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NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR SMART TERRITORIES (ENTI)

Resolution of the Council of Ministers no. 176/2023, of December 18

As part of the digital transition and sustainable and inclusive development objectives, the Government approved the National Strategy for Smart Territories ("ENTI") for the period between 2023 and 2030 by means of the Resolution of the Council of Ministers no. 176/2023 of December 18.

Based on a holistic vision of the transformation of territories that encompasses strategic initiatives at the level of governance, society, mobility, the environment, quality of life and the smart economy, the strategic objectives for Smart Cities¹ are:

- ✓ Fostering sustainable territories that promote climate action with a focus on citizens' quality of life;
- ✓ Increase multilevel collaboration and interoperability;
- ✓ Fostering a competitive economy leveraged by digital technologies;
- ✓ Facilitate access to information and good practices through a Smart Territories Portal;
- ✓ Promoting leadership, talent and skills in Smart Territories;

- ✓ To be an international benchmark in Smart City infrastructure, data and services.

Given the complementarity between local and national action, the Resolution of the Council of Ministers makes 31 recommendations to Local Authorities and Intermunicipal Communities / Metropolitan Areas, so that they can be integrated into their respective local plans.

This law establishes a general coordination structure (ECG), which will monitor and evaluate the implementation of the ENTI, an advisory council, a strategic coordination structure (ECE), a technical support and monitoring structure (EATA) and a territorial action structure (EAT), the latter with local and regional representation.

ENTI, whose implementation will be ensured through local, regional and national funding, Portugal2030, IAT and the Recovery and Resilience Plan, will be monitored in relation to indicators such as smart buildings, resource management, sustainable urban planning, efficient transport and multimodal access, online services, inclusion, civic space, culture and well-being, smart crime prevention and civil protection and health.

¹ According to the European Committee of the Regions, in Opinion 2020/C 39/17 of 05/02/2020, "a smart city is a place where traditional networks and services are made more efficient with the use of digital and telecommunication technologies for the benefit of its inhabitants and businesses".

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