

POLITICAL LOBBY

Eixo Atlántico is a **political lobby** defending the interests of the urban system of the Euro-region Galicia - North of Portugal. This action is made before the Regional government of Galicia, national governments of Spain and Portugal and the European Institutions. It is focused mainly on the legislative investment and infrastructure field.

During these years, we have led the social support to the proposal of the European Commission and the Parliament for the **elimination of roaming** within the Union, as well as supporting the finalization of determining infrastructures such as the A3 motorway between Porto and the Spanish border, the high speed train between Galicia to Madrid, the modernization of the railway line between A Coruña - Lisbon, or the inclusion of Galicia in the Atlantic railway corridor.



We have also actively participated in the **definition of European Regulations and their budgets** through the C4C platform, which includes the Atlantic, Mediterranean, Iberian, Adriatic and Ionian cities.

Currently, we are promoting the creation of a **European tourism policy**, and linked to it, a European policy of preservation of heritage, including the proposal of a commissioner who specifically manage these competences.



FORUM OF EUROPEAN BORDER TOURISM
FORO TURISMO DE FRONTEIRA EUROPEU
Theatro Circo, Braga

PROGRAM

CULTURE

In the cultural axis, Eixo Atlántico focuses its efforts on two main activities, the **Capital of Culture** that was born in 2009 with the purpose of promoting culture in all art forms in both sides of the border and the **Painting Biennale** that, already with more than 20 years, aims to stimulate not only the artistic creation but also the interchange and the awareness of the euro-region artists.



The **Mostra Musical** (Musical Show) aims to recognize, promote, reward and disseminate the practice of music, supporting the musicians from Galicia and Northern Portugal who, for their value and interest, can contribute to the diffusion of the taste for music, especially among the youngest. Furthermore in the Education field Eixo Atlántico resumed the **School Exchanges** between municipalities of Galicia and Northern Portugal.

EDUCATION



SPORTS

The sports area is one of the most active. With a participation with more 1800 athletes, the **Games** of the Eixo Atlántico promote, since 1995, sport and coexistence among young people from Galicia and Northern Portugal. In addition to the Games, which take place every two years in a different municipality, several **tournaments** have been organized in various modalities, currently in Roller Hockey, Junior Football and Taekwondo.

TOURISM

Expocidades, a tourism show of the cities of the Eixo Atlántico, serves as a tool for the promotion of local tourism. In addition to this fair, every two years tour guides are published with diverse themes: natural spaces, historical routes, etc.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

In the area of **Sustainable Development**, the Eixo Atlántico channels its activity through the Urban Ecology Agency, which annually works for municipalities in various areas such as waste management, climate change, Agendas 21 and sustainable events, among others.



URBAN AGENDA

The **Eixo Atlántico Cross-Border Urban Agenda** is the first in Europe of a cross-border urban system, is a strategic document that, in according to the criteria established in the UN 2030 Agenda and the European Urban Agenda, pursues the achievement of a euro-regional strategy of sustainable urban development, balanced and resilient, that takes into account the needs of people and the environment, while contributing to the socioeconomic development of the territory.



Presentation of the Agenda to debate in the Forum of Braga 2017

Based on 5 strategic pillars:

- Connectivity
- Competitiveness
- Resilient cities
- Inclusive cities
- Efficient cities

The Agenda is specified in an Action Plan developed with all the actors of the territory. The objective is to provide the territory with the necessary tools for a balanced and coordinated territorial development in the Euro-region, in which all its cities, each at their own pace and under their priorities, move in the same direction.



Presentation of the Action Plan in A Coruña



Presentation of the Agenda in the European Week of Regions and Cities 2018 in Brussels