

CS number: 18 - Ervidel floodplain

Case study cluster: small streams and basins

Country: Portugal

Scientific partner: Instituto Superior de Agronomia, Universidade de Lisboa

Implementation partner: Empresa de Desenvolvimento e Infraestruturas do Alqueva, S.A.

Twinning case study: CS13 Sorraia floodplain: similar approaches on riparian restoration

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## **Demonstration**

- → Type of restoration: -
- → Size: floodplain: 337.71 km²; catchment scale: 24.79 km²
- → Location(s): Barranco do Xacafre
- → Value of the case: riparian rehabilitation (underwood clearing), planting of native species, sowing of flowering fields, pollinator hotels
- → Stakeholders involved: farmers of the irrigation valley
- → Sectors involved: agricultural sector (farmers and land owners)
- → Innovations being applied: -

## Implementation plans

- → Type of restoration: riparian rehabilitation (planting of native species and weed control), habitat enhancement with nature-based solution structures for pollinators and key-species predators (bats, birds, spiders, carabids), installation of shelter boxes for bats, sowing flower fields and installation of hotels for insect pollinators
- → Size: approx. 30 ha
- → **Scope:** to develop a prototype of ecoscheme contract for irrigation farmland, a monitoring protocol to evaluate restoration efficacy and to propose indicators for agro-environmental certification
- → Vicinity: rural (Mediterranean floodplain valleys dominated by intensive agriculture and super-intensive olive groves)
- → Stakeholders to involve: agricultural sector (farmers and land owners)
- → Innovations to be applied: -





