



PRESS RELEASE

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Plataforma Salvar o Tua demands the political groups to stop the construction of the Foz Tua dam

Plataforma Salvar o Tua has alerted the political parties with seat in the Portuguese Parliament about the gross and irreversible damages that the construction of the Foz Tua dam will cause to this region, asking for the involvement of the parties to the protection of the Tua Valley

Plataforma Salvar o Tua, according to the petition law, was called to an audition with the **Portuguese Parliamentarian Commission of the Environment, Planning and Local Administration**, concerning the petition 274/XII-2^a-Manifest for the Tua Valley <http://www.peticaopublica.com/PeticaoVer.aspx?pi=MValeTua> that collected, at this point, 5.996 signatures demanding to stop the damages currently on going caused by the construction works of the Foz Tua dam.

The Manifest for the Tua Valley was made public on the International Day of Monuments and Sites by several civil society organizations namely the associated organisations of the Plataforma Salvar o Tua. The manifest was subscribed by several notorious public figures from Portugal and it shows the general perception of the obvious mistake committed by EDP on the construction of the Foz Tua dam.

This petition was brought upon by the acknowledgement of all the social, economic and environmental consequences of the construction of the Foz Tua dam. The petition alerts that the continuation of the construction works will cause huge irreversible damages, in particular, it will increase the depopulation in the region already impoverished, and the destruction of priceless heritage assets of high touristic potential, namely the Tua Valley and the Railway Line.

The parliament hearing provided a good moment to remind about the urgency to stop immediately the construction of the Foz Tua dam! It's 30 times less expensive to stop the dam now than to let it to go on to pay after the costs of an expensive electricity resulting of a useless construction, damaging the public interest.

Attached goes the manifest and the petition wording brought before the Portuguese parliamentary committee.



The PLATAFORMA SALVAR O TUA is an association for the protection of the environment founded by nine environmental associations and a wine company. The body members are:

- AAVT – ASSOCIAÇÃO DOS AMIGOS DO VALE DO TUA
 - ALDEIA – ACÇÃO, LIBERDADE, DESENVOLVIMENTO, EDUCAÇÃO, INVESTIGAÇÃO, AMBIENTE
 - GEOTA – GRUPO DE ESTUDOS DE ORDENAMENTO DO TERRITÓRIO E AMBIENTE
 - LPN – LIGA PARA A PROTEÇÃO DA NATUREZA
 - SPEA – SOCIEDADE PORTUGUESA PARA O ESTUDO DAS AVES
 - QUERCUS – ASSOCIAÇÃO NACIONAL DE CONSERVAÇÃO DA NATUREZA
 - COAGRET – COORDENADORA DE AFECTADOS PELAS GRANDES BARRAGENS E TRANSVAZES
 - FAPAS – FUNDO PARA A PROTEÇÃO DOS ANIMAIS SELVAGENS
 - GAIA – GRUPO DE ACÇÃO E INTERVENÇÃO AMBIENTAL
 - QUINTA DOS MURÇAS
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