



Leiria – POLIS Program – One strategy for the city

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Abstract

Leiria is located at the center of a vast area of municipalities with urban characteristics, and is the largest and most populous city of the whole coast between Lisboa and Coimbra. Its urban growth, especially during the 80's and 90's, caused a significant supply of new construction.

In recent years, the Municipality of Leiria has defined as strategic priority the accessibility and mobility for all, by implementing a set of actions: overcoming urban and architectural barriers, setting better conditions for walking and cycling, controlling illegal parking and urban requalification programs.

The major importance of the "Programa Polis" in the urban renewal of Leiria, operated between 2001 and 2007, was crucial to create new public spaces, for the valuing of the riverfront, restructuring the road network and also improving the image of the city.