Transport specialist



**Manuel Margarido Tão**

University of Algarve



**Luís Almeida**

Associação Vale D'Ouro

**MODERATOR**

**SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER · ROUNDTABLE**

# THE FUTURE OF RURAL PORTUGAL

## O Futuro do Mundo Rural Português

28 November · 14:00 · Mosteiro de Ancede

PANELLISTS



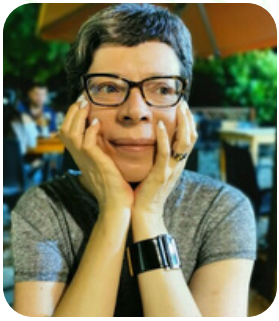
**Fernando Oliveira Baptista**

Instituto Superior de Agronomia
University of Lisbon



**Helena Freitas**

University of Coimbra



**Elisabete Figueiredo**

University of Aveiro



**Américo Mendes**

Católica Porto Business School



**António Covas**

University of Algarve

**MODERATOR**

SPECIAL SESSION

# LNEG-$H_2$PTMap

## Calculadora Geoespacial do Custo de Hidrogénio

Geospatial Hydrogen Cost Calculator. LNEG-$H_2$PTMap estimates hydrogen costs across the territory.

**WHEN**

28 November, 15:20–16:35



SPEAKER

**Juan Portillo**

National Laboratory for Energy and Geology (LNEG)




Solar XXI building, LNEG Lumiar campus, Lisbon. Photo: LNEG.

# PARALLEL SESSIONS

The provisional programme includes five blocks of parallel sessions. Session themes, papers and rooms will be listed here once confirmed.

| | |
|---|---|
| **I** | 27 November · 15:45 |
| **II** | 27 November · 17:05 |
| **III** | 28 November · 09:00 |
| **IV** | 28 November · 11:45 |
| **V** | 28 November · 15:20 |

### SESSION THEMES

Session themes will be announced in the final programme.

### PAPERS & CONTRIBUTORS

Paper titles, authors and presentation order will be listed in the final programme.

### ROOMS & CHAIRS

Rooms and session chairs will be indicated at the venue and in the final programme.

# PRESENTING YOUR WORK

Key information for presenters ahead of their session.

### PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION TIME

Please keep to the time allocated by the session chair, including questions.

### FILE FORMAT & DELIVERY

Official oral and poster templates (.pptx): rurdynamix.ruralmove.org/call

### ROOM EQUIPMENT

Bring your presentation on a USB drive (PowerPoint or PDF) as a backup.

### LANGUAGE & SESSION FORMAT

Presentations may be given in Portuguese, Spanish or English.

### POSTERS & REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Posters: short oral presentation, or display only (visual format).

### ARRIVAL & SESSION CHAIR

Please arrive in your session room at least 10 minutes before the session starts and introduce yourself to the session chair.



Vineyards in Baião – Visit Baião.

# REGISTRATION & ASSISTANCE

## Conference registration

ACCREDITATION DESK

Registration opens at 08:30 on 27 November. Please collect your badge on arrival.

WHAT TO BRING

Please bring an ID document and your registration confirmation.

PARTICIPANT MATERIALS

Badges and conference materials are handed out at registration.
Please wear your badge at all times.




Baião Municipal Auditorium – Visit Baião.

## Conference assistance

HELP DESK & CONTACT

Secretariat: ruraldynamix@ruralmove.org · +351 928 123 858
Scientific Secretariat: ruraldynamics@letras.up.pt

CHANGES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Programme changes and announcements: rurdynamix.ruralmove.org/programme

# WI-FI & ACCESSIBILITY

### WI-FI NETWORK

Wi-Fi details will be displayed at the venues and available at registration.

### ACCESSIBLE FACILITIES

If you need accessibility support at any venue, please contact the Secretariat before the event: ruraldynamix@ruralmove.org



Mosteiro de Ancede Cultural Centre – Visit Baião.

# TRANSPORT & PARKING

## Getting to Baião

FROM PORTO & THE AIRPORT

Porto Airport (OPO): ~75 km. By car: Porto 1h · Vila Real 45 min · Lisbon 3h30.

RAIL CONNECTIONS

Douro Railway line to Marco de Canaveses. Transfer by bus or taxi to Baião is recommended.

## During the conference

BETWEEN VENUES

Ask at registration for information on getting between venues.

PARKING

If you are arriving by car, please ask the Secretariat about parking near the venues.

TAXI / LOCAL TRANSPORT

Book taxis in advance, especially for early-morning and evening journeys.

OFFICIAL AIRLINE

TAP Air Portugal: up to 15% off TAP-operated flights booked online at flytap.com, for travel up to 10 days before or after the event. Promo code on the conference website.




Ermida railway station, Douro line – Visit Baião.

# MEALS & CONFERENCE DINNER

## During the conference

LUNCH & REFRESHMENTS

Coffee breaks and light lunches are included in the registration fee.

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Please indicate any allergies or dietary requirements when registering or to the Secretariat.



Roast lamb with oven-baked rice, a traditional Baião dish – Visit Baião.

## Conference dinner

DATE & TIME

27 November, 20:00. The dinner is optional and can be added during registration.

VENUE

Pensão Borges, Baião.

# CONDUCT, HEALTH & SAFETY

## A welcoming conference

### CODE OF CONDUCT

RUR_DYNAMIX is committed to a respectful, inclusive and harassment-free environment. Please report any concern to the organising team.

## On-site safety

### EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

In an emergency, call 112 (European emergency number) and inform a member of the organising team.

### FIRST AID & HEALTH SUPPORT

For first aid or health assistance, contact a member of the organising team.

### ACCESSIBILITY & INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

If you have specific needs, please contact the Secretariat in advance.

### OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

For the Sunday walk, wear comfortable walking shoes and weather-appropriate clothing, and bring water.



Walking routes in Baião – Visit Baião.

# SOCIAL MEDIA & PHOTOGRAPHY



Portal of the Mosteiro de Ancede — Visit Baião.

### OFFICIAL CHANNELS

LinkedIn RUR_DYNAMIX · Instagram @ruralmove · Facebook /ruralmove2020 · #RURDYNAMIX2026

### PHOTOGRAPHY & FILMING

The conference will be photographed and filmed by the organisers for documentation and communication purposes.

### PERMISSION & IMAGE USE

Images may be published on the conference website and social media. If you prefer not to be photographed, please let the registration desk know.

### SHARING PRESENTATIONS

Sessions may be recorded. Presenters who prefer that their session is not recorded, or their slides not shared, should inform the organisers in advance.

# BEYOND THE SESSIONS

## Agroecology in Motion · Screening & debate

WHEN

28 November · 21:00 · Baião
Agroecologia em Movimento · João Frade Garrinhas · Portugal, 2025



Forest trail in Baião — context image, not a film still. Visit Baião.

## Visit to Mosteiro de Ancede

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WHEN

28 November, 19:00. Meeting point and transport details will be given at registration.

# TORMES TO AREGOS

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Caminho de Jacinto, Fundação Eça de Queiroz – Visit Baião.

The proposed Sunday programme combines a guided visit to Casa de Tormes with the Jacinto walking route from Tormes to Aregos. See page 14 for the provisional schedule.

### JOINING THE VISIT

The visit is included in the registration. Meet at Mosteiro de Ancede at 09:00; buses run to Casa de Tormes and back from Aregos.

### PREPARING FOR THE WALK

Wear comfortable walking shoes and weather-appropriate clothing; bring water.

### ACCESSIBILITY & WEATHER

If you have reduced mobility, or in case of bad weather, please check alternatives with the organising team.

# STAY A LITTLE LONGER

## Accommodation

The official Visit Baião tourism portal provides a starting point for exploring local accommodation and visitor services.

WHERE TO STAY

Hotels and local lodgings near the venues are listed at rurdynamix.ruralmove.org/venue-travel, including Douro Royal Valley Hotel & Spa (Ribadouro), Douro Palace Hotel (Santa Cruz do Douro), Casa da Lavandeira and Quinta das Aguincheiras (Ancede).



Valadares Church – Visit Baião.

## Food & local discoveries

Use the official tourism portal to explore the territory, local food and places to visit outside the organised programme.

RECOMMENDED RESTAURANTS

Tasquinha do Fumo | Pensão Borges | O Tal Famoso | Da Azenha | O Alpendre (traditional oven dishes)
Tasca do Valado, overlooking Marão Mountain.
Restaurante de Tormes, overlooking the Douro Valley.

# FIND YOUR VENUE

01

### Auditório Municipal de Baião

Conference venue — opening and plenary sessions.

OPEN IN GOOGLE MAPS →

02

### Agrupamento de Escolas do Vale de Ovil

Venue for conference activities.

OPEN IN GOOGLE MAPS →

03

### Mosteiro de Ancede

Cultural activities and Sunday meeting point.

OPEN IN GOOGLE MAPS →

ON SITE

Rooms, accreditation, toilets and accessible routes will be clearly signposted at each venue.

# FIND YOUR WAY AROUND




MAP SOURCE

Visit Baião / Município de Baião — “Terra de Cultura” tourist leaflet.

# ORGANISATION

## Conference leadership

Diogo Miguel Pinto · Chair
João Almeida · Co-chair

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Organising, Scientific and Honour Committees, with affiliations:
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**PROGRAMME UPDATES**

Full programme and live updates:
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