
Manuel lost his wife some years ago. He lives on his own and sometimes finds it hard to cope with **loneliness, and needs some assistance**



Inés is **the last woman** to take care of a herd of purebred goats on the verge of extinction. In an area threatened by **depopulation**, she is a hope on a dying world



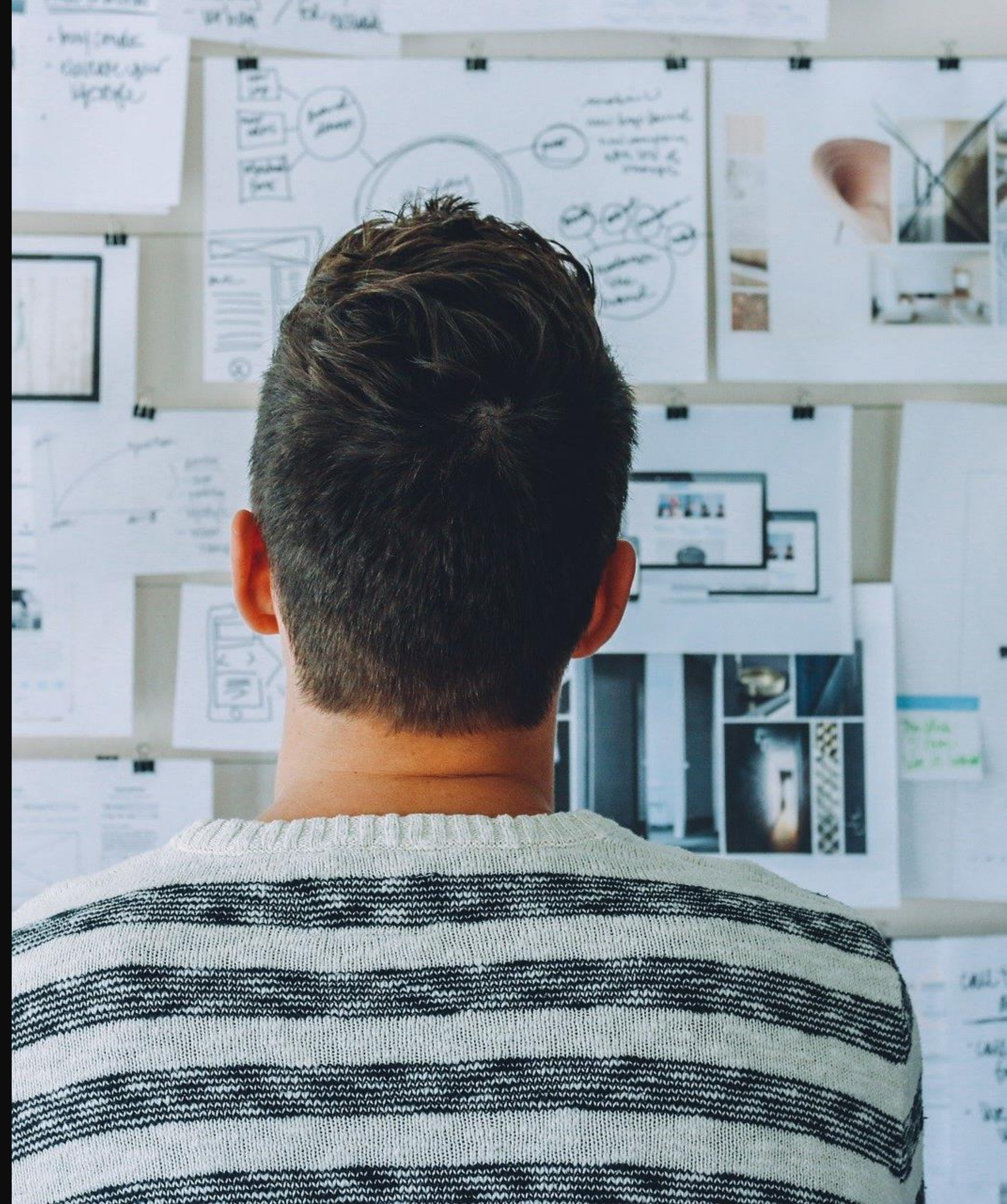
Roberta used to sing on several Lisbon clubs. **Covid-19** wiped out the scene, so she went back to her home town and is now looking for **chances**



Elvira finally started her own sustainable fashion business, but fails to reach potential customers



Miguel just graduated from his PHD on **biotechnology**. He'd like to work near his **hometown**, but surely will have to look for opportunities in the big city...





Many people who **love**
their **land** end up having
to **leave** it

A young girl with dark hair is crawling on a concrete ledge by the ocean. She is wearing a white t-shirt with a yellow and green lemon pattern, pink shorts, and black sneakers with orange accents. She is looking down at the water, and her hands are resting on the ledge. The ocean waves are visible in the background, and the scene is lit with warm, golden light, suggesting sunset or sunrise. A small cyan rectangle is in the top left corner.

Could we help them and
create **opportunities** for a
better **future**?



So we launched a **484 M€**
investment strategy
(**365 M€ ERDF**)

A woman with curly hair is seated at a long table in a conference room, writing on a document. Other people are seated at the table in the background, some looking at their phones. The room has large windows and a modern interior.

Funding employment, healthcare, cultural, and environmental cross-border initiatives



**239 projects with one goal: to help
our people stay in the area**



Because economic activity needed a boost, with **new ideas** and innovation, but also preserving **traditional** activities, not leaving anyone behind

**Manuel now gets
weekly visits from Luis,
a young man whose
Company joined the
'**CSR innolab**' of
the **GEMCAT** project**



The breeds that Inés cares for are part of the **Iberian Landscape project**, which preserves these animals and their environment, while promoting traditional activities and **ecotourism**



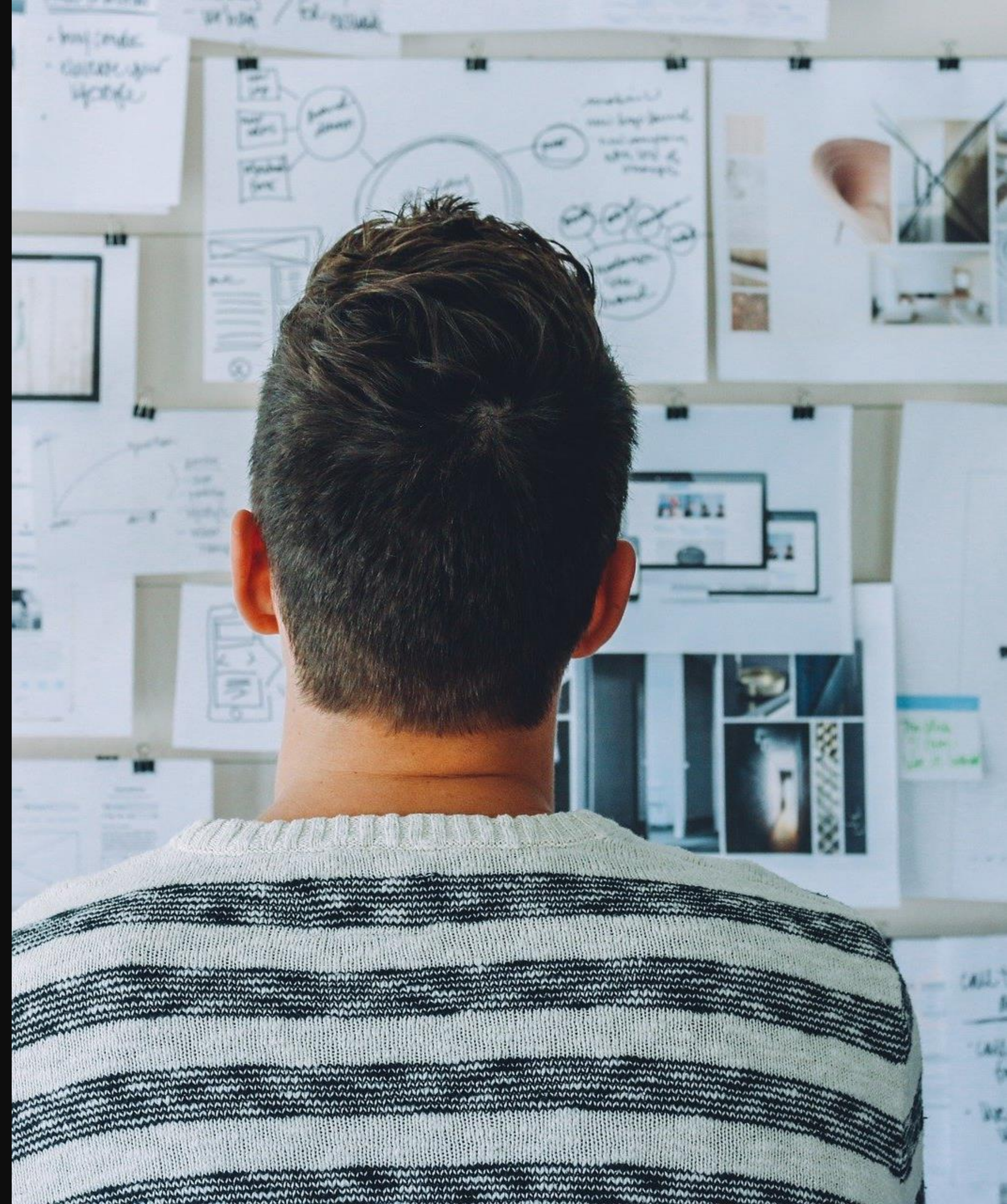
Today Roberta is part of the **Joint Cultural Agenda** of the **Guadiana Eurocity**, which supports **artists**, film festivals and other initiatives on both sides of the border



Elvira participated in the EFES project and received advice, training and networking. It also got financing thanks to a "covid line" of micro credits



Miguel participated in the '**Iacobus programme**', the "Galician Erasmus" program. A couple of years later he is at the **Iberian Nanotechnology Lab**. He is 30 minutes drive from Esposende, his hometown



And like them, more than **7 Million**
people have now access
to employment, education, sports and
health initiatives

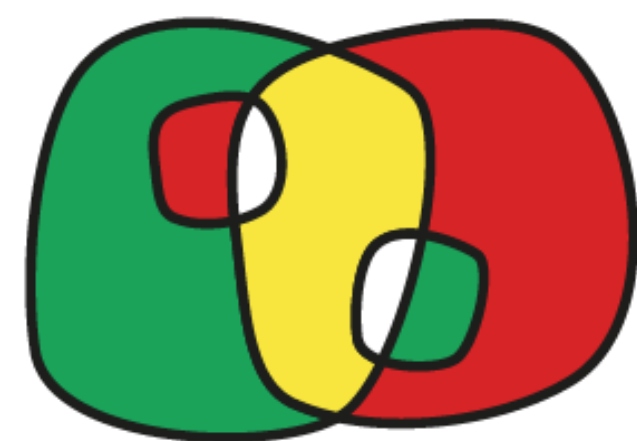


In 30 years, hundreds of **Interreg Spain-Portugal cooperation** projects have supported entrepreneurs, researchers and people at risk of exclusion.

Hundreds of projects have worked for the preservation of natural and cultural heritage, created a **green economy against depopulation**



**We love our people, and we'll keep on
working together for them to be able
to stay home**



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