



PRESS RELEASE

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Wine producers and expropriated landowners together “To Save the Tua”

On January 24th and 25th

WINE PRODUCERS OF ALTO DOURO AND TRÁS-OS-MONTES AND EXPROPRIATED LANDOWNERS AS RESULT OF THE FOZ TUA DAM GET TOGETHER TO STOP THE DAM

On January 24th will be held a meeting at the Comissão Vitivinícola dos Vinhos Verdes, in Oporto, with the members of Associação dos Comerciantes e Industriais de Bebidas Espirituosas e Vinhos, organised by the PLATAFORMA SALVAR O TUA.

This meeting will be held from 11.30 am until 01.00 pm and the producers from the Douro will participate, as well as technical associations, like ADVID, which has a deep knowledge of the region, and works on sustainability and biodiversity.

This meeting has the purpose of raising awareness of the producers and the local experts regarding the serious situation resulting of the beginning of the construction works of the Foz Tua dam, and mobilize wine producers to stop urgently the works.

The people from Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro will have the opportunity to meet on January 25th with the members of the initiative “Lawyers for the Tua” which will provide legal advice to all the people concerned.

PLATAFORMA SALVAR O TUA has taken an injunction to stop immediately the construction works of the dam. This organization has also taken a legal action in order to cancel the concession contract between the Portuguese State and EDP.

The lawyers movement named “Lawyers for the Tua” have provided the representation of the PLATAFORMA SALVAR O TUA.

The purpose of the campaign “Save the Tua” is to raise public awareness about the environmental, social and economic costs of the dam, bringing into evidence the lack of reasonable explanation for the destruction of the Tua Valley, part of the Portuguese heritage and identity.



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
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