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Inova-Ria promotes Conference dedicated to **Digital Communities.**



Under the scope of the Portuguese HUB ICT Project, funded by COMPETE 2020, Portugal 2020, and FEDER UE, developed in cooperation with Fraunhofer Portugal, the Inverse Mission took place between May 2nd and 4th. The mission focused on establishing contact with institutions and companies that develop innovative technology applied to Digital Communities. During the mission, we visited the Ecosystem of technological innovation in the Aveiro region, which allowed us to learn about relevant entities, their initiatives, solutions, and real-life applications of technology in Smart Cities.

The Conference "Meeting of Digital Communities" took place on May 3, 2023, in Águeda and featured a panel of national and international speakers. The event aimed to discuss themes such as "Governance of Communities," "Education, Creativity, and Technology," "Digital Rights," and "Mobility of People and Bits," bringing together speakers and experts from Portugal, Europe, and Brazil. The following foreign entities were present at the event: GAIA, CyBasque, secpho, Txorierrri Politekniko Center, Sofia Knowledge City Cluster, APIDNA, Absolute Systems, Paralax, BDCC, Amsterdam SmartCity, Smart Flanders, Smart Docklands, and innovativeSofia.

Notable companies such as Altice Labs, PCI, University of Aveiro, Wavecom, Instituto de Telecomunicações, Lightenjin, Globaltronic, and Municipality of Vagos were also highlighted in the mission.

The event featured the following speakers: Frans-Anton Vermast (Amsterdam SmartCity) Ronald Hermans (Smart Flanders) Jokin Garatea (BDCC Basque District of Culture and Creativity), António Carvalho e Silva Neto (Prefeitura de Maceió), Claudia Bailey (Smart Docklands) and Velko Velvok (Sofia Municipally/innovativeSofia).