

PARTICIPATORY URBAN GOVERNANCE SUMMIT

Lisbon, 16, 17 and 18 August 2026

EVENT AGENDA

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DAY 1 – Introduction, Knowledge Sharing and Familiarisation with the Local Area

12:00–13:00 – Reception and Welcome Session

Location: *Residência Universitária de Benfica*

Activity: Reception of participants, distribution of documentation and an informal networking opportunity.

Expected outcome: establish initial contacts and prepare participants for the collaborative activities.

13:00–14:30 – Buffet Lunch

One fish option, one meat option, one vegetarian option, fruit and a drink.

Location: *Residência Universitária de Benfica (study area)*

14:30–15:30 – Conference on Participatory Urban Governance

- Location: *Carlos Paredes Auditorium*
- Activity: Key presentations on citizen participation, democratic governance and local urban planning. Speaker: Miguel Carneiro.
- Format: plenary session followed by questions and answers.
- Expected outcome: a shared understanding of the priorities of the CERV programme and the objectives of the URBANITAS project.

15:30–15:40 – Coffee Break

15:40–17:40 – Plenary Session: Presentation of Partners' Good Practices

- Activity: Each partner presents a 10- to 15-minute case study on successful participatory projects.
- Format: Debate and reflection with audience participation.
- Expected outcome: knowledge exchange, identification of transferable practices and inspiration for co-creation activities.

17:40–19:30 – Field Visit: Example of Participatory Green Regeneration

Route: ACP – Livraria Ulmeiro – Jardim das Oliveiras – Grão Vasco Mural – Baldaya Mural – Palácio Baldaya.

- Guided visit with the participation of community representatives, including Externato Grão Vasco.
- Format: Interactive session to gather citizens' views.
- Expected outcome: practical observation of participatory governance and identification of ideas that may be adapted and replicated.

19:30–21:00 – Dinner with Fado

- Location: *Jardins do Baldaya*

DAY 2 – Co-creation Workshops and Intergenerational Engagement

08:00–09:00 – Breakfast

Location: *Residência Universitária de Benfica (study area)*

09:30–11:00 – Round Table: Challenges of Urban Governance

- Location: *Residência Universitária de Benfica*
- Moderated panel with policymakers, civil society representatives and citizens, including the Calhariz residents' association and other organisations.
- Topics: housing, green spaces, accessibility and inclusive governance.
- Expected outcome: gather perspectives on local challenges and contributions for the workshops.

11:00–11:15 – Coffee Break

11:15–13:00 – Parallel Co-creation Workshops (World Café Format)

- Location: *Residência Universitária de Benfica*
- Topics: Housing; Public space; Sustainability, with the participation of LPN; Governance models – Calhariz, including a guided visit and an on-site presentation.
- Format: Discussions at several round tables, with participants rotating between groups to generate collaborative ideas. Facilitation by experts.
- Expected outcomes: Concrete proposals for participatory initiatives; Contributions to the Local Joint Declaration; Greater citizen understanding of and involvement in urban governance.

13:00–14:00 – Buffet Lunch

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Location: *Benfica University Residence (study area)*

14:00 – Travel to Bairro do Charquinho

Field visit and distribution of snack bags.

14:00–18:00 – Civic Participation and Community Cohesion

- Location: *Bairro do Charquinho* (mural and Miyawaki forest), Colégio Militar (mural), and Bairro de Santa Cruz (sustainable garden)
- Activities: Community art projects – collaborative murals; Intergenerational civic participation activities; Urban storytelling.
- Format: Participatory and practical session.
- Expected outcomes: Promotion of intergenerational dialogue; Visual representation of citizens' priorities; Strengthening of community ties.

18:00 – Free Time

DAY 3 – Consolidation, Declaration and Dissemination

08:00–09:30 – Breakfast

Location: Benfica University Residence (study area)

09:30–11:15 – Plenary Session: Co-creation of the Local Joint Declaration on Participatory Urban Governance

- Activity: Collaborative drafting session with active citizen participation. Includes a public signing ceremony.
- Expected outcomes: Preparation of a Joint Declaration representing shared commitments; Production of a concrete result aligned with the CERV programme, demonstrating citizen participation and co-creation in local governance.

11:15–11:30 – Closing Session

- Summary of the results, lessons learned and next steps.
- Expected outcome: clear definition of follow-up actions and alignment with the project objectives.

11:30–12:30 – Press Conference

- Format: Presentation of the Joint Declaration and the main results to the media and other stakeholders.
- Expected outcomes: visibility, recognition and dissemination of the participatory initiatives.

12:30–14:00 – Informal Networking Lunch

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- Location: Residência Universitária de Benfica (study area)
- Opportunity for reflection, discussion and strengthening of partnerships.

14:00–15:00 – Evaluation and Feedback Session

- Participants provide a structured evaluation of the activities and results.
- Expected outcomes: Assessment of the event's impact; Collection of recommendations for future participation projects; Compliance with the CERV programme's reporting requirements.

Dissemination Activities

- Dissemination through social media;
- Benfica Municipality website;
- Press release.

Overall Outputs

- Signed attendance list;
- EDS;
- Recordings of the presentations;
- Evaluation forms;
- Satisfaction and feedback questionnaires.