

## SCOPE OF WORK

DOuro Basin District

The Albufeira Project advances towards the coordinated implementation of actions to promote and protect the good status of shared water bodies between Spain and Portugal, for their protection and sustainable use.

The water bodies include rivers, reservoirs, and transitional waters in the four international river basin districts: Miño, Duero, Tajo and Guadiana.

## EUROPEAN CO-FINANCING

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## A way to make Europe

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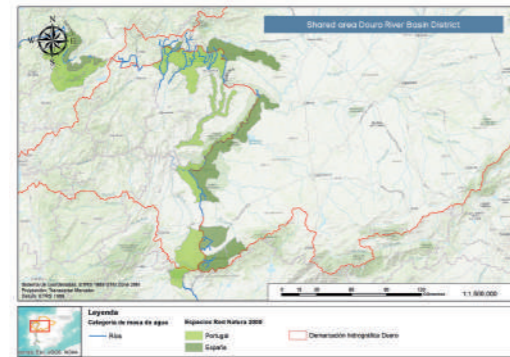
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# Douro

Promoting and protecting the good status of shared water bodies between España and Portugal

# Douro Basin District



## We share river basins. We must protect and learn about this joint source of environmental functions and services

The Albufeira Project was created at the 3rd Conference of the Parties to the Albufeira Convention to face the challenge of managing shared water bodies and to meet the needs detected by the European Commission when monitoring the Water Framework Directive (WFD).

Advancing towards the coordinated implementation of actions between Spain and Portugal in order to promote and protect the good status of shared water bodies in Mino-Sil, Douro, Tagus and Guadiana river basins, and their associated ecosystems.

**4** River basin districts

**68** shared water bodies: rivers, reservoirs and transitional waters

**58 000** hectares of protected areas integrated in Natura 200 Network in Spain and Portugal

## GOALS

### KNOWLEDGE

About the status or the ecological potential of transboundary water bodies, based on common criteria that allow evaluating the degree of conservation of water-dependent flora and fauna species and habitats.

### COORDINATION

Optimizing the methodologies and the data resources of the entities involved in water management and planning, and improving the tools for the shared management of transboundary natural resources.

### AWARENESS-RAISING

About the importance of water resources in transboundary water&land as a joint source of environmental functions and services, which must be protected and used in a sustainable way.

In addition to working to achieve the environmental objectives of the Water Framework Directive and the Habitats Directive, we will have joint methodologies and protocols, periodic reports and index correlation reports between Spain and Portugal.

## ACTIVITIES AND RESULTS

### 01. METHODOLOGIES

Harmonization of methodologies for monitoring the status or ecological potential of shared water bodies.

Working group that analyses procedures and tools.

Development of a joint methodology for monitoring the status or the ecological potential of shared water bodies.

### 02. MONITORING

Monitoring the status or ecological potential of water bodies for joint assessment.

Experimental programme for monitoring transboundary water bodies.

Report of the implementation of the evaluation programme.

### 03. ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIVES

Improvement in the coordination and integration of the environmental objectives of Water Framework Directive and the Habitats Directive.

Formation of the cross-border technical team.

Transboundary georeferenced inventory of water-dependent habitat types and species (flora and fauna) of the Natura 2000 Network.

Comparative analysis of the environmental objectives of the Water Framework Directive and the additional objectives of the Natura 2000 Network.

Official monitoring network of invasive alien species associated with the aquatic environment.

### 04. AWARENESS-RAISING

Cross-border training actions.

120 activities in schools.

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Travelling exhibition in different towns.

Editing of informative and didactic material.



### HORIZONTAL ACTIONS

- ✓ Financial management of the project, coordination, and evaluation and monitoring of the results.
- ✓ Creation of the Image and Communication plan. Web development and presence in the internet and social networks. Organisation of seminars.