



Social Investment Report 2022

We Choose Earth



## Our Purpose

# Our energy

Speaks of our stamina, our track record and what drives us to continuously deliver green energy

# and heart

Highlights our people and their key role in delivering our commitment to our clients, partners and communities

# drive a better

Reflects our ambition and leadership in making change happen

# tomorrow

The reason why we work every day

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# Message



Vera Pinto Pereira Member of EDP's Executive Board of Directors

EDP has the ambition to lead the energy transition, with a future powered by the forces of water, sun, and wind, contributing to a better tomorrow. While fulfilling this strategic business mission, we also maintain a concern to ensure that this energy transition is done in a fair and inclusive manner. This is one of the greatest challenges of our century: ensuring that we make the conversion to renewable energy without leaving anyone behind.

We have a very clear social investment policy: we invest 30 million euros per year with the aim of improving the lives of the communities where we operate worldwide. We do this by promoting and supporting social, cultural, and environmental initiatives in over 500 projects spread across the 30 countries where EDP operates, under the umbrella of the Y.E.S. (You Em-power Society) program, which works in five main areas: energy, planet, skills, culture, and community, for a better tomorrow.

Just Energy Transition is the main focus of EDP Y.E.S., which accounts for about 45% of the total investment in social impact by 2025. Combating energy poverty, providing access to clean energy, promoting sustainable production and consumption, encouraging greater inclusion, diversity, and environmental protection are reflected in EDP's own strategic plan and its goals of decarbonization, carbon neutrality, renewable energy investment, and sustainable development. This investment is fully aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defined by the United Nations, but Y.E.S. goes even further. Culture is also a relevant area of intervention that EDP aims to have in society, whether through supporting young artists or promoting exhibitions and events that consolidate cultural activity, through the three foundations we have in Portugal, Spain, and Brazil, which are important vehicles for implementing the group's social responsibility projects.

We believe that the success of a company is based on a very clear purpose: that our energy and our heart lead to a better tomorrow! This statement obviously implies a concern for the social impact that the company and each of its employees can have on the community in which EDP is involved, on the people it interacts with, its customers, suppliers, and employees. We believe that this makes us a different company.

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# Our heart



# Social Investment by EDP Group

## Strategic vision

EDP actively contributes to the sustainable development of the communities in which it operates worldwide, through its own social investment and collaborative initiatives, donations and volunteering. As social impact is a strategic pillar of the EDP group, these initiatives aim to meet social needs in line with the group's core themes, namely investment **in fair energy transition** projects which should represent around 45% of investment by 2025.

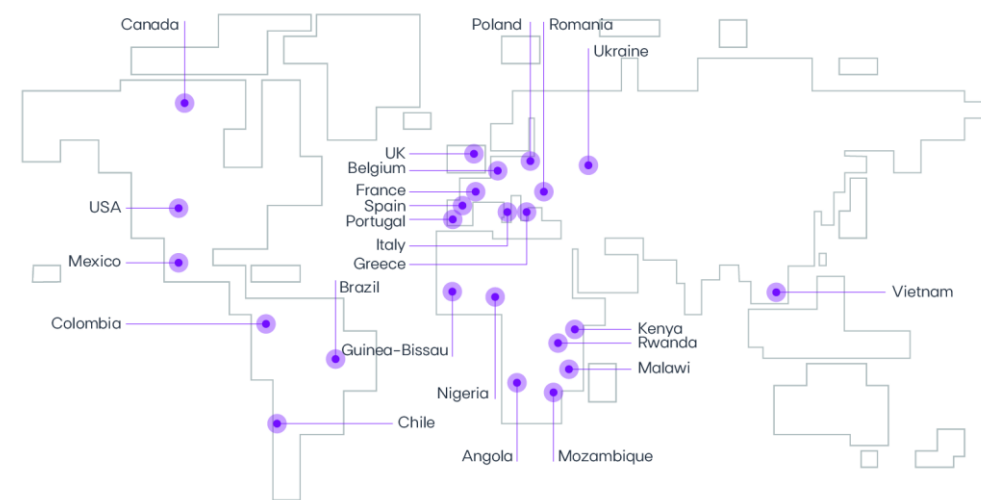
**Fair Energy Transition** projects include support for access to energy, energy inclusion and communities impacted by the closure of thermal power plants, projects aimed at protecting natural heritage and biodiversity and also projects promoting energy efficiency and renewable energies, contributing to decarbonization and combating climate change.

On the other hand, the group's social investment strategy is also based on **Culture**, with the mission of promoting access to culture, stimulating art and protecting cultural heritage. Cultural projects should represent around **30% of investment by 2025**. In parallel and recognizing the need to continue to support projects that respond to other social needs in the communities where EDP is present, part of the annual budget is earmarked for investment in various areas, such as training, health, social inclusion and response to emergency situations, among others.

These Pillars are aligned with the [Social Investment Policy](#) of the EDP Group

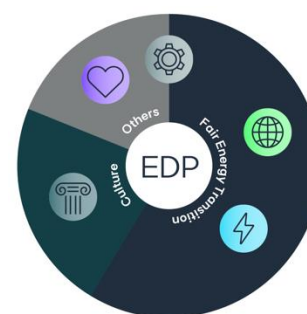
| THEMATIC FOCUS OF SOCIAL INVESTMENT | GLOBAL INVESTMENT 2022 (M€) | %          | OBJECTIVE 2025 (%) |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Fair Energy Transition              | 6.2                         | 24         | 45                 |
| Culture                             | 11.1                        | 42         | 30                 |
| Other projects                      | 8.9                         | 34         | 25                 |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>26.2</b>                 | <b>100</b> | <b>100</b>         |
| Management costs                    | 5.4                         | -          | -                  |
| <b>Total w/ management costs</b>    | <b>31.6</b>                 | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>           |

## Countries with social investment by EDP Group in 2022



In 2022, the **EDP Y.E.S – You Empower Society** brand was created, whose main objective is to communicate to the various stakeholders of the EDP group the social investment projects developed in the countries where EDP is present. The projects are classified into **five main Pillars: Energy, Planet, Skills, Culture and Community**, which are framed within the thematic focuses of EDP's social investment strategy.

## The framework of the EDP YES pillars in the Social Investment



- Y.E.S. TO ENERGY**
- Y.E.S. TO PLANET**
- Y.E.S. TO SKILLS**
- Y.E.S. TO CULTURE**
- Y.E.S. TO COMMUNITY**

## Application of the B4SI methodology

### Voluntary contributions

EDP uses the international methodology [B4SI – Business for Societal Impact](#) to characterize and assess its voluntary **investment in the community**, which accounts for most of the social investment made by the company (98%). This model promotes alignment between the purpose of companies and social needs, facilitating the structuring of priorities and reflecting on their results and benefits for the communities.

In 2022, from a B4SI perspective, EDP's voluntary investment in the communities was **31.2 million euros**, supporting the projects of **634 entities**, resulting in **3.2 million direct beneficiaries**. Of this amount, **94%** was classified as **strategic**, **3%** as **non-strategic** and **3%** as **commercial initiatives**. Monetary contributions were the main form of contribution (90%), followed by in-kind contributions (9%) and time contributions (1%). Time contributions, equivalent to **261 thousand euros**, correspond to EDP volunteer work initiatives carried out during working hours.

Investment in **Education** was primarily directed at skills development projects, access to education for disadvantaged people, support for entrepreneurship and job creation. The investment in **Health** was directed at supporting health institutions and health professionals (equipment, support for health research, among others) and the investment in **Emergency Relief** was made in projects that required a rapid and coordinated response (for example, support for the Ukrainian population, alleviating the consequences of the military conflict with Russia). Investment in **Economic Development** gave priority to access to energy projects for communities without access to the electricity grid, with the A2E CSR Fund standing out. Projects for social inclusion and the fight against energy poverty contributed to the investment in **Social Welfare**. Voluntary investment in the **Environment** was carried out through projects to promote biodiversity, decarbonization and climate change awareness-raising. In turn, the investment in **Art and Culture** gave priority to projects providing access to art and culture, and those preserving and promoting cultural heritage.

| NATURE OF CONTRIBUTION (B4SI)    | VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS (K€) | %          |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| Education                        | 2.478                        | 12         |
| Health                           | 107                          | 1          |
| Economic development             | 1.033                        | 5          |
| Environment                      | 2.414                        | 12         |
| Arts and culture                 | 5.625                        | 28         |
| Social welfare                   | 6.104                        | 31         |
| Emergency relief                 | 787                          | 4          |
| Others                           | 1.310                        | 7          |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>19.857</b>                | <b>100</b> |
| Management costs                 | 11.376                       | -          |
| <b>Total w/ management costs</b> | <b>31.233</b>                | <b>-</b>   |

### Mandatory contributions

In addition to voluntary contributions, EDP also invests in the communities in which it operates through **mandatory contributions**. These types of contributions correspond to projects resulting from counterparts, commercial/legal impositions, or compensatory measures. In 2022, the mandatory investment in the communities of the EDP group was **397 thousand euros** (1.3% of total investment in the community) supporting **4 entities**.

Although with less weight than voluntary contributions and not recognized by the B4SI methodology as social investment, these contributions promote the sustainable development of the communities where EDP operates and, at the same time, are an important instrument to obtain the social license to operate in territories where new EDP infrastructure is to be built or new markets are to be entered.

## Contributions to the SDG's

In addition to contributions through its operations/business, the EDP group also contributes to the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** through its social investment programs, prioritizing goals **5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15 and 17**, in accordance with the Social Investment Policy. EDP reports its contribution to the SDGs not only at the level of the SDG objectives and targets, but also at the level of the **indicators** set by the United Nations. In this way, not all initiatives and projects valued by the B4SI methodology correspond to SDG indicators. To make this correspondence, EDP uses the following method:

- It is considered that a project contributes to a particular SDG indicator if it has an immediate reflection on the indicator's outcome (direct effect), changes the determining context of the indicator's outcome (leverage effect), or promotes knowledge/awareness about a certain theme that influences the indicator's outcome (indirect effect).
- In order to apply them to the scale of social investment projects/initiatives, the definition of SDG indicators was converted whenever necessary using the following equivalences:
  - GDP to GVA (Gross Value Added)
  - Legislation to company standards
  - Population to local communities/employees/customers
  - Developing countries are extended to developing regions/localities

In 2022, of all the voluntary contributions recognized by the B4SI methodology, EDP supported projects that contributed to the SDGs with an investment of **15 million euros** (48% of total voluntary contributions) supporting projects of **512 entities**, resulting in **1.7 million direct beneficiaries**. In turn, through mandatory contributions, EDP supported projects that contributed to SDGs with an investment of **346 thousand euros** (87% of total mandatory contributions).

| CONTRIBUTION OF SOCIAL INVESTMENT TO THE SDG'S | VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS (K€) | %    | OBLIGATORY CONTRIBUTIONS (K€) | %   |
|--|------------------------------|------|-------------------------------|-----|
| SDG 5: Gender equality                         | 130                          | 0.4  | -                             | -   |
| SDG7: Affordable and clean energy              | 1.429                        | 4.6  | -                             | -   |
| SDG 8: Decent work and economic growth         | 2.181                        | 6.9  | -                             | -   |
| SDG 9: Industry, innovation and infrastructure | 616                          | 1.9  | -                             | -   |
| SDG 11: Sustainable cities and communities     | 6.933                        | 22.2 | 346                           | 87  |
| SDG 12: Responsible consumption and production | 195                          | 0.6  | -                             | -   |
| SDG 13: Climate Action                         | 369                          | 1.2  | -                             | -   |
| SDG 15: Life on land                           | 308                          | 1.0  | -                             | -   |
| SDG 17: Partnerships for the goals             | 246                          | 0.8  | -                             | -   |
| SDG 4 <sup>1</sup> : Quality education         | 852                          | 2.7  | -                             | -   |
| SDG 10 <sup>1</sup> : Reduced inequalities     | 1.753                        | 5.6  | -                             | -   |
| Social Investment aligned with SDG             | 15.013                       | 48   | 346                           | 87  |
| Social Investment without SDG                  | 16.22                        | 5.2  | 51                            | 13  |
| Total Social Investment                        | 31.233                       | 100  | 397                           | 100 |

<sup>1</sup> non-priority SDGs to EDP



## Volunteering strategy

EDP Volunteering Program is a fundamental pillar of the company's relationship with communities and, at the same time, contributes to the development of employees, expanding the purpose and meaning of their activity. The Volunteering Program's areas of intervention are aligned with the EDP group's Social Investment Policy and focus on social inclusion, empowerment, energy inclusion, biodiversity and climate action. Over the years, the Volunteering Program has attracted a growing number of participants, because it allows the allocation of hours to the various initiatives to be reconciled with working hours, reinforcing the important role of volunteering for the EDP group. In 2023, it is intended to reach 30% participation of the Headcount (HC) of the EDP Group in volunteering initiatives.

In all the different actions and projects promoted throughout 2022, **3,626 volunteer employees participated (27% of the company's HC)**, contributing **10,551 hours during working hours and 2,699 hours outside working hours**. Given the inclusive nature of the Volunteering Program, **283 EDP Friend volunteers** (company retirees, friends, family and partners) were also involved, contributing **618 volunteering hours**. In total, in 2022, the EDP Group Volunteering Program involved **3,909 volunteers**, making a total of **13,868 volunteering hours**.

In 2022, the main focus of the Volunteering Program was to provide an effective response to the main challenges identified in the volunteering strategy defined for 2022–2025, in particular communication, awareness raising and the involvement of leaderships on the subject of volunteering, as well as working on new ways to recognize and involve more volunteers in its mission.

Additionally, in 2022, the Program sought to stimulate more volunteering actions for skills related to energy, given the relevance of this type of volunteering that places the individual talents and skills of employees at the service of the community, having the potential to produce greater and longer-lasting social impact. There has been a clear commitment to this type of volunteering, and in 2023 it is intended to strengthen this component further, particularly with projects that contribute to fair energy transition. In 2022, worthy of mention was the **2,556 hours in skills-based volunteering projects** (19% of total volunteering hours) carried out by EDP employees, of which **2,439 hours took place during working hours**.

Over the last few years, the Volunteer Program has also sought to provide an integrated and expeditious response to emergency situations (natural phenomena, conflicts, among others) that affect people and communities, acting in partnership with organizations on the ground.

| EDP VOLUNTEERING                                | UN | 2022   | 2021   | 2020   | 2019   |
|---|----|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Unique EDP volunteers                           | #  | 3.626  | 3.681  | 2.482  | 2.833  |
| Employees involved in volunteering actions      | %  | 27     | 30     | 19     | 24     |
| Volunteering hours – Working hours              | h  | 10.551 | 11.307 | 14.457 | 23.258 |
| Skills-based Volunteering hours – working hours | h  | 2.556  | 3.316  | 9.133  | 8.907  |



Fig 1 EDP volunteers in action

## EDP Y.E.S. – You Empower Society

In 2022, the EDP Y.E.S – You Empower Society – brand was created in order to make the general public aware of the several social investment projects supported by EDP in the countries where it operates, ensuring an integrated narrative for the EDP group's social investment. Under this new brand, the [EDP Y.E.S website](#) was launched, where it is possible to find information on projects supported by EDP around the world, articles related to the Y.E.S pillars and also a dedicated form where entities can submit requests for EDP support for social investment projects.

According to the nature of the projects, they are classified into five main pillars:



### Y.E.S. TO ENERGY

On the **YES to ENERGY** pillar, EDP supports projects in the field of access to energy and energy efficiency, contributing to improving the living conditions of people and communities in situations of energy exclusion or with difficulties in maintaining thermal comfort in their homes. Support for projects that promote knowledge about energy savings, security with electricity grids and innovation in the field of renewable energies.

| Y.E.S TO ENERGY         | UN |         |
|-------------------------|----|---------|
| Contributions           | k€ | 4.409   |
| Contributions to SDG 7  | k€ | 1.430   |
| Contributions to SDG 9  | k€ | 616     |
| Contributions to SDG 11 | k€ | 2.328   |
| Contributions to SDG 17 | k€ | 35      |
| Projects                | #  | 77      |
| Beneficiary entities    | #  | 87      |
| Direct beneficiaries    | #  | 309.288 |



### Project Example: Access to Energy (A2E) in Africa

More than 730 million people worldwide still lack access to electricity, of which 77% live in Sub-Saharan Africa. Most of the electricity consumed in that region is either inaccessible or unreliable. There are still 2.4 billion people without access to clean cooking, typically generated by the inefficient combustion of solid biomass – mainly wood or charcoal – which causes increased deforestation and greenhouse gas emissions and does not promote the creation of sustainable economies and well-being.

However, Africa has abundant renewable energy resources, especially solar, that can be part of the solution to this problem. An advantage that is reinforced by the fact that the cost of renewable energy has been decreasing in recent years, along with innovative business models and technologies.

It is in this context that EDP has been promoting access to energy in emerging markets since 2011, supporting communities towards a fair and inclusive energy transition. Through its **Access to Energy (A2E)** area – in which EDP has already invested around 13 million euros in the last decade – EDP reinforces its commitment to communities, combining investment and social responsibility.

This intervention has been done in two ways:

1. **Direct investment in companies**  
Through direct investment in companies that promote sustainable solutions for access to clean energy in those markets; It was in this sense that EDP acquired a minority stake in SolarWorks!, a company that sells decentralized solar energy solutions to residential and business customers off the electrical grid, in Mozambique and Malawi; EDP later acquired a minority stake in Rensource, a company that develops and manages decentralized solar energy systems in Nigeria for small businesses;
2. **A2E Fund**  
Through the **A2E Fund**, EDP promotes sustainable energy for all, with a focus on countries with low electrification rates, through donations to organizations to support sustainable and clean energy projects in the areas of education, health, water and agriculture, business, and community. Through this fund, EDP is committed to improving the lives of people in poverty, recognizing that access to clean, affordable, and reliable energy is a necessary condition to break the cycle of poverty, enabling social and economic development in remote rural areas. Since 2018, the fund has already held 4 editions, having supported **28 projects in 7 African countries** (Angola, Malawi, Mozambique,

Nigeria, Kenya, Rwanda, and Tanzania) that have contributed to improving the lives of around **120 thousand people** (directly) and more than **2 million** (indirectly); Mozambique and Kenya are the countries with the most projects. In total, the support for these projects involved financing of **2.5 million euros**, and in the last edition, the fund increased its endowment to **1 million euros** per year.

In 2022, the **4th edition of the A2E Fund** took place, targeting projects in Mozambique, Malawi, Nigeria, and Angola. In this edition, EDP supported 9 community clean energy projects in these countries, with an investment of 1 million euros. From installing solar panels to using refrigeration systems powered by renewable energy, the projects share the goal of improving the lives of communities – it is estimated that the supported initiatives will benefit over 900,000 people directly and indirectly in the four countries.



Fig 2. Aerial view of the project Viva con Agua, Hindane, Mozambique

Thanks to these projects, it is possible to provide clean drinking water to communities, provide lighting in homes, schools, or health centers, power irrigation systems to promote agriculture, or refrigeration systems for fresh products that ensure food security and allow small local businesses to increase their income.

By 2025, EDP's strategic goals in the A2E area include:

- Investing up to **€19M in A2E companies** (installing hundreds of thousands of decentralized photovoltaic solar panels, using energy-efficient equipment, and adopting 100% smart grids);
- Connect **200,000 customers and/or impacting 1 million people** (empowering women, promoting health, education, and access to clean water);
- Avoid the emission of **up to 1 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub>** (by using 100% renewable generation and prioritizing companies with an environmental focus);

Learn more about the A2E program and the projects of its various editions at [EDP YES/A2E Fund](#)

Also, get to know how the A2E Fund impacts the lives of these people at: [A2E Fund: first-person stories](#) and [Mozambique: the power of the sun | edp.com](#)



Fig 3 and 4 Aerial view of Girl Move Academy, Nampula, Mozambique





### Project Example: Litro de Luz in Brazil

It is noteworthy in the context of energy access the support to the NGO **Litro de Luz** (Liter of Light) in Brazil, which aims to contribute to the sustainable development of communities without access to energy or street lighting, through the installation of sustainable solutions for public lighting based on solar energy. The sustainable energy poles are made of PVC tubes, equipped with a solar panel, battery, LED lamp, and a PET bottle, and the entire construction process is carried out by volunteers from EDP and Litro de Luz, as well as encouraging the participation of residents in the beneficiary community.

The installation of the poles helps to reinforce security and dignity in the beneficiary communities, as the lighting is installed in areas identified as high-risk and high-traffic areas. Since the beginning of the partnership in 2019, **120 poles for public lighting** have been installed in three municipalities in two different states. In 2022, activities were expanded to an energy efficiency program in Jabaeté, and more than **30 lighting poles** were installed in the Favela dos Sonhos in Ferraz de Vasconcellos/São Paulo. Find out more about this project at [EDP YES/Liter of Light](#).



Fig 5 and 6 Project Liter of Light, Brazil



### Project Example: Energy Inclusion in several countries

The International Energy Agency estimates that about 2 billion people worldwide suffer from energy poverty. Data from the EU Energy Poverty Observatory indicates that the estimated number of energy poor citizens in the European Union ranges between 50 and 125 million people.

What is energy poverty? We are mainly talking about thermal comfort, the ability to maintain temperature intervals between 18°C and 21°C in winter and between 19°C and 23°C in summer, according to the World Health Organization. However, thousands of families do not have the financial capacity to maintain their thermal comfort needs, to heat or cool their homes adequately. This can lead to situations of chronic illness and other respiratory and cardiovascular complications, or even death.

To address the problem of energy poverty, the EDP Group promotes several projects focused on implementing energy efficiency measures and raising awareness about responsible energy use, which can reduce the energy bills of families and NGOs and modify their consumption habits.

In Spain, the Energy Inclusion project has been in place since 2015 and aims to increase the safety, well-being, and energy efficiency of the most vulnerable families identified by Caritas, the Red Cross, or Municipalities. An analysis is made of the energy situation of their homes and inefficient windows, appliances and lighting are replaced. It is also complemented with training aimed at teaching beneficiaries more sustainable consumption habits.

In Brazil, EDP supports a similar project by the organization Moradigna which aims to rehabilitate homes in communities facing social vulnerability, with a focus on electrical installations in alignment with EDP's strategy of providing access and safety with the electrical grid. Insalubrious spaces without adequate conditions are transformed into dignified housing structures. In 2022, a pilot project was launched in partnership with Moradigna for the rehabilitation of 35 homes in the Residencial Bambi neighborhood located in Guarulhos – São Paulo. In 2023, this partnership will continue with the definition of new homes to be renovated in the Jabaeté neighborhood in Vila Velha, ES.



Fig 7 and 8 Project Energy Inclusion in Bambi neighborhood, Guarulhos, Brazil

EDP Renewables also establishes collaboration agreements with local authorities and suppliers, meeting the needs of disadvantaged families in communities near wind farms, including access to thermal comfort, electricity or running water, or even the complete rehabilitation/reconstruction of their homes. Since its creation, this program has helped families in several countries where EDP is present, including Spain, Portugal, Brazil, Romania, Poland, and Mexico.

In Portugal, the Energy Inclusion project began in 2022, based on a strong alliance between EDP and several Private Social Solidarity Institutions with the aim of bringing more thermal comfort to low-income families. The scope of intervention is quite broad because the solutions can be passive (thermal insulation, windows, doors) or involve the installation of more efficient equipment, appliances, LED lighting, or even self-consumption solar panels. After identifying the solutions, EDP will finance their implementation, in coordination with the social institutions that accompany the beneficiaries and local suppliers. In addition to the solutions, EDP will also promote energy literacy by empowering families about habits and behaviors that promote energy savings in daily life.

The pilot project in Portugal runs from November 2022 to July 2023 and aims to support between 30 to 50 families. There are three budgets depending on the beneficiary's typology: €3,000 for tenants with lease contracts between 3 to 7 years, €7,000 for tenants with lease contracts over 7 years, and €10,000 for property owners. EDP had the support of CENSE – a laboratory of the Faculty of Science and Technology – for the development of an online questionnaire and the construction of a predefined list of solutions to propose in each situation. The pilot will have a strong impact measurement component to assess the project's potential impact. Find out more about this project at: [EDP YES/Energy Inclusion Portugal](#).



## Y.E.S. TO PLANET

Recognizing the importance of ecosystems and biodiversity for the maintenance of the cycles that sustain life on the planet, on the **YES to Planet** pillar, EDP supports awareness/education projects within the scope of biodiversity and the circular economy, projects for the recovery and enhancement of species and ecosystems or projects promoting knowledge about the consequences of climate change and the role of renewable energies in its mitigation.

| Y.E.S TO PLANET         | UN |         |
|-------------------------|----|---------|
| Contributions           | k€ | 1.195   |
| Contributions to SDG 11 | k€ | 322     |
| Contributions to SDG 12 | k€ | 195     |
| Contributions to SDG 13 | k€ | 369     |
| Contributions to SDG 15 | k€ | 308     |
| Projects                | #  | 57      |
| Beneficiary entities    | #  | 85      |
| Direct beneficiaries    | #  | 159.846 |



### Examples of Projects for Nature and Biodiversity in Spain, Brazil and Portugal

**GREFA** – Grupo para a Reabilitação da Fauna Autóctone e seu Habitat – a NGO supported by EDP that was founded in 1981 as an association for the study and conservation of nature. This organization operates through a wildlife rehabilitation center, which includes a veterinary hospital and captive breeding of threatened species, as well as in the development of projects based on educational and awareness-raising functions.

**Fundación Patrimonio Natural de Castilla y León** whose objective is to promote, maintain and manage the natural heritage of the local communities. EDP's support was aimed at carrying out a series of environmental actions for the conservation of the red kite, one of the European migratory birds most threatened by climate change, whose situation is classified by the scientific community as in danger of extinction. Thanks to this project, it was possible to deepen the most significant aspects of this species: its biology, identification of the main threats and the expansion of information on its distribution, population and trends. In 2022,

the book "El milano real. Biología y conservación" was published, the result of this project that took place between 2014 and 2020.

**FundaciónOSO de Asturias**, a private nonprofit organization whose goal is to promote activities aimed at the conservation and scientific research of the brown bear populations in Cantabria and their habitat. In 2022, with the support of EDP, they developed an information program for visitors to protected natural areas where there is a consolidated population of bears – **Environmental Informants** – which contributes to raising awareness among people about the importance of respecting, improving, and recovering the environment where this species lives.



Fig 9 Release of a rainbow trout in its natural environment

The support for fishing associations that develop conservation and protection activities for fish species in the rivers of Asturias is also noteworthy, such as the **Association of Fishermen and Friends of the Nalón River**, the **Association of Fishermen of Fuentes del Narcea**, and the **Asturian Association of River Fishing**. In 2022, through fish restocking actions developed by these associations, it was possible to release around 476,000 juvenile trouts in Asturian rivers, restoring the populations of this species.

In Brazil, EDP's support for the "**Doces Nascentes Capixabas**" project, developed by the **Instituto Terra**, stands out. This project began in 2020 and has as its main objective the recovery and conservation of 10 springs in the region of the Guandu River watershed. Located in the Mata Atlântica biome, this watershed has been suffering from environmental degradation, periods of severe drought, and increased water consumption. In addition to spring recovery, this project also promotes awareness among small rural producers and their families about the importance of environmental preservation and the correct use of natural resources. Find out more about this project at: [EDP YES/Doces Nascentes Capixabas](https://www.edp.com.br/pt-br/medio-ambiente/programas-e-projetos/doces-nascentes-capixabas).

In Portugal, through the "**Preservar a Natureza**" program, EDP supports initiatives focused on the application of ecological valorization and enhancement mechanisms. In 2022, within the scope of this program, a collective action was promoted for the ecological enhancement of two areas of micro reserves in the municipality of Lousada, inserted or contiguous to the Fuel Management Zones of the distribution network, in partnership with VERDE association, as well as actions to promote biodiversity, mitigate natural risks and offset emissions based on

ecosystem services, in partnership with Montis, involving voluntary EDP employees in both cases.

In 2022, EDP also supported forest restoration projects in the **Sintra Cascais Natural Park** and in the **Litoral Norte Natural Park**, notably in the estuarine area of the Cávado River, an area affected by forest fires. In these actions, developed by the association "**Plantar uma Árvore**" and the **Institute for Nature and Forest Conservation (ICNF)**, respectively, EDP involved volunteer employees in the removal of invasive species, for subsequent planting of native species. Similar projects were also supported in Spain, such as the planting of fruit trees for the feeding of brown bears, apple, pear, and service trees in El Siblu, Teverga, in partnership with the NGO **FAPAS**. These plantations, with an ecosystemic vocation, allow for improved soil quality, CO<sub>2</sub> absorption, moisture retention, and reduced risk of fires.

In this country, EDP also supported the initiative "**Em Defesa dos Oceanos**" (In Defense of Oceans), which aimed to unite the largest number of divers in an underwater cleaning action in Sesimbra, in an attempt to break the Guinness World Record, demonstrating that it is possible to bring people together for an environmental cause and that marine waste can have a second life beyond the landfill as a final destination. This initiative promoted by the **Oceanum Liberandum** association, in partnership with the Municipality of Sesimbra, aimed to reinforce the importance of actions to protect marine life and combat climate change. In addition to the approximately 597 divers involved (who managed to break the Guinness record), EDP volunteers also participated, helping to carry part of the approximately 3,500 kg of marine waste litter removed from the ocean.



Fig 10. EDP volunteers in a reforestation action



Fig 11. EDP volunteer in the "Em Defesa dos Oceanos" project



### Examples of Projects for Climate Action, in several countries

EDP promotes various awareness-raising actions among communities about the consequences of climate change, the need to develop adaptation plans, and the benefits of renewable energy. Recognizing that the new generations will be the leaders and decision-makers of tomorrow, the EDP group attaches special importance to raising awareness among this age group on these issues. For this reason, it develops several projects oriented towards the younger generations, such as the following projects:

The **Energy Campaign** takes place every year in May, the month in which Energy Day is celebrated in several countries where the EDP Group is present. The objective of this project is to involve employees in initiatives that have an impact on the community, promoting skills-based volunteering for the sharing of knowledge about energy. Through the Volunteering Program, company employees help to highlight the positive way in which we all relate to energy, by being present in schools, social organizations, and local communities. One of the initiatives of this campaign are the **Energy Classes**, where EDP volunteers go to schools to introduce children to the world of renewable energy, raise awareness and train them about climate change, and share a sustainable lifestyle. Through experiences, animations, and stories, children acquire knowledge about energy sources and learn to take care of the environment in their daily activities. In 2022, this project took place in Portugal, Spain, and France, and 63 EDP volunteers participated, with a total of 264 hours of volunteering during work time, impacting a total of 2,366 students. Find out more about these initiatives at: [EDP-YES/Energy Campaign](#)

**Your Energy** – similar to the energy classes, this educational activity by EDP aims to explain to young people the difference between various types of energy generation technologies, with special emphasis on renewable energy. The sessions involve guiding children through the world of renewable energy using characters for kids that represent solar, hydro, wind, geothermal, and biomass energy and are accompanied by videos and interactive presentations that allow them to learn about their different characteristics in an easy and attractive way.

**KidWind** – a project supported by EDP in the USA, brings wind turbines and solar panels from power plants directly into classrooms, giving students the opportunity to build their own functional small-scale turbine or solar structure and compete in challenges to create the most efficient wind turbine or solar structure.

In Portugal, through the **Learn with Energy** project, elementary school teachers and students have the opportunity to deepen topics such as various renewable energies, sustainability, among others, and to assemble a reduced-scale model of a turbine and a hydroelectric power plant in the classroom to understand their operation. Thanks to these initiatives, many children have had the opportunity to learn how energy is generated, helping to educate future generations about the benefits of renewable energies. Find out more about this project at: [EDP-YES/Learn with Energy](#)



Fig 12. Kit for the hydro power plant of the "Learn with Energy" project



Fig 13 Wind turbine assembled by students in the KidWind challenge

**World Wind Day** is celebrated on June 15th in over 75 countries to raise awareness about the potential of wind power to improve our lives while contributing to a sustainable future. EDP marks this date annually with an open house event at a wind farm, inviting local school children and the community to participate in various activities such as contests, games, or explanations of how the wind farm operates. In addition to World Wind Day, EDP promotes more **visits to wind farms throughout the year**. These actions serve to educate future generations and local communities about the importance of renewable energies while strengthening the positive relationship between the communities and the company.



## Y.E.S. TO SKILLS

On the **YES to Skills** pillar, EDP supports projects that develop professional skills and train young people and adults in order to promote their employability or contribute to strengthening the management skills of third sector organizations. It also includes support for entrepreneurship initiatives that create jobs in EDP's area of influence.

| Y.E.S TO SKILLS         | UN |        |
|-------------------------|----|--------|
| Contributions           | k€ | 3.382  |
| Contributions to SDG 4  | k€ | 871    |
| Contributions to SDG 5  | k€ | 129    |
| Contributions to SDG 8  | k€ | 2.171  |
| Contributions to SDG 17 | k€ | 211    |
| Projects                | #  | 100    |
| Beneficiary Entities    | #  | 146    |
| Direct beneficiaries    | #  | 35.686 |



## Examples of Projects for Skills, in several countries

In this context, professional training projects, professional internships, and the granting of scholarships to young people from families with fewer financial resources allow them to continue their studies and promote access to dignified work.

An example is the “**Becas Académicas**” (Academic Grants) program of the Fundación EDP that offers university students from more than 25 courses in different parts of Spain the opportunity to obtain their first work experience through paid internships at the different EDP group headquarters (in Spain), facilitating access to employment and offering them the opportunity to have a unique professional and personal experience. Every year, more than 100 students from the Principality of Asturias, Basque Country, Cantabria, Region of Murcia, Madrid, and other areas participate in this program.

For the academic year 2022–2023, the scholarships will have an amount of 450 euros gross per month and will have a maximum duration of 10 months, with the corresponding internships carried out during half a day of work (four hours per day). In 2022, 127 scholarship holders completed their scholarship flexibly, being able to carry out their practical activity both in-

person and online, providing them with the necessary tools to do so. Since its implementation 39 years ago, dozens of scholarship holders who participated in this program have joined the EDP group in Spain, which gives a special incentive to this program. Find out more: [EDP YES/Becas Académicas](#)



Fig 14 Becas Académicas EDP – students at the Hydroelectric Plant in Proaza, Asturias, Spain

Another example is the **Keep it Local** program, which takes place in several countries where EDP is present, such as Brazil, Colombia, USA, Italy, Poland, and Spain. It is a program aimed at young people from rural communities with the goal of contributing to quality green employment in depopulated areas, through training and acquisition of new skills that enable them to work in the renewable energy sector, specifically in the installation of solar panels and wind energy.

In Spain, two editions of this program have already been completed, where scholarships were awarded to young people living in rural areas to attend the Wind Farm Operation and Maintenance Technician course offered by the Spanish Wind Energy Association (AEE). In total, over 50 scholarships were awarded, with the students' employability rate one year after completing the course being 47%.

In Brazil, the 1st edition offered 25 scholarships for the Photovoltaic Systems Installer course, taught by SENAI, the largest vocational education complex in Latin America. This course took place in the municipality of Lajes, in the state of Rio Grande do Norte – one of EDP's main investment centers in Brazil and also a hub for investments in the sector in the country. In total, 21 students completed the course and were trained to work professionally in the region, without the need to travel to other cities in search of job opportunities. In the 2nd edition, this time for training in the wind energy field, the program took place in the municipality of Caiçara do Rio do Vento, also in the state of Rio Grande do Norte. It is also a region with numerous wind projects by various companies and high demand for skilled labor. In total, 26 candidates received scholarships for the qualification course in Installation, Operation and Maintenance of Wind Energy Generation Systems.



Fig 15 Students at a Keep it Local training session, Brazil

With a focus on young people, the project "**Incluir para Iluminar**" in Portugal seeks to respond to the need to complement the educational offer for young people who attend vocational courses in secondary education, with training in technical skills and their practical application, through internships in technical areas of the Company. Through the Work Context Training component, integrated in the Vocational Course for Electric Networks Technician, the company provides training content and enables secondary school students to integrate into the job market. In 2022, the program covered 7 secondary schools (in Seia, Maia, Coimbra,

Condeixa-a-Nova, Lisbon, Mangualde, and Vila Real de Santo António), about 80 young people, and had the support of 7 EDP employees.

Also in Portugal, the **Junior Achievement Portugal** project stands out. Since 2005, EDP has been part of this project by the association "Aprender a Empreender" through its Volunteering Program. This organization inspires and prepares children and young people to succeed in a global economy through transformative experiences based on three fundamental pillars: Citizenship and Financial Literacy, Entrepreneurship Education, and Employability Skills. JA Portugal reaches all levels of education, ensuring entrepreneurial education from elementary school to higher education. These experiences in students' academic path ensure the continuous development of skills for preparing for the job market.



### Examples of Projects for Support of Local Businesses, in several countries

EDP also supports projects that foster the development of new businesses/entrepreneurship skills, which in turn contribute to the creation of new jobs and economic development of local communities.

In 2021, EDP closed the largest coal-fired power plant in Portugal – the Sines Power Plant – in line with the company's and the national economy's decarbonization and energy transition commitments. However, after the closure, the company intends to maintain its connection to the local communities with which it has actively collaborated over the past decades. In this sense, EDP met with key local stakeholders and designed a program to support the energy transition of Sines – **Sines Active Future** – through which it developed a series of initiatives to promote the conversion of the economy and employment in this region. Learn more about this program at: [EDP YES/Sines Active Future](#)

The **EDP Solidarity Sines** was one of the actions taken, involving several social dynamization, training and entrepreneurship initiatives in the municipalities of Sines and Santiago do Cacém, with the priority of enhancing employment and inclusion opportunities or supporting institutions in the social, economic, and public health areas. In 2022, around 89 thousand euros were invested in projects that demonstrated a strong social impact on the community.

In addition to the creation of a **Local Office for Social Guidance (GLES)** for direct support to workers at the Sines Power Station, the **NAU program** was developed in conjunction with Sines Tecnopolo – the European reference incubator for the Alentejo Coast – to support entrepreneurship. This program aims to develop business projects in the idea phase, through

capacity building for entrepreneurs and the provision of specialized consulting services. In addition to capacitating the entrepreneur, the program enables the structuring of the business idea, defining the business plan, anticipating legal difficulties and other necessary formalities to form a company. In this program, 40 candidates received training with 17 business ideas, with 9 small businesses being developed that have the potential to create 21 jobs. Learn more at: [EDP YES/NAU](#). Due to its importance for local communities in the context of a Just Energy Transition, the Sines Active Future program was included by the World Economic Forum in its [Toolkit From Coal to Renewables](#) and presented in Davos, Switzerland, where it won the "[Community Involvement Program of the Year](#)" award given by Environmental Finance at the Sustainable Company Awards 2022



Fig 16 View of the Sines thermoelectric plant, now deactivated, Sines, Portugal

In Brazil, the **EDPR Rural** program, which has been running since 2017, aims to train and provide different types of technology and techniques to farmers in local communities near wind farms, so that they can make the most of their products, with the aim of increasing family income. To this end, EDP establishes partnerships with local associations to create the plan, which consists of two actions: on the one hand, providing farmers with technical training, individualized management advice and guidance for the creation/development of production associations and, on the other hand, offering guidance to farmers for adapting to

new technologies. Since the creation of this program, EDP has contributed over 6 million Brazilian real to the development of this project in this country, benefiting 26 communities and directly impacting 826 local producers. In parallel, the program has promoted female empowerment in a context where women are already the majority in rural work. Find out more about this project at: [EDP YES/EDPR Rural](#)



Fig 17 EDPR Rural program in Brazil

In turn, in Spain, the **Entama** program stands out, created in 2019 to promote the energy transition and the development and reindustrialization of local communities through support for projects in territories where EDP has energy production centers or that are at risk of depopulation. By promoting small business projects in these communities, economic development and job creation are encouraged, as well as local supplier networks, thus valuing local resources, promoting sustainable tourism, generating wealth in the territory and, consequently, population settlement.

Some examples of the supported projects:

- Projects that increase the value of local resources and promote local supply networks: organic agriculture, high-value crops such as blueberries or mushrooms, new products such as birch sap as a dietary supplement, traditional products such as artisanal cheeses, honey, etc...
- Projects to support local construction and industry – e.g. industrial production of local products such as handmade knives; specialized work in the recovery, restoration, and rehabilitation of rural and ethnographic heritage;
- Sustainable tourism projects – such as a train that facilitates access to natural areas, active tourism, hospitality projects, etc.
- Innovation projects, such as the first mobile application for buying and selling livestock in Spain, or an autonomous mobility system.

Through this initiative, EDP intends to strengthen its social and economic involvement with the local communities near its production centers. In the first 3 editions, Entama supported 25 projects that generated more than 50 jobs. In the current edition (4th edition), Entama will reach 500 thousand euros of investment and the social role of the project has been reinforced, prioritizing aspects such as support for women's entrepreneurship. Find out more about this program at: [EDP YES/ENTAMA](#).



Fig18 ENTAMA: "Tourist train of Brañagallones" project, Caso, Asturias, Spain



## Y.E.S. TO CULTURE

Through the **YES to CULTURE** pillar, EDP supports projects that promote access to art and culture, through its own productions or institutional partnerships – support for cultural projects, exhibitions, music, dance, publications, museums. Also noteworthy are the projects that contribute to the preservation of the material and immaterial cultural heritage of the communities, valuing their cultural identity;

| Y.E.S TO CULTURE     | UN |           |
|----------------------|----|-----------|
| Contributions        | k€ | 11.088    |
| SDG 8 Contributions  | k€ | 11        |
| SGD 11 Contributions | k€ | 1.375     |
| Projects             | #  | 90        |
| Beneficiary Entities | #  | 74        |
| Direct beneficiaries | #  | 1.860.484 |



### Example of Projects of Art and Culture in Portugal, Spain and Brazil

EDP engages in patronage activity in contemporary culture through its foundations in Portugal, Spain, and Brazil, supporting projects from various institutions in the fields of visual arts, dance, music, architecture, design, art education, and publications.

In 2022, in Portugal, the support for cultural projects such as [the Lisbon Architecture Triennale](#), the [Piano Cycle of Casa da Música](#), the season of the [Youth Symphony Orchestra](#), the National Ballet Company, and the support for the programming of the [Arpad Szenes-Vieira da Silva Foundation](#) stand out. In Spain, support is given to the Guggenheim Museum, the Kursaal Foundation, the Princess of Asturias Foundation, the Opera of Oviedo, and the International Classical Music Festival in Santander. In Brazil, support is given to the Vitória and Santa Teresa Film Festivals, the Sanfona and Viola Winter Festival in São Pedro do Itabapoana, contributing to the rescue of traditional music in this historic location, and to the Brazilian Contemporary Orchestra. With this last support, free concerts and music training were held for 100 children and teenagers from the public network of São Gonçalo do Amarante municipality, with the plan to hold a free didactic concert for 400 students from the public education network of Fortaleza.

EDP offers a cultural boost to the city of Lisbon through the **MAAT – Museum of Art, Architecture and Technology** – by presenting national and international exhibitions with the contributions of contemporary artists, architects and thinkers. This museum also houses the EDP Foundation Art Collection. Inaugurated in October 2016 and located on the riverside of the historic area of Belém in Lisbon, the EDP Foundation campus covers an area of 38,000 square meters that includes a converted thermal power plant – the Central Tejo, an emblematic building of industrial architecture built in 1908 – and a new building designed by the London-based architectural studio AL\_A (Amanda Levete Architects). Both buildings host exhibitions and events programmed by the museum and are connected by a garden designed by the Lebanese landscape architect Vladimir Djurovic. Learn more at: [EDP YES/MAAT](#)



Fig 19 Exterior view of MAAT – Museum of Art, Architecture and Technology, Lisbon, Portugal

Also in Portugal, we highlight the publication of the **Electra magazine**, an international magazine, edited by the EDP Foundation, which favors current cultural, social and political criticism and reflection, as well as the **EDP Foundation's New Artists Award**. This biennial initiative distinguishes new talents in the field of visual and plastic arts in Portugal and is recognized as one of the most significant awards in the Portuguese art scene. It is awarded by an international jury and is designed to support the continued study or creative and investigative work of the winning artist. In the 2022 edition, artist Adriana Proganó was

awarded for her renewed approach to painting and its extension into the field of objects, combining irony and humor with institutional criticism.



Fig 20 "Electra" magazine



Fig 21 Project "Little Brats" by Adriana Proganó, EDP Foundation's New Artists Award 2022

Art and culture can be a powerful tool for social inclusion and community development. Based on this premise, EDP has developed **the Public Art program** – in Portugal and Spain. Aimed at areas outside major urban centers, this program aims to provide access to art and involve the population in new cultural experiences, as well as stimulate local development through the creation of public art works in rural areas. Learn more about this program at: [EDP YES/Public Art](#).

In Portugal, as part of this project, artists are invited to develop a collaborative process with local populations, motivating them to participate in community assemblies to discuss proposals for artistic interventions to be carried out in a public space (building facades, walls, transformer stations, etc.). Started in 2015, the project is already present in 31 localities in the regions of Algarve, Alentejo, Ribatejo, Médio-Tejo Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro, Minho and Beira Baixa.

Xana, Alexandre Farto (Vhils), Luís Silveirinha, Manuel João Vieira, Mariana A Miserável, and Menau are just a few of the approximately 50 artists and collectives who have created the 139 interventions made on the ground. Once the project is completed in each nucleus, EDP publishes a guidebook with a map of the interventions carried out and the respective artists. These guidebooks are offered to local entities as a communication tool for this public art heritage.

In Spain, the program starts with community meetings where sustainable urban intervention needs and ideas are collected, and subsequently, students of art, architecture, and design are challenged to present proposals for the transformation of public space through a contest of sustainable urbanism ideas. The challenge is to find a response to the social needs and development opportunities of the chosen location. The winning team will see their project implemented on-site.

In the first edition, launched in 2020, in collaboration with the Municipality of Ribera de Arriba (Central Soto – a municipality covered by the Just Energy Transition), three locations were identified for the implementation of the project, and two of them – an exhibition and performance space in the Bueño parish and the revitalization of the La Llosa neighborhood in Ferreros for the social integration of vulnerable people – will be inaugurated in September 2023.



Fig 22 Public Art Program: UniArt project, Ribatejo, Portugal



Fig 23 Public Art Program: ENERGIZARTE project, Minho, Portugal



Fig 24. Public Art Program: project for an exhibition and performance space, Bueño, Asturias, Spain



Fig 25. Public art program: "Luz Minera" project, Tineo, Asturias, Spain

In 2022, a new edition was launched in collaboration with the Municipality of Tineo, in Asturias, and the "Luz Minera" project was chosen – a project for the central square of the city that evokes a mining lamp with light modular structures – designed by two students from the Oviedo School of Art, to be implemented next year. Thus, EDP reinforces its position and commitment to sustainability and innovation, stimulating creativity and new ideas for the transformation of public space based on sustainable urbanism.



### Example of Projects for Cultural Heritage in Brazil and Portugal

EDP supports projects that enhance and protect the cultural heritage of local communities located near its infrastructure. In addition to contributing to the preservation of the collective memory and cultural identity of these communities, these projects foster job creation and sustainable tourism opportunities in these communities.

In 2022, in Brazil, the restoration, expansion, and modernization of the **Ipiranga Museum** in São Paulo stand out. Open to the public in 1895 in a neoclassical architectural monument, this museum houses a collection of over 450 thousand pieces, including objects, iconographic and textual documents. Closed since 2013, it used to receive an average of 350 thousand visitors per year. The project involved the restoration of the Monument Building, including the modernization of facilities, vertical transportation, accessibility, and roofing. After the renovations, the museum significantly increased its capacity and can now receive over 500 thousand visitors per year. The project also included the restoration of the park's gardens and the Ipiranga Stream. EDP's support for this project amounted to R\$12 million, approximately 2.5 million euros, granted through the Federal Cultural Incentive Law. The reopening took place in September 2022, during the celebrations of the bicentennial of Brazil's Independence. Learn more about this project at: [EDP YES/Museu do Ipiranga](https://www.edp.com.br/pt-br/edp-yes/museu-do-ipuranga)

In turn, the "**Resgatando a História**" (Rescuing History) program is a joint initiative between the Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento (BNDES), EDP, and other partner companies, aiming to support the restoration of Brazil's historical heritage. Its main objective is to promote culture and contribute to the development of local communities. In 2022, the following projects were supported under this program:

- Restoration and adaptation of the **Carlos Gomes Theater**: This theater, built in a neorenaissance style, is located in the city of Vitória (ES) and was inaugurated in 1927. It is the oldest theater in the state. The project included the restoration of architectural and ornamental elements, as well as general improvements to the building, such as acoustic

treatment, air conditioning, modernization of hydraulic and electrical systems, and installation of fire prevention and firefighting equipment. The restoration works, with a total estimated cost of R\$20 million, will receive an investment of R\$10 million from EDP, approximately 1.8 million euros, through the Federal Cultural Incentive Law. This project represents an important contribution to the revitalization of the cultural heritage of Espírito Santo, fostering the development of the local community by promoting the valorization and revitalization of downtown Vitória. It aims to attract commerce, improve security, and generate revenue by stimulating tourism. Learn more at: [EDP YES/Teatro Carlos Gomes](#)

- **Jesuit Route of Espírito Santo** – It includes the restoration and adaptation of the Church and Residence of the Three Wise Men (Reis Magos) in the city of Serra, and the Church of Our Lady of Ajuda in Viana. The Church and Residence of the Three Wise Men date back to the 16th century and are among the main symbols of the Jesuit presence in Brazil. On the other hand, the Church of Our Lady of Ajuda dates back to the 18th century and is the only architectural structure remaining from the Araçatiba farm, the major Jesuit farm in the state. In addition to the restoration works, the project includes the creation of an Interpretive Center, which will provide the Jesuit Route with a new and more interactive language, allowing the public to better understand the history of the Jesuit presence in the state of Espírito Santo. The project is expected to last for two years and represents an investment of over R\$15 million, jointly carried out by BNDES, EDP, and Instituto Vale, through the Federal Cultural Incentive Law.



Fig 26 Ipiranga Museum, São Paulo, Brazil

In Portugal, the **Traditions** program stands out as a biennial initiative that provides financial and skills training for projects aimed at valuing and preserving regional or local traditions in Portugal. From gastronomy to crafts, including sayings, beliefs, instruments, dances, and songs, there are various traditions that can inspire projects. The program currently covers 81 municipalities, corresponding to the areas where the six EDP power production centers (hydroelectric and thermal power plants) operate: Tejo Mondego, Douro, Cávado Lima, Ribatejo, Lares, and Sines.

The objective is to promote the sustainability of these traditions, both in their recreation and in the development of a future sustainability plan, contributing to the valorization of the identity of local communities and strengthening their relationship with the company. In the 4th edition, from 2021 to 2022, the projects of nine entities were supported with approximately 196 thousand euros. In total, from 2014 to 2022, 38 projects were supported with around 687 thousand euros, benefiting about 60 thousand people and creating 12 jobs in 55 municipalities. This investment represented approximately 39% of the total project value, and the 687 thousand euros invested generated 2.7 million euros flowing into the community.

Through the LM3 methodology, it was possible to assess the impact of this program: every 1 euro invested by EDP directly amplified itself in the local communities by 1.89 euros and leveraged approximately 2.46 euros in the economic dynamics of those communities.

It is currently the only corporate program supporting popular culture in Portugal, and several of the supported projects have received national recognition. To learn more about this program, please visit: [EDP YES/Traditions](#)



## Y.E.S. TO COMMUNITY

Through the **YES to COMMUNITY** pillar, EDP supports projects that promote proximity to local communities, living conditions and health, contributing to the social inclusion of people in vulnerable situations, and even response to emergency situations.

| Y.E.S TO COMMUNITY      | UN |         |
|-------------------------|----|---------|
| Contributions           | k€ | 5.562   |
| Contributions to SDG 5  | k€ | 1       |
| Contributions to SDG 10 | k€ | 1.732   |
| Contributions to SDG 11 | k€ | 3.279   |
| Projects                | #  | 229     |
| Beneficiary entities    | #  | 257     |
| Direct beneficiaries    | #  | 783.170 |



## Examples of Projects of Social Inclusion, in several countries

EDP promotes projects directed at people in vulnerable situations belonging to local communities in the various countries where it operates, aiming their social inclusion. In this context, the initiatives of the EDP volunteering program play a significant role. One example is the **EDP Group's Christmas volunteering campaign**, which takes place between November and December. This is a special time when the desire to help those in need intensifies. Therefore, EDP promotes various volunteering initiatives to bring a sense of humanity to those who need it most. The unique aspect of this campaign is that it is built in collaboration with EDP volunteers. In addition to many volunteers being involved in the campaign's management teams, they can also propose and organize initiatives with the company's support.

Between 2011 and 2022, 1,140 initiatives were developed with the participation of 19,137 volunteers, totaling 94,164 volunteer hours. Thanks to this support, EDP was able to assist 1,775 NGOs and provide a more humane Christmas to approximately 417,095 people. In 2022, the 12th edition of this campaign took place, involving 1,452 EDP employee volunteers and 39 EDP Friends volunteers, totaling 3,564 working hours and 3,403 hours outside of working hours in initiatives focused primarily on combating hunger, poverty, and social isolation.

Sports are a vital part of a healthy lifestyle and promote teamwork and leadership skills, while also serving as a tool for social inclusion. For this reason, EDP supports various projects related to sports as a means of inclusion in several countries where it operates. Additionally, EDP invests in the recovery and updating of the necessary infrastructure and equipment for sports practice, enabling local communities to enjoy the benefits of sports.



Fig 27 EDP employee participating in a volunteering action in the community

One example is the **Wind Leagues** program developed by EDP, which takes place in various countries where the company operates, including the USA, Greece, Poland, Italy, and France. Recognizing that sports are a central social and cultural aspect for many communities near its facilities, EDP supports local sports teams and leagues, as well as the renovation of fields and various sports equipment. The main objective of this program is to benefit the communities by promoting healthy habits, the development of soft skills, and strengthening relationships with the company.

In Brazil, EDP also supports various projects related to sports as a tool for social inclusion. Among them is a project developed by the **Instituto Futebol de Rua pela Educação**, which was established in 2006 in the Heliópolis community in São Paulo. The project aims to meet the needs of children and young people who were dropping out of school to play football in the streets of the community.

Based on a study conducted with schools in the region, a proposal for education based on sports was developed, where Street Football is used as a tool for transformation, inclusion, and social empowerment. The project is targeted at children and young people aged 7 to 17 and is developed in partnership with schools in the Municipal Education Network.

The project offers workshops on human and sports development, which take place weekly after school hours. The workshops on human development cover topics such as socio-emotional education, peace culture, environment, health, gender equality, anti-racism, non-violent communication, and culture, creating an environment of participation, dialogue, interaction, and conflict resolution that gives voice to the participants. Through football practice, fair play is promoted, and skills such as agility, motor coordination, flexibility, teamwork, and conflict mediation are developed.

Over time, the Instituto Futebol de Rua pela Educação has expanded to other regions of the country. Instituto EDP has been supporting the Instituto Futebol de Rua pela Educação for over 10 years through financial donations and capacity-building actions.

Still in Brazil, other initiatives supporting vulnerable children and youth stand out. Examples of these are the **Empresa Amiga da Criança** project and the **EDP in Schools** project. The **EDP in Schools** program contributes to improving the quality of life for elementary school students in public municipal schools, with each year having a central theme. In 2022, the central theme was "Oceans," and several initiatives were developed under this program:

- Delivery of school kits to students, which include essential materials for their daily study routine, such as notebooks, pencils, pens, colored pencils, erasers, rulers, scissors, and backpacks. Each school receives 1 kit per student. Learn more at: [EDP YES/School Kits](#)
- Promotion of access to reading, expanding vocabulary and enhancing reasoning and interpretation skills through the distribution of books to students and schools;
- Initiatives to recognize and train teachers, contributing to their motivation. Learn more at: [EDP YES/Teachers training](#)
- Development of cultural contests in schools – the "Arte com Energia" (Art with Energy) contest is an artistic competition that, in 2022, addressed the theme "My Life with Oceans." Teachers received a lecture from the visual artist Eduardo Srur to develop activities with students and work on the theme. Learn more at: [EDP YES/Art with Energy](#)
- Improvement of school equipment with appropriate facilities and access to technology for education, aiming to reduce educational inequalities in the country, promote digital inclusion, and motivate students' interest. In 2022, a digital inclusion project was initiated, including:

- Delivery of 800 tablets with educational applications and an internet package. Teachers received training on how to integrate tablets into their lesson plans.
- Virtual reality experience (for students from the 4th grade onwards) and augmented reality experience for students from 1st to 3rd grade. The virtual reality experience includes content developed by Stanford University, focusing on ocean acidification and engaging students in climate and environmental issues. Learn more at: [EDP YES/Virtual Reality in Schools](#)

In 2022, 48 schools from 11 Brazilian states were supported, impacting approximately 12 thousand students and 1 thousand teachers from municipal networks. Learn more about this program at: [EDP YES/EDP in Schools](#)

The "**Empresa Amiga da Criança**" project, developed by Abrinq Foundation, was created in 1995 with the aim of involving the business sector in the prevention and fight against child labor exploitation, as well as promoting actions for the education of children and adolescents. Companies that support this project, including EDP, participate in events, meetings, and working groups focused on combating child labor and organizing initiatives for the benefit of children and adolescents.

In Spain, the **EDP Solidária** program supports projects aimed at alleviating the most urgent social needs, promoting an improved quality of life and the integration of vulnerable individuals and groups at risk of exclusion, contributing to a fairer, more inclusive, and socially responsible society. In 2022, within the scope of social inclusion, projects were supported that promoted the quality of life for the elderly and rural development in the municipalities affected by the closure of thermoelectric power plants, considering the needs of these communities.



### Example of Projects of response to emergency situations

Over the years, the EDP Group has sought to provide an integrated and timely response to emergencies that affect people and communities worldwide, in partnership with organizations on the ground. Examples include the wildfires in Portugal and Spain in 2017, Hurricane Harvey in Houston, USA, and Cyclone Idai, which mainly affected the Beira region in Mozambique.

A more recent example is the emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to various donations of medical equipment and support for initiatives to combat the pandemic, EDP volunteers themselves engaged in actions to combat social isolation, produce personal

protective equipment, and respond to the growing food and poverty crisis that affected a large number of people in the countries where EDP operates.

In 2022, the humanitarian response to the military conflict in Ukraine has been a unifying factor within the EDP Group. Resources and teams have been mobilized in various countries to implement a wide range of initiatives to support victims and refugees. Initially, aid was directed to different organizations on the frontlines of assisting victims, such as the Red Cross and Doctors Without Borders, through the delivery of essential goods and direct financial donations. Due to its presence in Poland, Romania, and Hungary, EDP also maintained regular contact with local authorities and provided necessary support to communities near the Ukrainian border. These supports aim to address the most pressing difficulties faced by refugees through the purchase of food, medicine, and support structures. These initiatives were complemented by internal actions launched by EDP volunteers, bringing together employees, customers, and partners in various countries where the company is present, to deliver essential goods and provide a concerted response to the main needs identified on the ground.

In addition to these urgent measures, EDP has promoted support for refugees in Portugal and other countries where it operates, including temporary accommodations for Ukrainian refugees and the provision of energy to reception centers. EDP has also involved other sectors of society in supporting the Ukrainian population. In this regard, a solidarity weekend was organized at MAAT in Lisbon, as well as an art auction promoted by the EDP Foundation with contributions from partner artists. In both cases, the proceeds went towards supporting refugees.

Safety is a priority for EDP, both in its operations and in local communities. As a result, in addition to reactive emergency response, the company also supports local organizations that aim to ensure community safety from a preventive perspective. The goal is to ensure that the main emergency response teams in local communities are equipped with the necessary equipment and resources to respond promptly in case of a disaster.

An example of this is the **Safe4Sure** program, which contributes to making communities safer and more resilient by supporting local emergency aid organizations, such as firefighters and first responder teams, including the funding of ambulances and firefighting equipment. In 2022, donations were made to firefighting teams in the United States, Poland, and Greece to update and renew the necessary equipment for their mission.



Fig 28 EDP volunteers supporting inhabitant of community affected by forest fires



Fig 29 Support for the Ukrainian population: delivery of powerbanks at the border with Poland

## Final notes

In 2022, the first social investment plan was implemented, considering the new social investment strategy of the EDP Group, which aims to strengthen projects that promote a Fair Energy Transition in the communities where EDP operates, ensuring that no one is left behind in the process of decarbonizing energy production.

In 2023, this strategy will continue to be pursued in order to achieve the established goal of allocating 45% of social investment to Fair Energy Transition projects by 2025. This requires increasing alignment among the various Business Units and Foundations of the EDP Group, promoting the creation of new projects and the conversion and convergence of existing projects, ensuring a global and integrated narrative in the various countries where EDP operates. The new social investment policy of the EDP Group, reflecting this new strategic direction, will also be launched.

Furthermore, 2023 will be a year of consolidating the communication of the **Y.E.S. brand – You Empower Society**, aiming to promote global awareness of the EDP Group' social investment.

