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PRESENTATION PITCH

Algarve Digital Innovators 2030 Development Plan

The ADI network - an execution infrastructure for the Algarve's digital innovation ecosystem.
A strategic overview before reading the integrated plan (Word + Excel).

Document developed by Algarve Evolution

Access the report

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STARTING POINT

A living but still fragmented ecosystem

The Algarve has critical mass of communities, talent and capital - but dispersed. The ADI network organises these assets into a single structure, capable of turning community energy into execution and investment.

01

Two pillars, one network

Community network + network of consultants/mentors & investors, operating in a coordinated way.

02

From gathering to execution

Turn events and connections into mature projects, applications and real investment.

03

Public-policy lever

A direct contribution to the sound execution of the Algarve 2030 Regional Operational Programme.

THE NETWORK IN NUMBERS

The base already exists - and it is significant

24
member communities

5.839
members in the communities

144
identified consultants / mentors

18
identified investors

16 municipalities

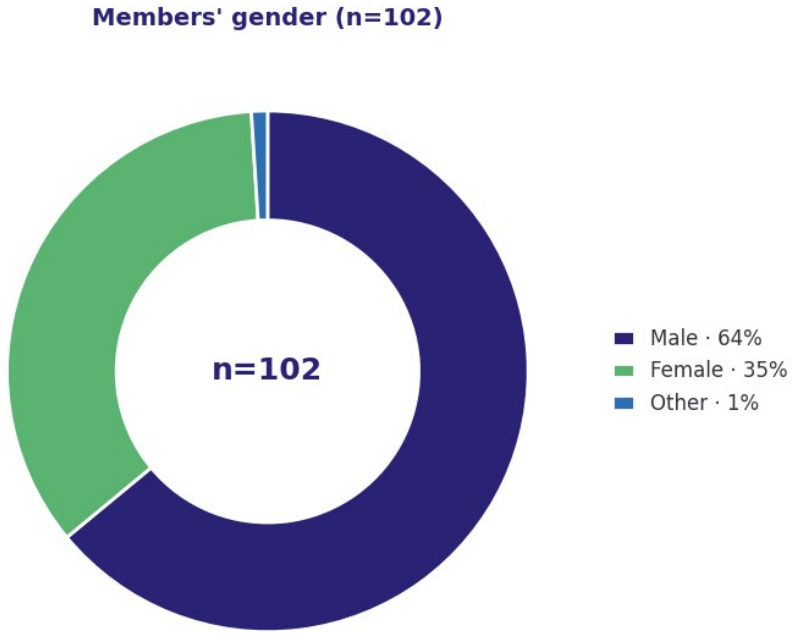
Coverage of the entire Algarve territory, from the coast to the interior. A regional mesh - not a single-city club - that gives the ADI network the scale and representativeness to engage with the CCDR and attract investment.

NETWORK CHARACTERISATION · MEMBER PROFILE

Who the community members are

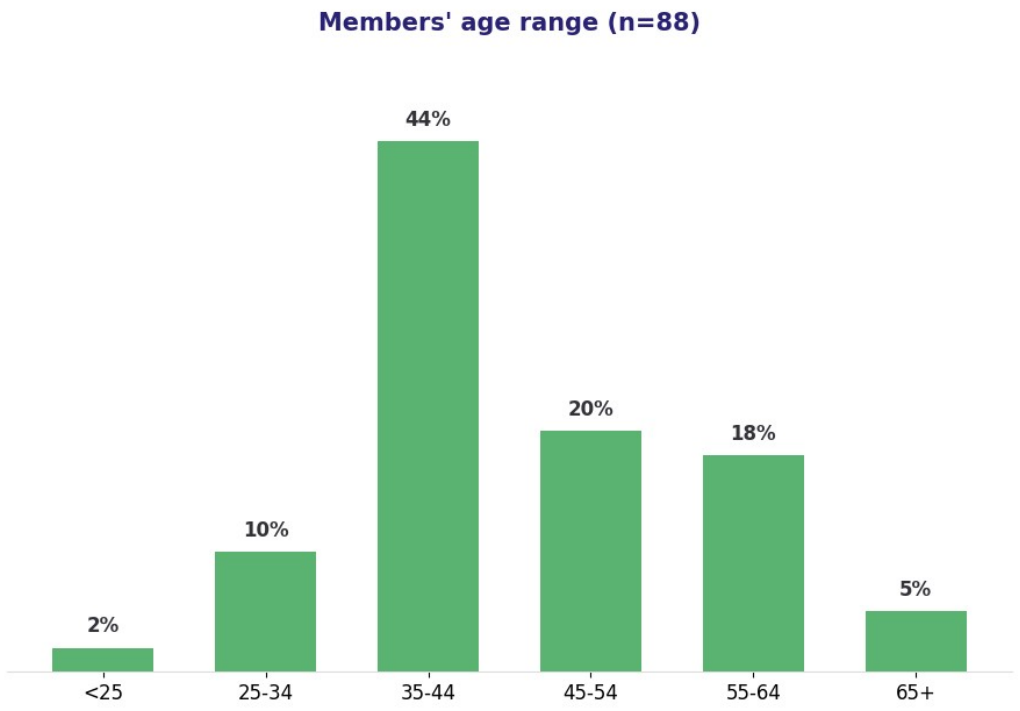
Survey of 222 members. Male predominance; a high weight of mentors/consultants, entrepreneurs and business owners.

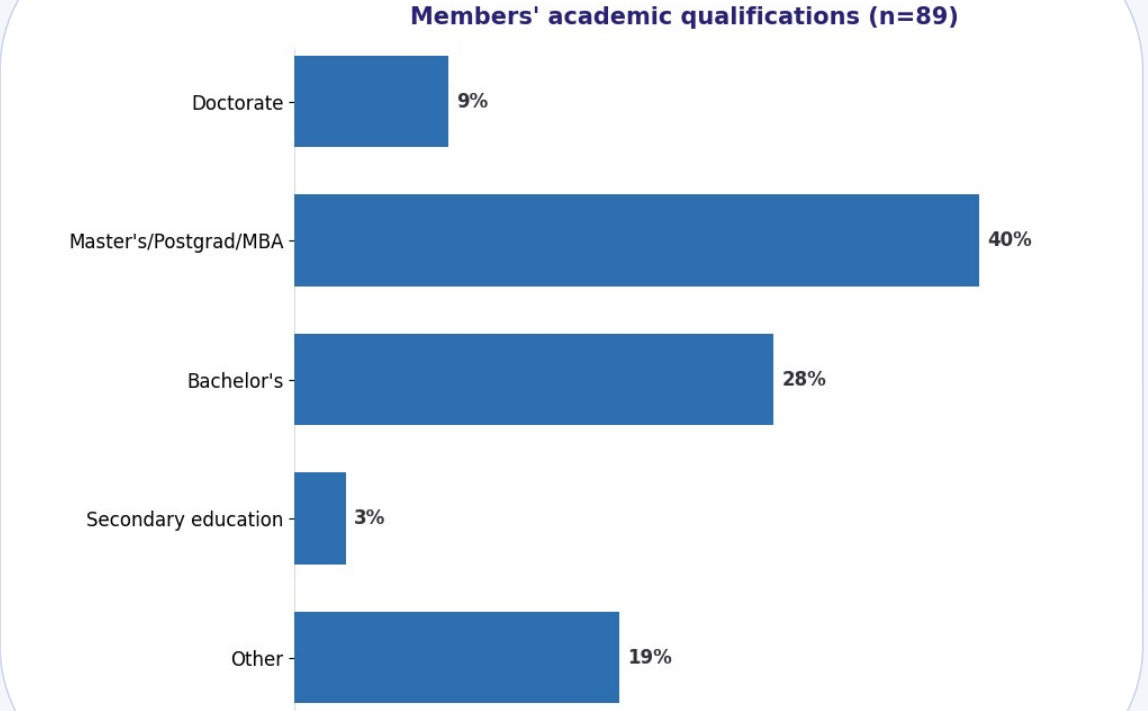




Members' age and qualifications

Age range concentrated in the 35–54 bracket; a high academic profile (master's, postgraduate/MBA, bachelor's).

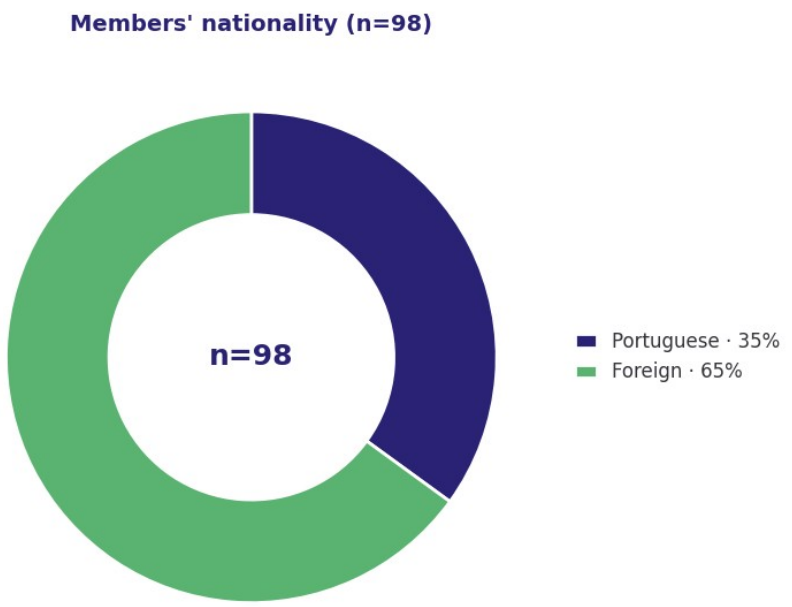


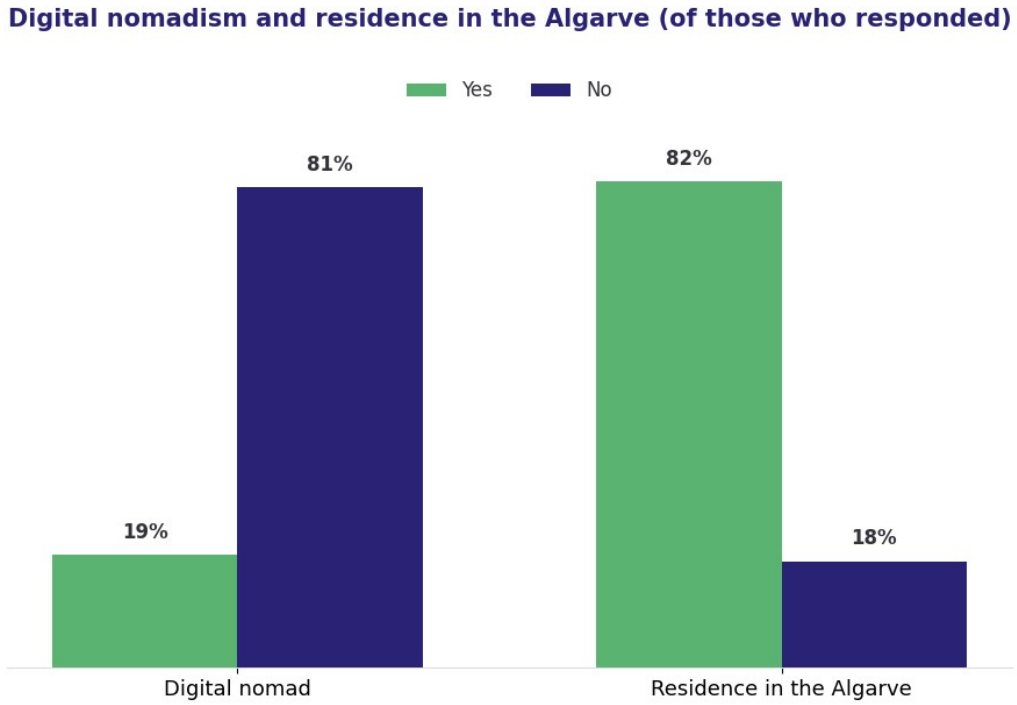


NETWORK CHARACTERISATION · MEMBER PROFILE

Members' origin and mobility

Around 2/3 of members are foreign; most live in the Algarve all year round (nomadism is a minority).

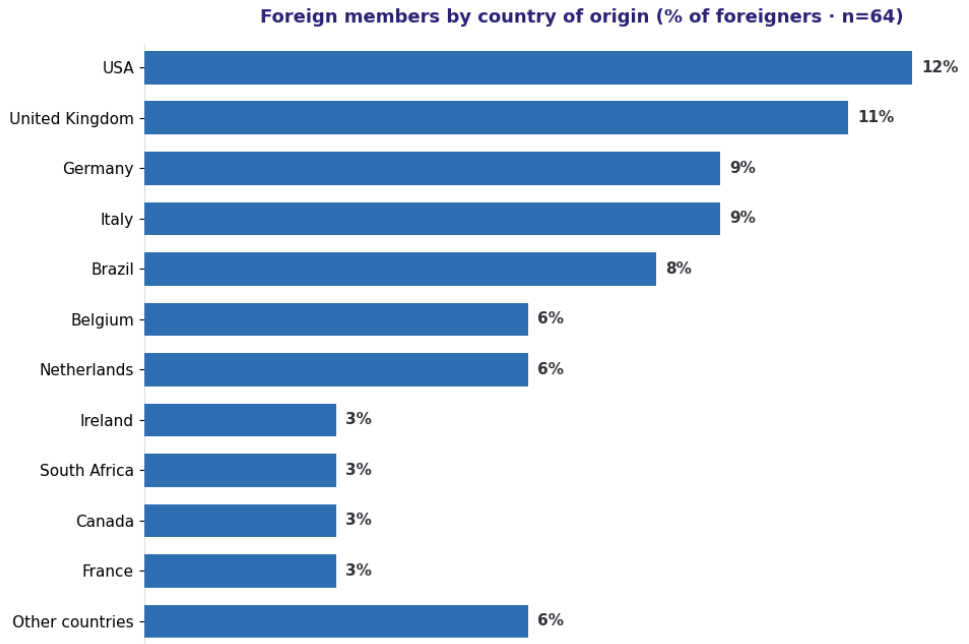




NETWORK CHARACTERISATION · MEMBER PROFILE

Members' countries of origin and companies

A diverse international community; sole proprietorships and private limited companies (quotas) predominate, with a relevant weight of technology startups.

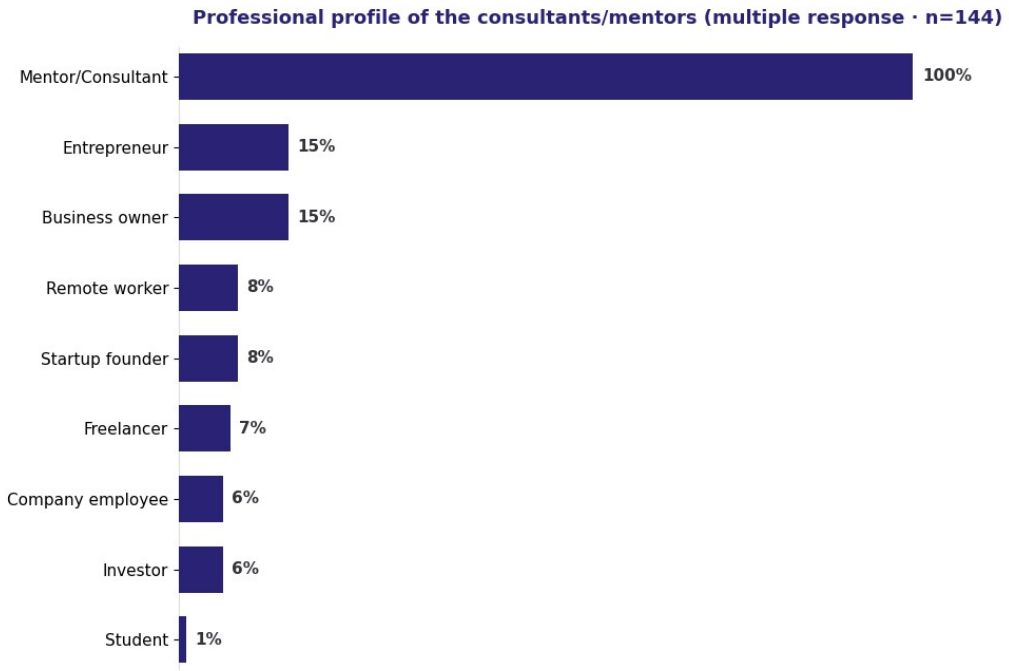


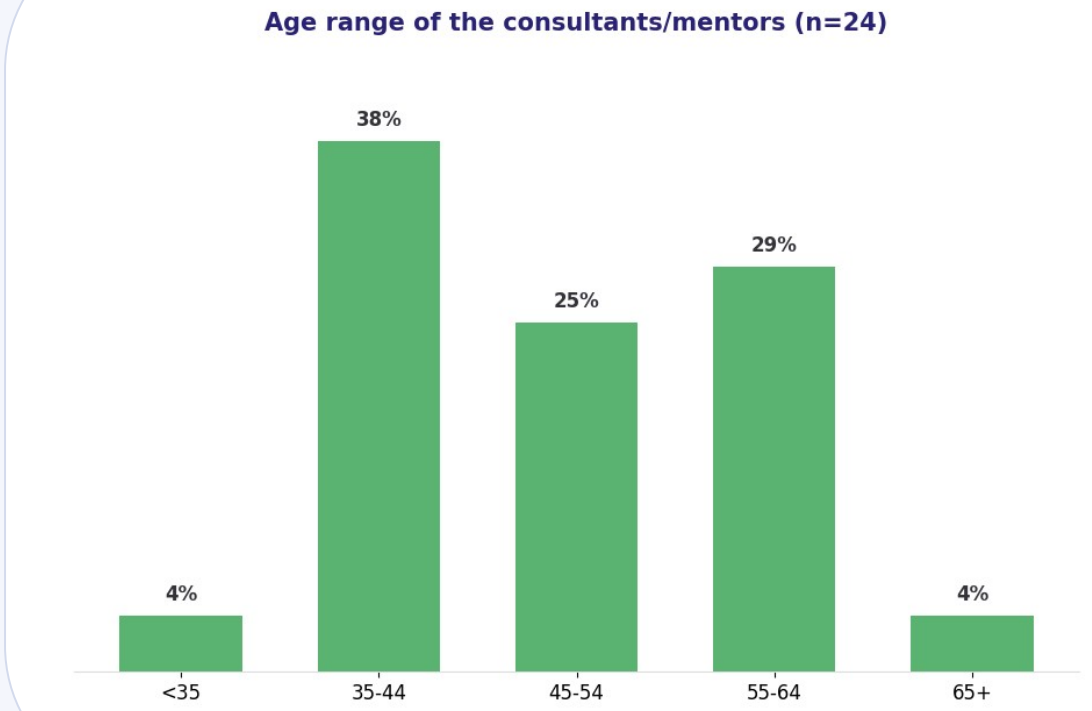


NETWORK CHARACTERISATION · EXPERTISE AND CAPITAL

Profile of the consultants and mentors

144 identified consultants/mentors and 18 investors - senior and international human capital, with a multi-skilled profile.

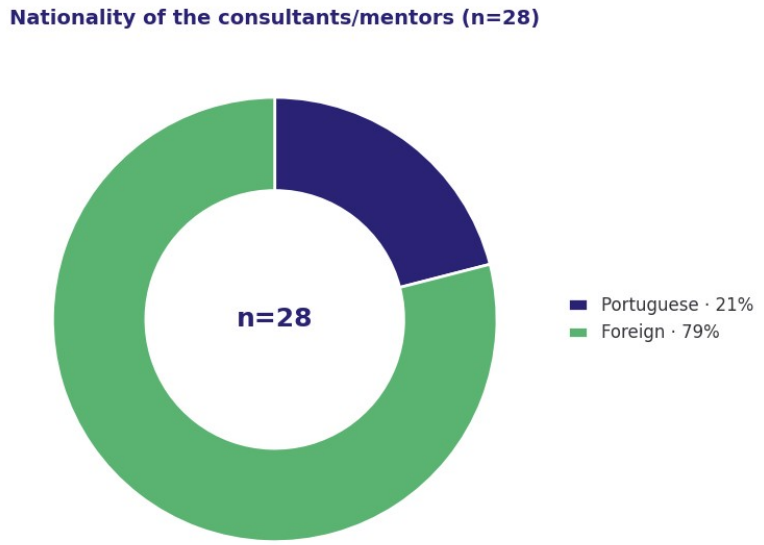


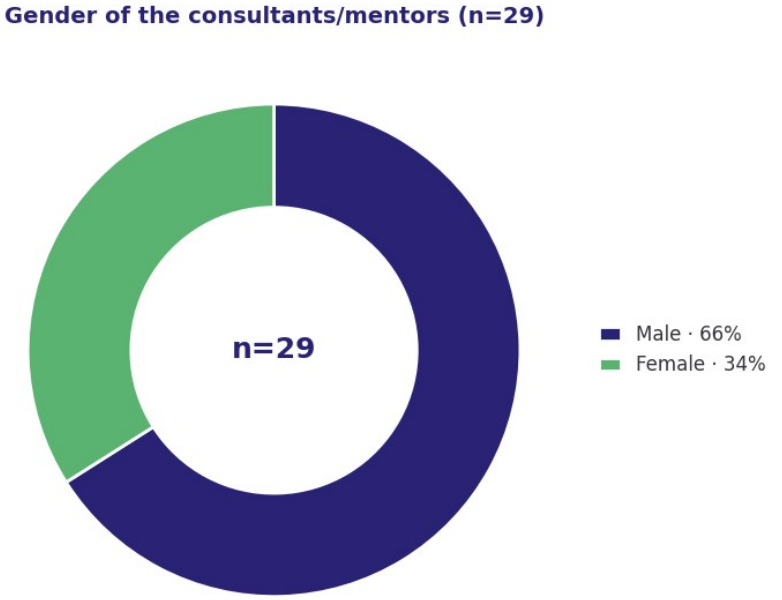


NETWORK CHARACTERISATION · EXPERTISE AND CAPITAL

Origin of the consultants and mentors

A markedly international network, strengthening the Algarve's connection to global markets and talent.





STRATEGIC DIAGNOSIS

Integrated SWOT analysis of the network

Strengths

- Young, plural and international ecosystem: 24 communities, ~5,839 members, ~160 professionals/investors
- Strong international and qualified human capital
- Two complementary pillars - critical mass + expertise and capital
- Growing regional technology sector

Weaknesses

- Historical fragmentation and isolated work; lack of coordination
- Low network maturity and limited operational resources
- Still incipient capital access
- Technical capacity to reinforce; unbalanced territorial coverage

Opportunities

- SMEs' demand for digital and AI upskilling; economic diversification
- Algarve 2030 incentive schemes and CCDR support
- Link to UAlg/CRIA and CIRA; interest in a regional fund
- The Algarve as a destination for talent and remote work

Threats

- Dependence on public funding and post-project uncertainty
- International competition for talent and investment
- Risk of duplication of efforts in the ecosystem
- Demobilisation if it does not generate value; pressure on housing

HOW WE GOT HERE · METHODOLOGY

A plan co-built with the ecosystem

The plan is not a desk document: it reflects the voice of the communities, the consultants/mentors and the investors, gathered through a structured and participatory process.

01

Listening

4 collaborative sessions (Miro), structured by the thematic areas of the 6 axes.

02

Co-creation

Collective building of initiatives by axis, from the contributions of the collaborative sessions.

03

Capital

Individual interviews with investors on investment appetite and conditions.

04

Prudence

Indicators calibrated for a maturing ecosystem - credible targets.

~50 participants of the 144 identified consultants/mentors and 18 investors

STRATEGIC THESIS · THEORY OF CHANGE

From network animation to execution of the Algarve 2030 ROP

Network animation

Communities + consultants/mentors + capital

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Qualified pipeline

Founders, SMEs and startups with mature projects

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Incentive applications

More and better applications to the Algarve 2030 ROP

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Investment & innovation

Private investment, companies and qualified employment

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Execution of the 2030 ROP

Absorption, quality and impact of the funds

Anchor metric: energising the network translates into a qualified pipeline and into more and better applications to the Algarve 2030 incentive schemes, boosting execution of the Programme.

THE 2030 PLAN

6 axes, 15 actions, four years of execution

6	15	2	2027–2030
strategic axes	structuring actions	integrated networks - communities and consultants, mentors and investors	phased execution

The analogous actions of the two networks were merged to avoid duplication and gain scale; the specific actions were integrated into each axis. Execution is phased (2027–2030) and adjusted to the pace of reinforcement of the technical teams of Algarve Evolution and the Algarve Tech Hub.

THE ACTION PORTFOLIO

The 15 actions, across the 6 axes

AXIS 1 Education & Knowledge Transfer

01 Innovation and Knowledge Transfer Laboratories

02 Technology Experts Conference and Network

AXIS 2 Entrepreneurship

03 Entrepreneur Capacity-Building and Mentoring Programme

04 Hackathons for Territory Challenges

05 Investor Network and Regional Investment Fund

AXIS 3 SME upskilling

06 Digital and AI Academy for SMEs

07 Showcase and Promotion of the Network's SMEs

AXIS 4 SME Internationalisation

08 Discovery and Talent-Attraction Trips

09 Ambassadors, Missions and International Promotion

AXIS 5 Institutional Capacity-Building

10 Digital Ecosystem, Brand and Network Directory

11 Community Leaders Academy

12 Shared Resources and Network Energising

13 Annual Summit and Cooperation between Ecosystems

AXIS 6 Governance & Policies

14 Dialogue Table with the Territory

15 Visa Support and Incentive Access Desk

Full detail per action - objectives, indicators, activities and potential promoters - in the integrated Word and Excel files.

AXIS 1 OF 6

Education and Knowledge Transfer (R&D)

The communities and the consultants/mentors as bridges between UAlg/CRIA, the R&D centres and the business fabric.

1 · Innovation and Knowledge Transfer Laboratories

Communities and mentors as facilitators of Innovation Labs and build sprints on companies' real problems, in connection with UAlg/CRIA.

Audience Community members and mentors; UAlg researchers and students; SMEs and startups.

Activities Annual calendar of Innovation Labs and build sprints · Open Innovation Calls generated by the network · Academia–network matching platform · Activities in schools and universities

Targets ≥ 8 labs/sprints · ≥ 3 Open Innovation Calls · ≥ 10 companies in transfer projects

Horizon ●●●● 2027–2030 (ongoing)

2 · Technology Experts Conference and Network

Consolidate the Algarve as a Deep Tech hub, with an annual conference and a public network of consultants, mentors and speakers.

Audience Communities and mentors; deep tech ecosystem; researchers; decision-makers; investors.

Activities Algarve Deep Tech Conference (annual) · Network of Consultants/Mentors/Speakers · Cycle of Deep Tech Talks and micro-summits · Annual Algarve Innovation Report

Targets 2 editions · ≥ 6 talks · ≥ 40 speakers · ≥ 1,500 participations

Horizon ●●●● 2027–2030 (ongoing)

Potential promoters Algarve Evolution · UAlg/CRIA · Algarve STP

AXIS 2 OF 6

Entrepreneurship

Turn the communities' gatherings and the mentors' experience into pipelines of new companies and bring capital closer.

3 · Entrepreneur Capacity-Building and Mentoring Programme

A modular pathway of capacity-building and advice for founders, with itinerant bootcamps and 'office hours' mentoring.

Audience Founders in ideation/validation; freelancers; students; communities and mentors.

Activities Itinerant Founders Track bootcamps · 'Office hours' mentoring and AMA sessions · Founders Helpline · Startup Weekend · Legal-tax toolkit

Targets ≥ 3 cohorts · ≥ 70 founders · ≥ 200 mentoring slots · ≥ 10 new companies

Horizon ●●●● 2027–2030

4 · Hackathons for Territory Challenges

Mobilise the network to solve real challenges of municipalities, associations and companies, in a reverse pitch + hackathon.

Audience Communities; students, programmers, designers, founders; municipalities and companies.

Activities Annual reverse pitch · Civic & Tech Hackathon · Post-hackathon acceleration with mentors · Prizes and pilot contracts

Targets ≥ 2 hackathons · ≥ 20 teams · ≥ 3 solutions implemented

Horizon ○○●● 2029–2030 (phase 2)

5 · Investor Network and Regional Investment Fund

Bring capital closer to Algarve startups/SMEs, with qualified pitching and the exploration of a regional investment fund.

Audience Investors (business angels, family offices, VC); founders/startups; partners.

Activities Investor consultation · Pitch events + 'Ask Us Anything' · Annual VIP gatherings · Regional-fund feasibility study

Targets ≥ 12 investors · ≥ 4 pitch events · ≥ 12 investor–startup connections

Horizon ◐◐●● pilot 2027–28 · scale 2029–30

Potential promoters Algarve Evolution · UAlg/CRIA · Algarve STP · NERA · ANJE · AMAL/Municipalities · financial partners

AXIS 3 OF 6

SME upskilling

The communities and the consultants/mentors as agents of digital, AI and sustainability upskilling for SMEs, giving visibility to the network's companies.

6 · Digital and AI Academy for SMEs

Upskill SMEs in digitalisation, AI (hands-on) and sustainability, with maturity assessment and intervention sprints.

Audience Algarve SMEs; managers and technical staff; freelancers; trainer-communities; junior talent.

Activities Modular catalogue curated by the network · Digital/AI maturity assessment · Cohorts with 1:1 mentoring · Intervention sprints · micro-credentials

Targets ≥ 140 SMEs assessed · ≥ 400 trainees · ≥ 20% increase in digital maturity

Horizon ◐◐●● pilot 2027–28 · scale 2029–30

7 · Showcase and Promotion of the Network's SMEs

Give visibility to the network's SMEs and startups and promote peer learning, with an itinerant showcase and access to funds.

Audience Network SMEs and startups; communities; mentors; local authorities; investors; media.

Activities Showcase Algarve Communities (itinerant) · Curation by community · Algarve Funding Match (office hours) · Annual digital catalogue

Targets 2 editions · ≥ 140 exhibiting SMEs · ≥ 30 applications supported

Horizon ○○●● 2029–2030 (phase 2)

Potential promoters Algarve Evolution · UAlg/CRIA · Algarve STP · ANJE · NERA · IEFP · AMAL/Municipalities

AXIS 4 OF 6

SME Internationalisation

The international communities, the diaspora and the consultants' international bent as an entry point (inbound) and projection vector (outbound) for the Algarve.

8 · Discovery and Talent-Attraction Trips

Position the Algarve as a destination for talent and founders, with immersive trips hosted by the communities and soft-landing.

Audience Qualified foreign professionals; early-stage founders; investors; new members.

Activities Discovery Trips hosted by the communities · Visits to innovation centres, UAlg and companies · Meetings with startups, investors and mentors · Post-visit soft-landing

Targets 3 Discovery Trips · 20 ambassadors · ≥ 40% with intention to settle

Horizon ○○●● 2029–2030 (phase 2)

9 · Ambassadors, Missions and International Promotion

Project the SMEs and the ADI network and promote the ecosystem at national and international events, through ambassadors - community leaders and members.

Audience Community leaders and members; diaspora; former residents; exporting SMEs; startups.

Activities ADI Global Ambassadors Programme · Protocols with sister communities · Sectoral international missions · Presence at Web Summit Lisbon

Targets ≥ 20 ambassadors · ≥ 4 sister communities · ≥ 10 SMEs in international actions

Horizon ○○●● 2029–2030 (phase 2)

Potential promoters Algarve Evolution · UAlg/CRIA · Algarve STP · ANJE · NERA · RTA · AICEP · Turismo de Portugal

AXIS 5 OF 6

Institutional Capacity-Building

Provide the ADI network with identity, digital infrastructure, trained leaders and shared mechanisms that make it active and sustainable.

10 · Digital Ecosystem, Brand and Network Directory

A shared digital ecosystem, a common identity and a directory/Skill Map with matching and referral.

Activities Digital directory + Skill Map · Ecosystem map and calendar · ADI brand + referral system

Targets ≥ 24 communities and ≥ 70 in the directory · ≥ 10,000 visits/year · NPS ≥ 30

Horizon ●●●● 2027–2030

11 · Community Leaders Academy

Build the capacity of leaders and facilitators and support new communities in under-represented municipalities and areas.

Activities Annual retreat and quarterly gatherings · Leaders' school (6 modules) · Open Call + seed grants · mentoring

Targets ≥ 35 leaders trained · ≥ 4 new communities · ≥ 700 new members

Horizon ●●●● 2027–2030

12 · Shared Resources and Network Energising

Shared collective mechanisms (space, software, equipment) and a light engagement model.

Activities ADI Network of Spaces ('ADI pass') · ADI Digital Toolkit (CRM, streaming, NPS) · Equipment pool · thematic groups

Targets 1 Network · 1 Toolkit · 1 Pool · ≥ 6 thematic groups · ≥ 40 initiatives

Horizon ●●●● 2027–2030

13 · Annual Summit and Cooperation between Ecosystems

Co-management of the Algarve Tech Hub Summit and cooperation/benchmarking with national and international ecosystems.

Activities Co-management of the ATH Summit (annual) · External speakers and ecosystems · Benchmarking visits · cooperation agreements

Targets 2 Summit editions · ≥ 3 visits · ≥ 2,000 participations

Horizon ●●●● 2027–2030

Potential promoters Algarve Evolution · UAlg/CRIA · Algarve STP · CCDR Algarve · AMAL/Municipalities · RTA · hubs and coworkings

AXIS 6 OF 6

Governance and Development Policies

Channel the network's collective voice into regional public policies and simplify access to visas, incentives and funds.

14 · Dialogue Table with the Territory

A collaborative body for consulting the network and coordinating its needs with the CCDR, AMAL, municipalities and CIRA.

Audience Communities and consultants/mentors/investors; CCDR, AMAL, municipalities, CIRA; ATH.

Activities Periodic meetings with rotating representatives · Thematic consultations (land, visas, energy...) · Public outcomes dashboard · 'Pitch Policy' sessions

Targets ≥ 8 meetings · ≥ 4 consultations · ≥ 3 recommendations adopted

Horizon ●●●● 2027–2030

15 · Visa Support and Incentive Access Desk

Simplify foreign founders' access to visas/residence and SMEs' access to incentives and funds.

Audience Foreign founders; SMEs and startups; mentors; CCDR, AIMA, IAPMEI, ANI, AICEP.

Activities Smart Visa Desk (D2, Tech Visa, D7, D8) · Multilingual practical manual · Easy Access Funding (templates + office hours) · Advocacy with AIMA, IAPMEI, AICEP

Targets 1 desk · ≥ 18 Funding Office Hours · ≥ 35 soft-landings · ≥ 15 applications

Horizon ●●●● 2027–2030

Potential promoters Algarve Evolution · UAlg/CRIA · Algarve STP · CCDR Algarve · CIRA · AMAL/Municipalities · AIMA · IAPMEI · ANI · AICEP · NERA

INSTITUTIONAL ALIGNMENT

Don't duplicate. Coordinate. Leverage.

Algarve 2030 Regional Operational Programme	Each action mapped to priorities of the ROP and of EREI Algarve 2030 - the network as a vehicle for sound execution, not as a parallel initiative.
CCDR + CIRA / PICA	Coordination with CIRA - the Algarve Regional Innovation Council and the PICA - Entrepreneurial Discovery Spaces (Digitalisation and ICT).
Ecosystem partners	Potential promoters by axis: Algarve Evolution, UAlg/CRIA, Algarve STP, ANJE, NERA, AMAL and municipalities.

ECOSYSTEM PARTNERS

UAlg UNIVERSIDADE DO ALGARVE · AMAL Comunidade Intermunicipal do Algarve · Algarve Evolution · ALGARVE STP SYSTEMS AND TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIPS · nera ASSOCIAÇÃO EMPRESARIAL DA REGIÃO DO ALGARVE · ANJE JOVENS EMPRESÁRIOS

PLAN TARGETS · 2027–2030

What the network commits to deliver

≥ 20

new technology companies supported

≥ 25

applications to incentive schemes

≥ 2.200

participants in the plan's activities

≥ 400

certified SME trainees

≥ 70

founders supported in bootcamps/mentoring

≥ 36

active communities by the end of the plan

Aggregate targets of the integrated plan. Each action has its own physical-execution and result indicators in the supporting Word and Excel files.

GOVERNANCE AND OPERATION

Who coordinates and how it is monitored

GOVERNANCE MODEL

Coordination

Algarve Evolution, in coordination with the strategic partners of the innovation ecosystem, with a particular focus on Algarve STP and UAlg/CRIA (ATH), ensuring the network's sustainability.

Collaborative Table

Communities, Consultants & Territory (Axis 6) - channels the collective voice into public policies.

Monitoring & evaluation

A dedicated mechanism for organisation and follow-up, with execution and result indicators per action.

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ALGARVE DIGITAL INNOVATORS NETWORK

One network. One ecosystem.

The 24 communities.

With the support of

UAlg Universidade do Algarve · AMAL Comunidade Intermunicipal do Algarve · Algarve Evolution · Algarve STP Systems and Technology Partnerships · nera Associação Empresarial da Região do Algarve · ANJE Jovens Empresários

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ADI COMMUNITY

Albufeira Digital Nomads

Albufeira · since 2024 Leader to be defined – under restructuring



PURPOSE

Make Albufeira a destination for digital nomads, connecting them to the local community.

MEMBER PROFILE

Digital nomads, remote workers, freelancers, locals and students

ACTIVITIES

Weekly meetups, workshops, networking sessions and events.

MEMBERS / REACH

350 members

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Digital nomads
- Remote work
- Networking

ADI COMMUNITY

Algarve AI Agents

Faro · Loulé · since 2026 Leader Lior Goldenberg



PURPOSE

Community for builders, business owners and the curious who want to understand and implement AI agents at work, in business and in life, with real knowledge and experience-sharing.

MEMBER PROFILE

Entrepreneurs, freelancers, remote workers, SMEs, startup founders and students

ACTIVITIES

Monthly meetups and ongoing discussions in the WhatsApp group.

MEMBERS / REACH

80 members

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Artificial Intelligence
- Technology
- Entrepreneurship

ADI COMMUNITY

Algarve Blockchain Community

Faro · since 2024 Leader Clarissa Peereboom

PURPOSE

A non-profit community offering knowledge and educational resources in a safe space to navigate the world of crypto and digital assets.

MEMBER PROFILE

Web3 founders, developers and investors; students

ACTIVITIES

Gatherings every 2nd Tuesday of the month; mapping of crypto-friendly venues and a Web3 trail across the Algarve.

MEMBERS / REACH

255 members

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Blockchain
- Web3 & crypto
- Digital assets

ADI COMMUNITY

Algarve Evolution Network

Algarve · 16 municipalities · since 2018 Leader Sílvia da Paz



PURPOSE

Connects visionary entrepreneurs, talent, startups and SMEs and partners to co-create a vibrant innovation ecosystem in the Algarve.

MEMBER PROFILE

Entrepreneurs, professionals, startups and SMEs

ACTIVITIES

Events and programmes focused on education, creation and growth of startups and SMEs, and ecosystem development.

MEMBERS / REACH

496 members

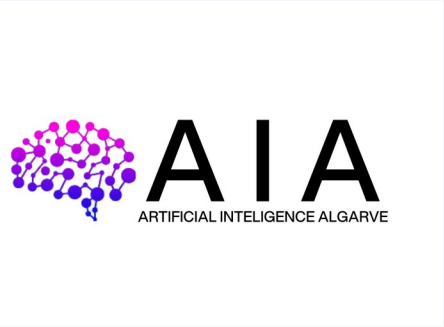
AREAS OF INTEREST

- Ecosystem & innovation
- Education
- Startups & SMEs

ADI COMMUNITY

Artificial Intelligence Algarve

Faro · since 2024 Leader Joaquim Nascimento – seeking a new leader



PURPOSE

Community dedicated to exploring and driving the future of Artificial Intelligence in the Algarve region.

MEMBER PROFILE

Students, entrepreneurs and professionals

ACTIVITIES

Knowledge-sharing events on AI and its applications.

MEMBERS / REACH

120 members

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Artificial Intelligence
- Machine Learning
- Technology

ADI COMMUNITY

Colagos

Lagos· since 2021 Leader a definir – em restruturação



PURPOSE

Community and cowork space in Lagos that strengthens the local entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystem, connecting digital nomads, remote workers and creatives.

MEMBER PROFILE

Digital nomads, entrepreneurs, freelancers and remote workers

ACTIVITIES

Coworking, gatherings and partnerships that energise the local innovation community.

MEMBERS / REACH

630 members

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Entrepreneurship & innovation
- Digital nomads
- Technology & AI

ADI COMMUNITY

Cowork & Coffee Club

Algarve · 16 municipalities · since Apr. 2026 Leader Ana Moreno



PURPOSE

Community focused on the Algarve's digital ecosystem, to counter the isolation of remote and freelance work, connecting local independent professionals, entrepreneurs and remote workers.

MEMBER PROFILE

Digital nomads, entrepreneurs, freelancers and remote workers

ACTIVITIES

Monthly rotating coworking sessions; a network of official partners with benefits; a communication and sharing channel (WhatsApp).

MEMBERS / REACH

65 members

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Digital nomads
- Entrepreneurship
- Remote work

ADI COMMUNITY

Faro Em Ação

Faro · since 2024 Leader Pedro Cavalheiro



PURPOSE

Non-profit, youth-led community, created by and for young people from Faro, to learn, share ideas, develop skills and turn ideas into projects with local impact.

MEMBER PROFILE

Entrepreneurs, freelancers and students

ACTIVITIES

Faro Resolve, Makers Space, Holiday Camps, volunteering programmes and Erasmus exchanges.

MEMBERS / REACH

200 members

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Entrepreneurship
- Social & civic impact
- Technology

ADI COMMUNITY

Financial Thinking

Algarve · region Leader Laura Pulita



PURPOSE

Improve financial and investment literacy, with a special focus on women.

MEMBER PROFILE

Entrepreneurs, investors, freelancers and digital nomads

ACTIVITIES

Masterclasses, free and paid events (with Portimão Digital Nomads, WIN, SheSapiens) and one-to-one coaching sessions.

MEMBERS / REACH

80 members

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Financial literacy
- Investment
- Women's network

ADI COMMUNITY

Flutter Faro

Faro · since 2022 Leader Daniel Jorge



PURPOSE

Online and in-person community dedicated to Flutter events, part of the Flutter Meetup Network (128 groups, supported by Google).

MEMBER PROFILE

Developers and enthusiasts of technology and mobile development

ACTIVITIES

Flutter demos and events, workshops.

MEMBERS / REACH

125 members

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Mobile development
- Flutter / Dart
- Technology

ADI COMMUNITY

GDG Faro

Faro · since 2018 Leader Tiago Fernandes

PURPOSE

Google Developers Group Faro - a local developers group that energises the tech community in the Algarve, promoting knowledge sharing.

MEMBER PROFILE

Students, freelancers, professionals and tech enthusiasts

ACTIVITIES

Talks, meetups, workshops, Build with AI, DevFest, Hash Code.

MEMBERS / REACH

275 members

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Google technologies
- Android & Cloud
- AI

ADI COMMUNITY

GDG Lagos

Lagos · since 2022 Leader Lewis Grainger

Google Developer Group
Lagos

PURPOSE

Connect and educate members about the most relevant technologies on the market.

MEMBER PROFILE

Students, entrepreneurs and IT professionals

ACTIVITIES

Monthly gatherings.

MEMBERS / REACH

266 members

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Google technologies
- Technology
- Innovation

ADI COMMUNITY

Geek Girls Portugal - Faro

Faro (regional-national network) · since 2010 Leader Liliana Pereira – procura co-líder

PURPOSE

National network of women in technology, built from informal gatherings. It prioritises female participation while being open to all.

MEMBER PROFILE

Women in technology; professionals and students

ACTIVITIES

Meetups, workshops, mentoring, school events and an annual conference.

MEMBERS / REACH

4 members

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Women in tech
- Mentoring
- Technology

ADI COMMUNITY

Geek Sessions Faro

Faro · since 2010 Leader Penélope Gonçalves

PURPOSE

Algarve tech community that brings together enthusiasts, professionals and entrepreneurs to discuss digital product topics.

MEMBER PROFILE

Product engineers and designers (freelance and companies), students, entrepreneurs

ACTIVITIES

Meetballs at Ikea (weekly study group), Geek Talks, Fireside Chats and an annual conference.

MEMBERS / REACH

545 members

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Digital product
- AI
- Social & civic impact

ADI COMMUNITY

Impact Hackers

Faro · since 2024 Leader Lenz Gschwendtner



PURPOSE

Meet regularly to discuss social and civic impact and project ideas, building bridges between technology and local associations.

MEMBER PROFILE

People from tech and civic impact; teachers, researchers and students

ACTIVITIES

Social-impact hackathons in partnership with associations to solve concrete challenges.

MEMBERS / REACH

60 members

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Social & civic impact
- Hackathons
- Technology

ADI COMMUNITY

Lagos Digital Nomads

Lagos Leader Joana Glória - seeking a new leader



PURPOSE

Connect digital nomads, remote workers and locals in Lagos, creating an active and welcoming community.

MEMBER PROFILE

Digital nomads, remote workers and residents

ACTIVITIES

Regular meetups, networking sessions and social and coworking events.

MEMBERS / REACH

543 members

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Digital nomads
- Remote work
- Networking

ADI COMMUNITY

Lagos Remoters

Lagos · since 2024 Leader Anne-Marie Beurskens



PURPOSE

Bring people together to socialise, network and make new friends.

MEMBER PROFILE

Residents, digital nomads and remote workers

ACTIVITIES

Fortnightly meetups and, occasionally, sessions with speakers on specific topics.

MEMBERS / REACH

30 members

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Remote work
- Digital nomads
- Networking

ADI COMMUNITY

LOFT Community

Central and Eastern Algarve · since 2023 Leader Flor dos Reis



PURPOSE

Promote and support the remote-work lifestyle, building a dynamic and welcoming community in Central and Eastern Algarve.

MEMBER PROFILE

Remote professionals, freelancers and startup founders

ACTIVITIES

Coworking and afterworks, festivals and food gatherings, sport and outdoor activities.

MEMBERS / REACH

600 members

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Digital nomads
- Entrepreneurship & innovation
- Remote work

ADI COMMUNITY

Pears & Porches - Diginomads

Silves · since 2023 Leader Andres del Rio



PURPOSE

Community between Albufeira and Portimão that brings together expats and digital nomads.

MEMBER PROFILE

Expats and digital nomads

ACTIVITIES

Occasional tandem gatherings.

MEMBERS / REACH

5 members

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Expats
- Digital nomads
- Community

ADI COMMUNITY

Portimão Digital Nomads

Portimão · since 2021 Leader Manuela Defrancesco & Katherine Logan



PURPOSE

Connect remote workers, digital nomads and locals who live in or visit Portimão.

MEMBER PROFILE

Remote workers, freelancers, entrepreneurs and investors

ACTIVITIES

Fortnightly meetups, free educational seminars and volunteering with local organisations.

MEMBERS / REACH

350 members

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Digital nomads
- Remote work
- Entrepreneurship

ADI COMMUNITY

Tavira Works

Tavira · since 2023 Leader Brendon McCarthy

PURPOSE

Cultivate a community and culture of entrepreneurship and innovation in Tavira.

MEMBER PROFILE

Freelancers, startup founders and remote professionals

ACTIVITIES

Coworking meetups and entrepreneurship workshops.

MEMBERS / REACH

150 members

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Entrepreneurship & innovation
- Remote work
- Social & civic impact

ADI COMMUNITY

Walking Club Algarve

Algarve · 12 municipalities · since Mar. 2025 Leader Katarina Šokac



PURPOSE

Create opportunities for people to meet, socialise and network while staying active and exploring the Algarve's trails.

MEMBER PROFILE

Digital nomads, entrepreneurs, freelancers, remote workers and SMEs

ACTIVITIES

Weekly walks on Saturdays.

MEMBERS / REACH

360 members

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Digital nomads
- Remote work
- Health & offline

ADI COMMUNITY

Win Algarve

Lagoa · (regional-national network) since 2023 Leader Kamila Sitdwell

PURPOSE

Community of professional and global women in the Algarve - a trusted space for connection, growth and support.

MEMBER PROFILE

Female entrepreneurs, freelancers, remote workers and SMEs

ACTIVITIES

Workshops, celebrations, social events and networking.

MEMBERS / REACH

200 members

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Women's network
- Entrepreneurship & innovation
- AI & social impact

ADI COMMUNITY

WordPress Faro

Faro · Algarve · since 2025 Leader Ruben Martins



PURPOSE

Local community of WordPress users, designers, developers and enthusiasts in the Algarve, to share knowledge and strengthen the network.

MEMBER PROFILE

WordPress users, designers, developers and marketing teams

ACTIVITIES

Monthly events on development, design, content management, SEO and e-commerce.

MEMBERS / REACH

50 members

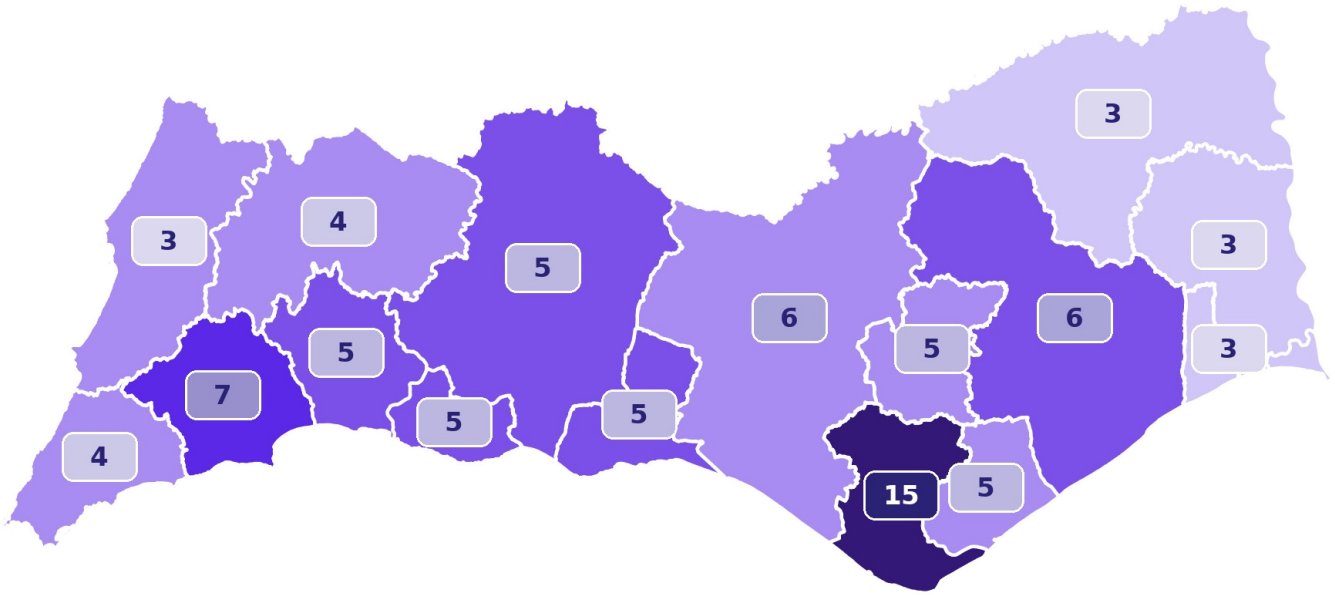
AREAS OF INTEREST

- WordPress & Web
- Entrepreneurship & innovation
- Technology & AI

THE NETWORK IN THE TERRITORY

Where the communities are active

Number of active communities per municipality - several communities are active in several municipalities (indicative shading; updated values highlighted).



15	Faro
7	Lagos
6	Loulé
6	Tavira
5	Albufeira
5	Lagoa
5	Olhão
5	Portimão
5	São Brás de Alportel
5	Silves
4	Monchique
4	Vila do Bispo
3	Alcoutim
3	Aljezur
3	Castro Marim
3	Vila Real de Sto. António

16 municipalities covered **24 communities**

THE NETWORK

One network, many communities

24	5.839	16	≈ 5
communities	members	municipalities	average years of activity

ADN Albufeira Digital Nomads	ABC Algarve Blockchain Community	AEN Algarve Evolution Network	AI Artificial Intelligence Algarve
CoI Colagos	CC Cowork & Coffee Club	FT Financial Thinking	FF Flutter Faro
GF GDG Faro	GL GDG Lagos	GG Geek Girls Portugal - Faro	GS Geek Sessions Faro
IH Impact Hackers	LDN Lagos Digital Nomads	LR Lagos Remoters	LO LOFT Community
PP Pears & Porches - Diginomads	PDN Portimão Digital Nomads	TW Tavira Works	WIN Win Algarve
WP Wordpress Algarve	WC Walking Club Algarve	FA Faro Em Ação	AIA Algarve AI Agents

SESSION EVALUATION

Your opinion matters!

Your opinion is very important to us. Help us improve the network's initiatives: answering is quick (just 2 minutes) and anonymous.

Your feedback will help Algarve Evolution prepare even better projects for the region.



Evaluation Questionnaire · 2 min

Point your phone camera at the QR code and answer the questionnaire.

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The Network's Communities

24 communities of innovation, entrepreneurship and digital talent in the Algarve

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NEXT STEP • SAVE THE DATE

23 September 2026

ADI Network Meetings

2:00 pm Network of Consultants, Mentors and Investors

5:00 pm Network of ADI Community Leaders