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Net on Wheels

An innovative experience to promote service accessibility and info-inclusion in rural areas



Background

- **NoW** is a subproject of EDV Digital, which main goal is to broaden the use of technology and internet in the region of Entre Douro e Vouga (EDV).
- **NoW** is promoted by ADReDV – Regional Development Agency for Entre Douro e Vouga, which coordinates projects which are common to the 5 municipalities of the region.
- **NoW** involves several partners, such as: business, social and cultural institutions; schools and universities; private companies; and regional offices of the national Government (Health, Social Security, Employment and others).
- **NoW** is financed by POS_Conhecimento, whose funds come from the State Budget and the EU.



Objectives

In the spirit of the Green Book for the Information Society in Portugal, NoW aims at:

- Promoting citizen-information programs;
- Fostering local administration initiatives that aim to democratize access to the Information Society;
- Stimulating the use of electronic services by public Administration;
- Opening the state Administration to private citizens and business companies.



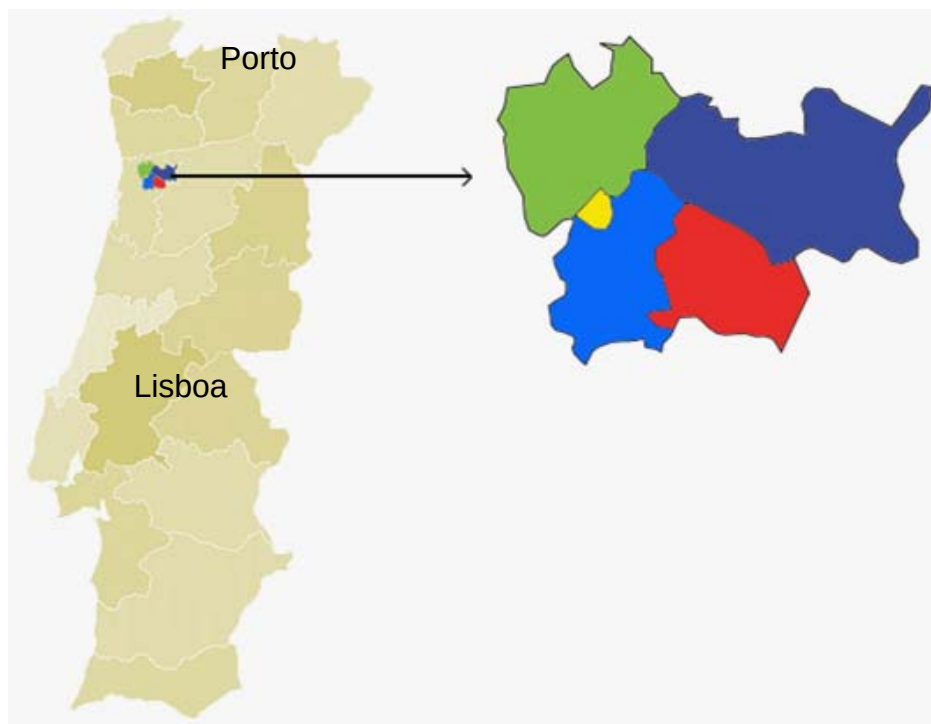
Target Public

- Inhabitants of rural areas
- Senior citizens
- Deficiency bearers
- Unemployed
- Students of all ages
- General population





Intervention area



- 863,2 Km2
- 276.812 inhabitants
- 332,6 inhabitants per km2
- 5 municipalities:
 - Arouca
 - Oliveira de Azeméis
 - Santa Maria da Feira
 - S. João da Madeira
 - Vale de Cambra
- Altitudes between 25 e 1220 meters.



Human resources

- 1 project coordinator
- 4 monitors with:
 - Specific technological training
 - Pedagogical ability
 - Social and communicational skills
- 1 assistant for international matters





Equipment

- 2 adapted vans
- Energetical autonomy
- 15 notebooks (per van)
- Peripherals (printers, scanners, webcams...)
- Specific equipment for disabled citizens
- Mobile connect card for net access
- Antenna for satellite net connection



Action

- Teaching of ICT for adult and senior population
- Teaching of ICT for children in school age
- Teaching of ICT for deficiency bearers
- Digital workshops
- Examinations for the attribution of Basic ICT Skills Diplomas (DCBTIC)
- Support to the public concerning online Government services (income taxes and VAT online declarations, online job appliances for teachers...)
- Internet service during events, exhibitions, seminars and other events



Versatility



Indoors



Inside the van



Outdoors



The internet in schools and kindergartens





The Internet and the elderly people





The internet in the collectivities





The internet in events





The Internet and the disabled people





Internet for all





Statistics from December 2006 to December 2007

Users	26.954
Events	1.176
Visited institutions	312
Teaching courses	267
Traveled distances	52.322
Participants in Digital Workshops	225
Basic ICT Skills Diplomas	860
Budget for “EDV Digital” project	5.533.730 €
Budget for “Net on Wheels” subproject	310.356 €



The impact of **Net on Wheels** on EDV region

In terms of **technology innovation**:

The mobile broadband Internet used by **NoW** has been benefiting most remote and sparsely populated areas, by improving accessibility to electronic public services and assuring a more cost-efficient management.

In terms of **social and strategic innovation**:

NoW develops social learning and helps the individual with his professional skills, consequently contributing to improve the general context of empowerment and job inclusion.

In terms of **administrative innovation**:

NoW has also generated new professional roles and consolidated a structure which is now capable of providing new services with more flexibility and efficiency.



The future of **Net on Wheels**

In Portugal:

NoW will participate in the new initiatives that the Portuguese government will implement in the context of NSRF – National Strategic Reference Framework for the period of 2007 to 2013, mainly articulating fixed multi-service centres with mobile unities intended to spread public services over rural regions.

Internationally:

NoW is already working on the internationalization of the project, presenting it to different entities all over Europe and establishing the first contacts for future partnerships.



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