

# EUROCIDADE 2020

*“This cooperation project has reinforced a feeling of camaraderie amongst Spanish and Portuguese citizens and reached into the everyday lives of local people.”*



## DESCRIPTION

The Galician town of Verín and the Portuguese city of Chaves are connected by more than just the Tâmega river. Just 25 minutes apart, they form the oldest 'Eurocity' on the border, which stands as a success story in cross-border cooperation. The aim is clear: to improve the quality of the lives of citizens and exchange cultural experience.

The sharing of services, creation of initiatives like the "Eurocitizen Card" allows inhabitants of the two neighbourhoods to enjoy discounts for public services, including swimming pools, hot springs, libraries and much more. In addition, the implementation of a free bus across the border connecting the two towns, the creation of a green corridor along the Tâmega river and the branding of Chaves-Verín as a tourist destination has strengthened the region's future through smart, inclusive and sustainable growth.

Certainly, the project has demonstrated that the institutional, economic, social, cultural and territorial integration of two border towns is perfectly doable and comes with major benefits for the communities concerned.

## GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE

Galicia (Spain) and North of Portugal.

## PROGRAMME

Interreg España-Portugal (POCTEP).

## TOTAL BUDGET

€ 1,775,405.00

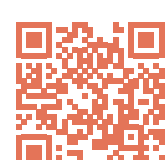
## EU FUNDING

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