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WELCOME GUIDE

Vila Verde

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WELCOME GUIDE

Welcome to Vila Verde!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Vila Verde City Council embraces the promotion of diversity and the social inclusion of all citizens as a development and progress strategy.

People are and always will be our priority, honouring the principles of a municipality that is part of the Portuguese Network of Intercultural Cities and has, since 2017, been a subscriber of the Portuguese Diversity Charter.

Collective mobilisation is the motto to stimulate Vila Verde and bring the municipality to an even higher level of development, alongside the residents and all those who honour us by living here and developing their personal and professional projects.

I believe that the greater the multiculturalism, the greater the capacity for innovation and development in our territory. The goal is that those arriving at the municipality of Vila Verde feel welcome and integrated, thanks to a smooth and encouraging process.

This guide mainly aims to facilitate the welcoming process of all those who, coming from the most diverse origins, arrive in Vila Verde and here can satisfy their wishes and find a place to fulfil their life project.

Júlia Rodrigues Fernandes
President of the Vila Verde
City Council

*“Let nothing limit us,
let nothing define us,
let nothing hold us.
Let freedom be our own
substance, since to live
is to be free.”*

Simone de Beauvoir

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01

PRESENTATION

01. PRESENTATION

Welcome Guide

This Welcome Guide mainly aims to foster a better integration in the Vila Verde community, by providing the information we consider vital to whoever arrives in Portugal and, particularly, in Vila Verde. We made a selection of what we thought would be most useful in this new stage, in the hope that it facilitates your integration process.

It is an additional tool of systematised information, which will only fulfil its intent if the migrant citizens seize it and turn it into a dynamic and modern instrument, using their experience and knowledge to contribute to its continuous improvement.

In this Guide, you will find information about several **City Council services and State Central Administration decentralised services** which we find essential, namely in regards to the legal registration of citizenship, employment, Portuguese language learning, education, housing, healthcare, security, leisure, culture, and mobility..

In order to access any other information or services not mentioned in this Guide, the City Council has a team at your disposal.



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**WELCOMING
THE MIGRANT CITIZEN**



02. WELCOMING THE MIGRANT CITIZEN

Social Network Office

The municipality of Vila Verde has a **Social Network office** available. It is a decentralised service for integration, information and support. Here, you can request assistance for the welcoming and integration process in its multiple dimensions. Reach out to the following contacts for support purposes or to obtain more information.

VILA VERDE SOCIAL NETWORK

R. Dr. João Macedo da Cunha
4730-760 Vila Verde

Email: [rede-social@cm-vilaverde.pt](mailto:redesocial@cm-vilaverde.pt)

Contact: (+351) 253 323 002

Opening hours: Monday to Friday, 10.00 am – 3.30 pm.horas

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**CITIZENSHIP
-
LEGAL AND
BUREAUCRATIC
PROCEDURES**

03. CITIZENSHIP – LEGAL AND BUREAUCRATIC PROCEDURES

03.1 Finances (Tax and Customs Authority)

The taxpayer ID number (NIF) is meant to identify a citizen or a company for taxation purposes, for instance, in regards to declaring your IRS (Personal Income Tax) or any other tax or financial transaction.

NIF

In order to apply for a **NIF**, you need a civil identity document or a passport. For citizens from third countries (non-EU countries), there is the additional need to appoint a tax representative (Portuguese or foreigner with a regularised tax situation). The NIF application is free of charge and should be done at a tax office.

IRS (PERSONAL INCOME TAX)

Is the **tax that pertains to the citizens' income**. This tax is imposed on the income earned by the citizens, resulting from their salaries, property, among others. Citizens residing in Portugal, as well as the so-called non-residents who earn income in national territory are expected to file the IRS return.

The annual process of submitting the IRS return is solely done online. Thus, citizens can access **www.portaldasfinancas.gov.pt** to complete their registration, once they are assigned a NIF. Citizen will receive a password to consult their tax situation, to present and request documentation, without having to go to a tax office in person. **This registration is essential for the submission of the Annual IRS Return**, whose deadline is determined annually by the Portuguese Ministry of Finance and widely publicised.

TAX OFFICES IN VILA VERDE

R. da Misericórdia, 126
4730-745 Vila Verde

Site: www.portaldasfinancas.gov.pt

Contact: (+351) 253 310 720

Opening hours: Monday to Friday, 9.00 am – 3.30 pm

03.2 Social Security

In Portugal, there is a Social Security Service that is mandatory for workers, which protects them in possible periods of unemployment, illness or financial need, and functions as their insurance for pension purposes, once they surpass the stage of active life.

IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE SOCIAL SECURITY REGISTRATION, YOU MUST:

IN CASE YOU ARE A **SELF-EMPLOYED WORKER**, SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

- The application modules RV 1000/2019-DGSS and RV 1006/2018-DGSS;
- ID document – Passport or Citizen Card or any other civil identity document from your home country;
- The self-employment registration certificate issued by the Tax and Customs Authority.

IN CASE YOU ARE AN **EMPLOYEE** OR A **DOMESTIC SERVICE WORKER**, SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

- The application modules RV 1009/2018-DGSS and RV 1006/2018-DGSS;
- ID document – Passport or Citizen Card or any other civil identity document from your home country;
- Employment contract.

(Domestic Service Workers who have agreed with their employers to base their contributions on the real salary, apart from the already mentioned documents, must submit a photocopy of the agreement, in case it is not already included in the employment contract, and a medical certificate that attests their ability to practise the activity, issued by the National Health Service.)

SEGURANÇA SOCIAL DE VILA VERDE

R. Dr. Domingos Oliveira Lopes
4730-703 Vila Verde

Site: www.seg-social.pt

Contact: (+351) 300 003 990

03. CITIZENSHIP – LEGAL AND BUREAUCRATIC PROCEDURES

03.3 Residence Permit/ Residence Title

IMMIGRATION AND BORDERS SERVICE (SEF)

In order to apply for a temporary residence permit, you must submit the following documents:

- Passport or any other valid travel document;
- Valid residence visa or Expression of Interest on SEF's SAPA Portal;
- Evidence of sufficient means of subsistence (wage slips from the previous 3 months);
- Evidence of accommodation (Rental agreement or certificate of residence issued by the Parish Council);
- Evidence of registration with Social Security;
- Evidence of NIF.

For more information, visit:

www.imigrante.sef.pt/solicitar/

www.acm.gov.pt/-/o-que-e-e-quais-as-condicoes-para-obter-uma-autorizacao-de-residenciamentemporaria

(+351) 808 202 653 (Fixed network)

(+351) 808 962 690 (Mobile network)

BRAGA CITIZEN BUREAU

Rua dos Granjinhos, no 6, 4700-352 Braga

Opening hours: 8.30 am – 8.00 pm (working days)

Contact: (+351) 253 205 798

SEF

Braga Regional Delegation

Rua Mário Valença, no 66

4715-216 Nogueira, Braga

Opening Hours: 10.00 am – 12.00 pm and 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm (working days)

Email: del.braga@sef.pt

Contact: (+351) 253 680 040

EU CITIZEN REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE (CRCC)

If you are an EU citizen, arriving from any EU member state, from Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Iceland, or Norway, request the issuing of your EU Citizen Registration Certificate via the following email: geral@cm-vilaverde.pt

YOU MUST ATTACH THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

- Civil identity document or Passport;
- Water/electricity/landline bill, or rental agreement, or certificate of residence issued by the Parish Council, as evidence of accommodation;
- Employment contract and/or the last 3 wage slips (in case you are a student: registration statement from the school/university);
- Evidence of NIF.

OPENING HOURS AT THE VILA VERDE CITY COUNCIL:

8.30 am – 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm – 4.30 pm (working days)

Contact: (+351) 253 310 500





**OPENING
A BANK
ACCOUNT**



04. OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

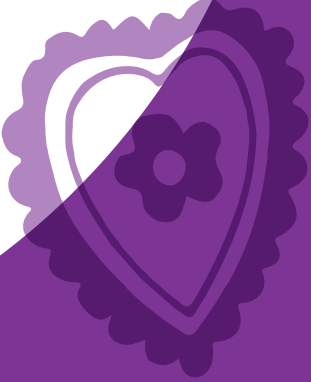
How

In order to open a bank account, you will have to visit a bank branch in Portugal, with the following identification documents:

- Civil identity document;
- Taxpayer ID number (NIF);
- Proof of residence;
- Proof of employment: statement from the employer, or recent wage slips, or evidence of benefiting from a pension abroad.

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**EMPLOYMENT /
WORK**



05. EMPLOYMENT / WORK

To clarify any issue pertaining to employment and/or vocational training, head to:

INSTITUTE OF EMPLOYMENT AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING (IEFP) IN BRAGA

The **IEFP – Institute of Employment and Vocational Training** is a national service, whose mission is to promote the creation and quality of employment, as well as combat unemployment through active employment policies.

IEFP – INSTITUTE OF EMPLOYMENT AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING BRAGA

Rua Dr. Felicíssimo Campos, 127, 4700-224 Braga

Site: www.iefp.pt

Contact: (+351) 253 469 750

Opening Hours: 9.00 am – 5.00 pm

OR

OCCUPATIONAL INTEGRATION OFFICE (GIP) IN VILA VERDE

Rua Dr. João Macedo da Cunha, n.º 42, 4730-760 Vila Verde

Email: gip@cm-vilaverde.pt

Contact: (+351) 926 288 133

Opening Hours: 8.30 am – 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm – 4.30 pm (working days)

OR

OCCUPATIONAL INTEGRATION OFFICE (GIP) IN VILA DE PRADO

Bom Sucesso, Rua 1, n.º12, 4730-457 Vila de Prado

Email: gipviladeprado@cm-vilaverde.pt

Contact: (+351) 926 288 127

Opening Hours: 9.00 am – 1.00 pm (working days)

05. EMPLOYMENT / WORK

ACT (AUTHORITY FOR WORKING CONDITIONS)

The **Authority for Working Conditions** is a central administration service that aims to promote the improvement of working conditions, through the control of compliance with labour laws within private labour relations and the promotion of occupational health and safety in all public or private business sectors.

ACT - LOCAL BRAGA UNIT

Rossio da Sé, 4704-506

Site: www.act.gov.pt

Contact: (+351) 253 609 560

Opening hours: 9.00 am - 12.30pm and 2.00 pm - 4.30pm (working days)

INVESTMENTS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP HELPDESK

The benefits and aid granted by the City Council to projects credited as being of municipal public interest (PIPM) take the form of:

- Tax benefits pertaining to taxation and other duties;
- Reduction or exemption of fees and the remaining compensation instruments in place under the municipal regulations;
- Assistance in the exercise of the applicable administrative procedures;
- Other benefits granted by the City Council that take into special consideration the investment amount and/or the net job creation.

The tax benefits consist in the total or partial exemption of taxes related to the Municipal Tax on Real Estate Transfer (IMT) and Municipal Property Tax (IMI) solely in regards to PIPM-related properties to be carried out in the municipality area, and exemption or reduction of the municipal surcharge.

Praça do Município
 4730-733 Vila Verde

Site: www.cm-vilaverde.pt

Contacts: 253 310 500 / 253 310 566

Email: gaei@cm-vilaverde.pt

Preferred opening hours: Wednesday 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

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**LEARN THE
PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE**



06. LEARN THE PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE

Portuguese Language Courses

The **Portuguese Host Language (PLA) courses** are intended for **foreign nationals** who can attest to not holding Portuguese nationality, reside in Portugal and that meet a set of requirements, namely being aged 18 or over, and holding a level of schooling from their home country. The main goal is to promote fluency in the Portuguese language for a better integration.

FOR MORE INFORMATION REACH OUT TO:

sfp.braga@iefp.pt
se.braga@iefp.pt

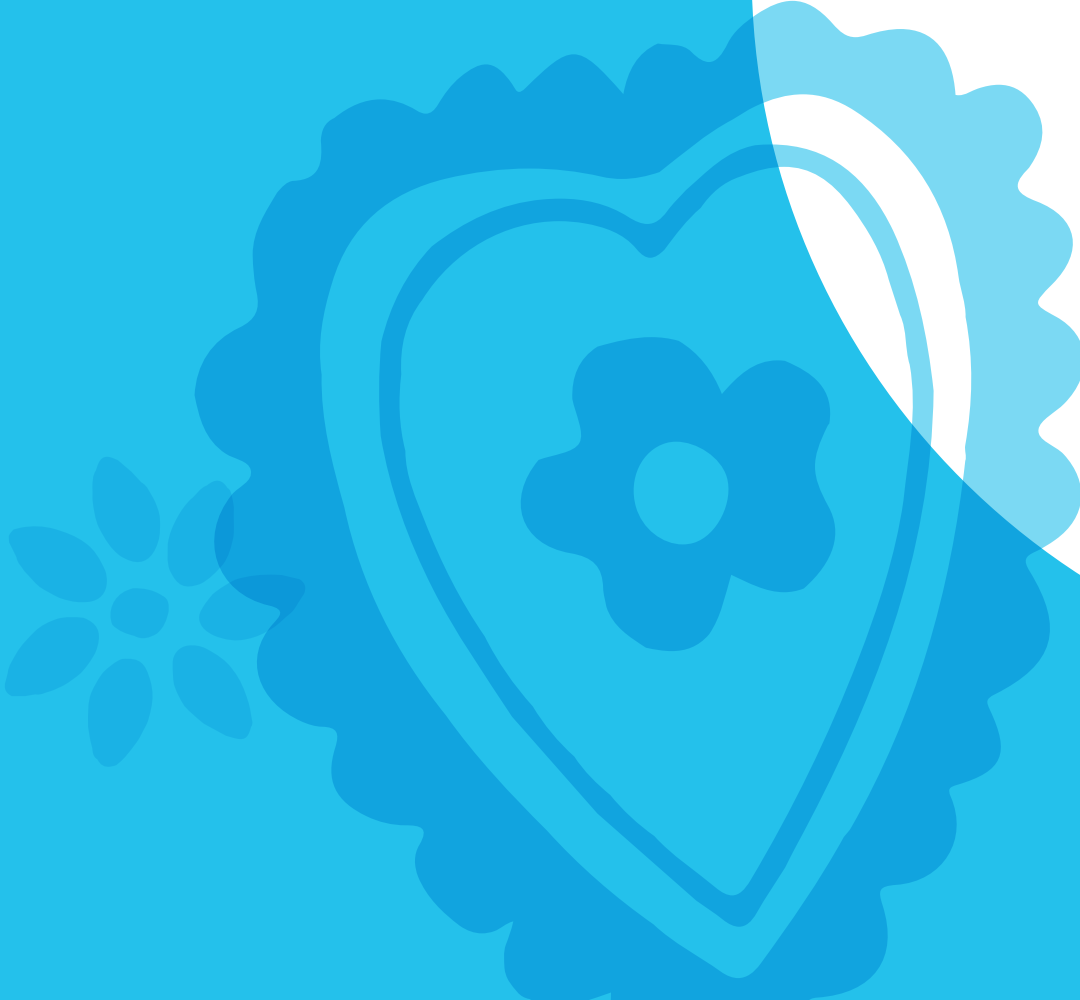
gip@cm-vilaverde.pt
(+351) 926 288 133

gipviladeprado@cm-vilaverde.pt
(+351) 926 288 127



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EDUCATION



07. EDUCATION

School Network Educational Establishments

Vila Verde offers a school network, from pre-primary education to graduation from secondary education, which meets the needs of the population, comprising the education of children and youth, but also of adults and lifelong learning.

The public school network is composed of three school groups and a secondary school located in the municipal seat.

The Escola Profissional Amar Terra Verde [vocational school] is also situated in the municipal seat, with hubs in the municipalities of Amares and Terras de Bouro.

EDUCATION OFFICE

Praça do Município, 4730-733 – Vila Verde

Opening hours: 8.30 am – 4.30 pm (working days)

EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS

<https://www.cm-vilaverde.pt/viver/>

SCHOOL NETWORK

Site: <https://www.cm-vilaverde.pt/viver/educacao/rede-escolar/>

Contact: (+351) 253 310 500

Email: geral@cm-vilaverde.pt

Academic equivalence/ Recognition of degrees

You can request the **equivalence of foreign qualifications** pertaining to primary and secondary education from primary and secondary educational establishments in Vila Verde. This request is free of charge.

THE DOCUMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO REQUEST THE EQUIVALENCE OF QUALIFICATIONS PERTAINING TO PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED (IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE) IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY ARE:

- Certificates authenticated by the consular services or Portuguese embassies based in the country of the qualification, or including a Hague Apostille, for countries that have adhered to the Hague Convention;
- Translation to Portuguese;
- Mention of the grade(s) of schooling, cycle of studies or degree successfully completed and corresponding final marks;
- Legible photocopy of updated identification document (Identity Card, Citizen Card, Passport or Residence Permit);
- Foreign qualifications form in regards to primary and secondary education – equivalence will be provided by the educational establishment.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION MAY STILL BE NECESSARY:

- A statement issued by the competent authority, with information about the grading scale in use and the minimum mark/classification for approval.

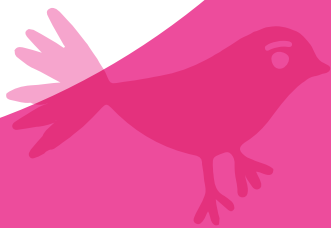
In regards to higher education, you should reach out to the public universities and polytechnic institutes that offer the same degree you intend to request equivalence from, or access the DGES website. The chargeable fee varies, so we suggest you directly contact or visit the higher education institution.

Site: <https://www.dges.gov.pt/pt/pagina/reconhecimento>

For more information, head to the Social Network office or contact it via the following email: **redesocial@cm-vilaverde.pt**

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**RENTING A HOUSE
-
HOUSING**



07. RENTING A HOUSE - HOUSING

It is important to have a signed rental agreement disclosing every rental detail, including release clauses.

Usually, you are required to make a deposit of one month's worth of rent and, additionally, one month's rent in advance. As a foreigner, it is necessary to have a Portuguese guarantor to conclude a rental agreement, as it will guarantee in writing that the rent payments will still be made in case the tenant fails to comply.

The minimal requirements to celebrate a rental agreement are a photocopy of your Passport or Citizen Card, along with your taxpayer ID number (NIF).





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HEALTHCARE



09. HEALTHCARE

The National Health Service is an essential and universal service, through which the Portuguese State ensures the right of all citizens in Portugal to healthcare.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (SNS)

Any migrant citizen with legal residence in Portugal can **request a SNS beneficiary number** to have access to the public healthcare units under the National Health Service.

TO OBTAIN A SNS BENEFICIARY NUMBER, YOU MUST HOLD THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

- Valid residence permit issued by SEF;
- Taxpayer ID number (NIF).

Special cases exist, such as when the countries of origin have an agreement with Portugal pertaining to healthcare.

Site: www.sns.gov.pt

Contact: (+351) 808 24 24 24

HEALTHCARE INFRASTRUCTURES (HOSPITALS AND HEALTH CENTRES)



Vila Verde offers a **public network of healthcare infrastructures**, including a hospital, health centres and family health units, depending on the area of residence.

www.aces-gerescabreira.pt

<http://www.aces-gerescabreira.pt/portfolio-item/ucc-vila-verde/>

<https://www.arsnorte.min-saude.pt/agrupamentos-de-centros-de-saude/aces-cavado-ii-gerescabreira/>

SAÚDE 24 [24/7 HEALTH HOTLINE]

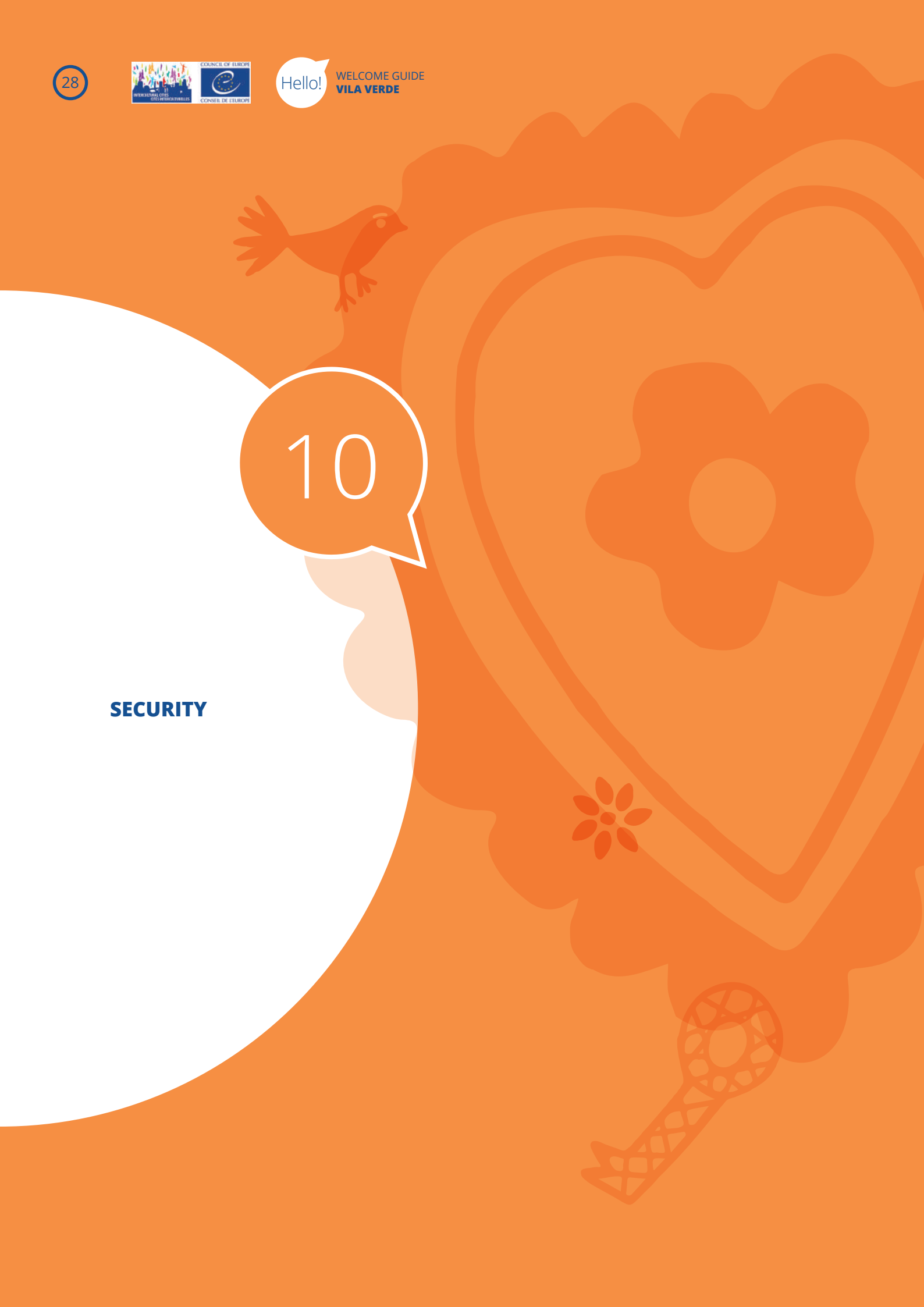
(+351) 808 24 24 24

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SECURITY



10. SECURITY

The security and well-being of the population of Vila Verde is ensured by complementary law enforcement agencies.

CIVIL PROTECTION Civil Protection Service

Praça do Município, 4730-733 Vila Verde

Contact: (+351) 253 310 500

VILA VERDE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN GUARD (GNR)

R. dos Bombeiros 59, 4730-752 Vila Verde

Contact: (+351) 253 320 100

Email: ct.brg.dbrg.pvlv@gnr.pt

VILA DE PRADO NATIONAL REPUBLICAN GUARD (GNR)

Av.^a Cavado, Prado, 4730-460 Vila Verde

Contact: (+351) 253 929 120

Email: ct.brg.dbrg.pprd@gnr.pt

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**NETWORK
OF SOCIAL
FACILITIES**



11. NETWORK OF SOCIAL FACILITIES

Vila Verde offers a network of facilities dedicated to the social support of people and families.

For additional information, you can reach out to the Vila Verde Social Network via the following email: redesocial@cm-vilaverde.pt.





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LEISURE / CULTURE



12. LEISURE / CULTURE

There are several sites of interest that you can visit in order to get to know the municipality of Vila Verde.

Here are some suggestions so you can enjoy your leisure time in our Vila.

CENTRO DE DINAMIZAÇÃO ALIANÇA ARTESANAL

The goal of the Centro de Dinamização Aliança Artesanal, is to support the initiatives of artisans, to preserve the cultural and patrimonial value of high-quality artisanal handicraft and to commercialise and publicise the handicraft from Vila Verde. You can take a guided tour through the facilities of the centre, where you will discover the origins of the traditional lenços dos namorados and even learn how to make a linen stitch. To do so, please send a request to Aliança Artesanal beforehand, via the following email: aliancartesanal@gmail.com.

Address: Avenida Dr. Bernardo Brito Ferreira, 4730-716 Vila Verde
Site: <http://www.aliancartesanal.pt/>
Contact: 253 310 580 / 253 322 462
Email: aliancartesanal@gmail.com
Opening Hours: everyday 9.00 am -12.30 pm and 2.00 pm - 6.00 pm

NAMORAR PORTUGAL STORE

At the **Namorar Portugal store** (the building contiguous to Aliança Artesanal) you can purchase several souvenirs, including the traditional lenços dos namorados, cork gifts, wallets, all types of stationery, wooden boxes and clothing. You can also purchase other local products, such as honey, olive oil, sweets and pastries, jams, wine, spirits and liqueurs.



Address: Avenida Dr. Bernardo Brito Ferreira, 4730-716 Vila Verde
Site: <http://www.namorarportugal.pt/>
Contact: 253 322 462 (via Aliança Artesanal)
Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 9.00 am - 12.30 pm and 2.00 pm - 6.00 pm

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SANCTUARY OF OUR LADY OF ALÍVIO



The construction of the **Santuário da Nossa Senhora do Alívio** [Sanctuary of Our Lady of Alívio], in Soutelo, started at the end of the 18th century, ordered by Father Francisco Fragoas, and was subject to several expansion works due to the growing influx of devotees, up until the 20th century, when it became an imposing Marian shrine. As an important pilgrimage site, many parts of the Sanctuary are a remnant of the Gothic style. In Casa das Promessas [the Room of Vows] you can find many peculiar items offered by the devotees to Our Lady. There is also a shaded picnic area next to the Sanctuary.

Site: <http://www.santuariodalivio.pt/>

Contact: 253 311 047 - available 8.30am - 12.30pm and 2.30pm - 6.30 pm

MALHEIRA BEACH



The **Malheira Beach** is very popular during the summer months. Next to the banks of the Homem River, it enchants with its exceptional water and surrounding beauty. The verdant grounds that give access to both banks make it possible to enjoy the river on both sides. There is a leisure and recreational zone on a vast grassy area, along with a bar, a playground, restrooms, a car park, shaded areas and a watermill.

FAIAL RIVER BEACH

The **Faial River Beach** sits on the Cávado River, in Vila de Prado. With excellent green spaces, it has everything you need to share great moments with your family or friends. Here you will also find the Prado Nautical Club, which has a multisport pitch/court open to the public to play football, tennis and basketball, along with a beach volleyball sand court and a playground, a picnic area with 6 tables and benches, a bathing zone, a bar and a car park for light vehicles and buses.



LETRA CRAFT BREWERY

The LETRA Craft Brewery was born in 2013 with the opening of a 600 m² production unit. Here you can try every LETRA beer, taste snacks and observe the activity in the production area of the brewpub. The guided tour with the brew masters starts off with a presentation of the raw materials of the beer, and a visit to the pedagogical hop plantation afterwards. At the end, you are entitled to a glass of beer and a snack. The guided tours of the plantation, production unit and tasting are subject to availability.

Address: Avenida Professor Machado Vilela nº147, 4730-684 Vila Verde
Site: <http://www.cervejalettra.pt/>
Contact: Francisco Pereira – 939 348 066

ARTISANAL CHOCOLATE SHOP

Chocolate com Pimenta is located in one of the old municipal warehouses, next to the Vila Verde Wine Cooperative, in a rehabilitated space. Bringing dynamism to the entire structure, the artisanal chocolate shop comprises not only the production of exclusive chocolates and sweets, but also a playful and cultural side, promoting workshops for children and adults, as well as cultural evenings with live music. Visit: <https://pt-pt.facebook.com/ChocolatecomPimenta>.

Address: Avenida Professor Machado Vilela nº 147, 4730-684 Vila Verde
Site: <http://www.chocolatecompimenta.pt/>
Contact: Pedro Sousa – 965 534 458
E-mail: chocolatecompimenta.vvd@gmail.com

12. LEISURE / CULTURE

Sports

Vila Verde offers a collection of sports venues to encourage a healthy lifestyle, playing its part in the physical and emotional well-being of the population.



VILA VERDE SPORTS COMPLEX

Rua Cidade de Lugo, 4730-715 Vila Verde

Site: <https://pt-pt.facebook.com/pages/category/Sports/Lazer-Vila-Verde-966120783552706/>

Contact: 253 145 941

E-mail: piscinas.vilaverde@cm-vilaverde.pt

VILA DE PRADO MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL

Lugar da Estrada, Rua 2, n.º 16, 4730-460 Vila de Prado

Contact: 961 941 121

E-mail: piscinas.prado@cm-vilaverde.pt



Parks and Gardens

Vila Verde is a region filled with tradition and a wide diversity of landscapes that truly create idyllic sceneries.

SANTO ANTÓNIO DE MIXÕES DA SERRA PICNIC AREA

The **Santo António de Mixões da Serra Picnic Area** is located in the parish of Valdreu, in the northern part of the municipality, and it is one of its highest points, offering a beautiful view of the municipality and its neighbours: Terras de Bouro and Ponte da Barca. It is also here that the secular tradition, the Bênção dos Animais [the Blessing of Animals] takes place. While at this excellent picnic area, be sure to visit the Church of Santo António de Mixões da Serra and climb the stairway until you reach the statue of St. Anthony exhibited in a granite dome. Nearby, you can also visit Fojo do Lobo (an ancient trap). Additionally, in this area, you can see old rural villages and the famous granaries of Minho.



In regards to facilities, the park offers 15 tables with benches, potable water, barbecue equipment, restrooms, a bar, and can be accessed by light vehicles and buses.

Address: Lugar de Santo António de Mixões da Serra, 4730-610 Vila Verde

FAIAL PICNIC AREA

The **Faial Picnic Area** sits on the Cávado River, in Vila de Prado. With excellent green spaces, it has everything you need to share great moments with your family or friends. It is equipped with 6 tables with benches, bathing zones, and can be accessed by light vehicles and buses.

Address: Av. do Cávado, 4730-770 Vila de Prado

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SENHOR DO BONFIM PICNIC AREA



The **Senhor do Bonfim Picnic Area** is located in the parish of Goães, next to the Senhor do Bonfim Chapel, and its calm and vast space is ideal for sharing great moments with family or friends. The park offers 10 tables with benches, can be accessed by light vehicles and buses, a bar (seasonal), barbecue equipment, potable water and restrooms.

Address: Lugar do Bonfim, 4730-420 Goães

SANTA ANA DO MONTE PICNIC AREA



The **Santa Ana do Monte Picnic Area** is located in the parish of Paçô, next to the Santa Ana do Monte Chapel, and its surrounding grove of various tree species encourages a friendly connection with nature. The park offers several tables with granite benches, can be accessed by light vehicles and buses, a bar, potable water and restrooms. The access to the bar, restrooms and barbecue equipment must be requested beforehand to the Parish Council of Paçô (+351 917 728 540).

Address: Lugar de Santa Ana do Monte, 4730-350 Paçô

HOUSE OF KNOWLEDGE



House of Knowledge is a technology-based public facility integrated in a network of homonymous facilities in the region of Minho, which promotes digital inclusion in the information society.

The Vila Verde Casa do Conhecimento is equipped with a multimedia auditorium, featuring 3D projection, training and presentation rooms with augmented reality, interactive board and video mapping, among other features. It is a space dedicated to technological experimentation. Visits are subject to prior scheduling.

Address: Praça 5 de Outubro, 4730-732 Vila Verde

Contact: 968 451 917 – available from Monday to Friday, 8.30 am – 1.00 pm and 2.00pm – 4.30 pm

E-mail: casadoconhecimento@cm-vilaverde.pt

Museum Network

The Vila Verde Museum Network is composed of 3 museums with a very diverse nature.

LINEN MUSEUM



The **Museu do Linho [Linen Museum]** is located in the building of the old Marrancos Primary School, and guided tours are conducted by Mr. Abílio Ferreira, the person responsible for the museum. It is open on **weekends (Saturday, 9.00 am – 12 pm and 2.00 pm – 7.00 pm, and Sunday, 9.00 am – 12 pm)**. It is possible to visit during working days, by appointment. Visiting this museological site encourages the contemplation of several working tools and pieces made with linen, along with its strong symbolism, presenting the visitor to the diverse stages the linen goes through, from the seeding to the loom, which makes it a quintessential cultural legacy, a testimony of our national identity and memory.

Address: Rua Joaquim Ferreira de Araújo, Marrancos, 4730-281 Vila Verde
Contact: Abílio Ferreira - 253 381 219/ 919 625 131

TERRAS DE REGALADOS MUSEUM

The **Museu Terras de Regalados [Terras de Regalados Museum]** brings together the complete religious art heritage of the parish, lodging almost a hundred items of religious worship and use. This heritage, dated between the 16th and the 20th century, encompasses statuary, liturgical vestments, carvings, metals, bibliography and documentation. It is located next to the Pico de Regalados Church and is open on Sunday mornings, from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm. You can schedule a different date and time by appointment, subject to the availability of the person responsible.

Address: Rua da Igreja, nº 81, 4730-390 Pico de Regalados
Contact: 918 022 390 / 960 290 850
Email: museuterrasderegaldados@gmail.com

12. LEISURE / CULTURE

TOY AND PLAY MUSEUM

The **Casa do Brinquedo e da Brincadeira [Toy and Play Museum]** is a project developed by the Domingos de Oliveira Lopes Association, whose great objective is to be a place for memories, both old and new. Here, the approach to the traditional Portuguese toy is intertwined, observed from three very different angles: toys made by the highly skilled hands of children, the craft toy manufactured by the artisan, and the industrial toy. Nonetheless, the project does not limit itself to these boundaries: the museum also showcases traditional children's games and invites young visitors to build their own toys according to their own imagination. It is currently located in the old Primary School of the parish of Barbudo and is **open to the public on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, from 2.00 pm to 6.00 pm, with visits being subject to prior appointment.**

Address: Rua Padre Avelino Alves, nº 205, 4730-064 Vila Verde e Barbudo

Site: <https://www.cm-vilaverde.pt/visitar/>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/Casa-do-Brinquedo-e-da-Brincadeira-1410941115848302/>

Contact: 916 059 132 – Alberto Nídio Silva

E-mail: adol@adol.pt

MUNICIPAL LIBRARY



The **Professor Machado Vilela Municipal Library** grants access to information and knowledge.

Address: Praça de Santo António 4, 4730-728 Vila Verde

Site: <https://www.cm-vilaverde.pt/viver/biblioteca-municipal/biblioteca-municipal-prof-machadovilela/>

Contact: (+351) 253 323 600

Opening Hours: Monday-Friday, 9.30am–6.30pm; Saturday, 10.00am–12.30pm

INTERACTIVE TOURISM STORE

Address: Praça da República, 4730-733 Vila Verde

Contact: (+351) 253 310 500 / (+351) 961 317 896

E-mail: lit@cm-vilaverde.pt



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MOBILITY



13. MOBILITY

The public bus network of Vila Verde connects the parishes and these with the neighbouring cities.

BUS STATION

Avenida do Autarca, 4730 Vila Verde

TAXI RANK

VILA VERDE

Avenida Bernardo Brito Ferreira (EN 101), 4730 Vila Verde

VILA DE PRADO

Rua do Doutor Francisco António Gonçalves (EN 201), 4730 Vila Verde

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