



NETTAG+ Final Event

Vila do Conde & Póvoa de Varzim (Portugal)

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The NETTAG+ project's Final Event will take place in Vila do Conde and Póvoa de Varzim, in northwest Portugal, on 14-15 of April 2026. The event will be organised as a two-day programme combining a scientific workshop with a stakeholder-oriented demonstration day. Its objective is to disseminate and demonstrate the social and technological solutions developed within NETTAG+ to address the adverse impacts of litter originating from fisheries, while also fostering exchange and dialogue among key stakeholder groups. The event will bring together managers, policymakers, representatives of the fisheries sector, the scientific community, and a broader audience, as well as other EU-funded and related initiatives working on similar challenges, with the aim of sharing experiences, building synergies, strengthening networks, and contributing to a lasting legacy beyond the project's lifetime.

14 April | Scientific Workshop

Location: Auditório Municipal de Vila do Conde, Portugal

Address: Praça da República, 4480-754 Vila do Conde

The first day will consist of a one-day scientific workshop structured around the three NETTAG+ solution pillars – PREVENT, AVOID, and MITIGATE. The workshop is primarily aimed at researchers, policymakers, and representatives of EU-funded and related projects addressing marine litter and fisheries-related impacts. Each session will combine presentations of NETTAG+ results with contributions from at least one external project, with the objective of fostering synergies, exchanging lessons learned, and discussing future pathways for the prevention and mitigation of marine litter from fisheries.

15 April | Demonstration of NETTAG+ solutions

Location: APMSHM headquarters, Portugal

Address: Zona Portuária - Molhe Norte Apart. 142, 4494-909 Póvoa de Varzim

The second day will be a stakeholder-oriented demonstration event focused on disseminating NETTAG+ outputs to a broad audience, including fisheries organisations, public authorities, policymakers, NGOs, and other relevant actors. Key activities will include at-sea demonstrations of NETTAG+ technological solutions, such as the MyGearTag system and associated robotic technologies developed to locate and recover fishing gear in case of loss, as well as technologies for detecting and mapping ALDFG (Abandoned, Lost or otherwise Discarded Fishing Gear). Complementary on-land activities will showcase additional project outputs, including educational video games, the NETTAG+ virtual reality experience, policy briefs, and project videos. These activities are designed to enable direct interaction with project results and to facilitate dialogue between project partners and stakeholders.



Agenda

Scientific Workshop (14 April 2026)

Venue: Auditório Municipal de Vila do Conde

10:00 | WELCOME COFFEE & REGISTRATION

10:30 | OPENING SESSION

- Board of CIIMAR
- NETTAG+ Coordinator

11:00 | KEYNOTE SPEAKER

- Professor Mike Elliott (University of Hull)

11:30 | PANEL 1 – PREVENT SOLUTIONS (1h30)

- Free LitterAt project - Marisa Fernández (CETMAR)
- Participation of fishers in the NETTAG+ project - Stefania Campogianni (WWF Med)
- Litter Management at Ports - Cristina Pita (University of Aveiro)
- Fisher Reward Program - Gill Ainsworth (University of Santiago Compostela)

PANEL 1 DISCUSSION

13:00 | LUNCH BREAK

14:30 | PANEL 2 – AVOID SOLUTIONS (1h30)

- SEARCULAR project - Oihane Cabezas (AZTI)
- Acoustic technology to reduce gear loss and bycatch - Jeff Neasham (UNEW)
- IRIS - autonomous location and recovery - Alfredo Martins (INESC TEC)

PANEL 2 DISCUSSION

16:00 | PANEL 3 – MITIGATE SOLUTIONS (1h30)

- SeaClear2.0 project - Stefan Sosnowski (TUM)
- New tools for ALDFG detection - Alfredo Martins (INESC TEC)
- Potential of fishing gear to release MPs and hazardous agents - Sabrina Rodrigues (CIIMAR)

PANEL 3 DISCUSSION

17:30 | CLOSING & SOCIAL GATHERING



Demonstration of NETTAG+ solutions (15 April 2026)

Venue: APMSHM (Zona Portuária - Molhe Norte Apart. 142, 4494-909 Póvoa de Varzim)

10:00 | REGISTRATION

OPENING SESSION

NETTAG+ project

PROJECT DEMONSTRATIONS

LIVE DEMONSTRATION OF TECHNOLOGICAL SOLUTIONS - onboard a fishing vessel

13:00 | LUNCH BREAK



Venue and travel information

Venue

Vila do Conde and **Póvoa do Varzim** are neighbouring coastal towns in northwest Portugal, both with a strong maritime identity and long-standing fishing traditions.

14 April | Scientific Workshop

The scientific workshop will take place at the **Auditório Municipal de Vila do Conde**, located in the historic centre of Vila do Conde.



Address:

Auditório Municipal de Vila do Conde

Praça da República, 4480-754 Vila do Conde

15 April | Demonstration of NETTAG+ solutions

The demonstration event will be held at the facilities of **APMSHM** in Póvoa de Varzim, with direct access to the sea for at-sea demonstrations.



Address:

Associação Pró-Maior Segurança dos Homens do Mar (APMSHM)

Zona Portuária - Molhe Norte Apart. 142,
4494-909 Póvoa de Varzim



How to Get to Vila do Conde / Póvoa de Varzim

The nearest international airport is **Francisco Sá Carneiro Airport (Porto Airport)**, located approximately 21 km from Vila do Conde and 27 km from Póvoa de Varzim.

From Porto International Airport

1. By metro (Metro do Porto)

At the airport metro station (“Aeroporto”), purchase a Z3 ticket from the ticket machines. Take the **Line E (Purple)** towards “Trindade” or “Estádio do Dragão” and exit at “Verdes” (approximately 4 minutes). Change to the **Line B (Red)** towards “Póvoa de Varzim”. To reach Vila do Conde, exit at “Santa Clara” or “Vila do Conde” (approximately 24 minutes). To reach Póvoa de Varzim, exit at “São Brás” or “Póvoa de Varzim” (approximately 32 minutes).

Both town centres are within walking distance of the respective metro stations. For your convenience, check the metro system map [here](#) and plan your trip using the Metro do Porto website (<https://en.metrodoporto.pt/pages/391>).



2. By car (rental or taxi)

Vila do Conde (approximately 21 km) and Póvoa de Varzim (approximately 27 km) are both easily accessible from the airport via the A28 highway or N13, with a typical travel time of 20-30 minutes

depending on traffic conditions. Car rental services are available directly at the airport. Taxi fares generally range between €24-€31 for Vila do Conde and €28-€35 for Póvoa de Varzim, with possible surcharges during weekends, public holidays, and night-time hours. Ride-hailing services such as Uber and Bolt also operate in the area and usually cost around €10-€20, although prices may vary depending on demand and time of travel.

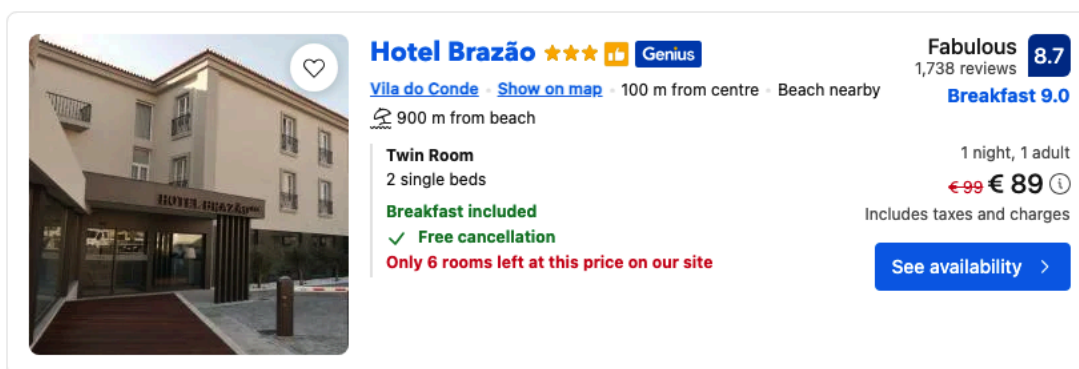
Accommodation in Vila do Conde

Participants are encouraged to stay at Vila do Conde, as a bus service will be provided on the second day to move from Vila do Conde to APMSHM headquarters for the demonstration event.

Vila do Conde

Hotel Brazão

400 m | 6 minutes walk to Auditório Municipal de Vila do Conde



Hotel Brazão ★★☆☆ Genius
Vila do Conde [Show on map](#) · 100 m from centre · Beach nearby
900 m from beach

Twin Room
2 single beds
Breakfast included
✓ **Free cancellation**
Only 6 rooms left at this price on our site

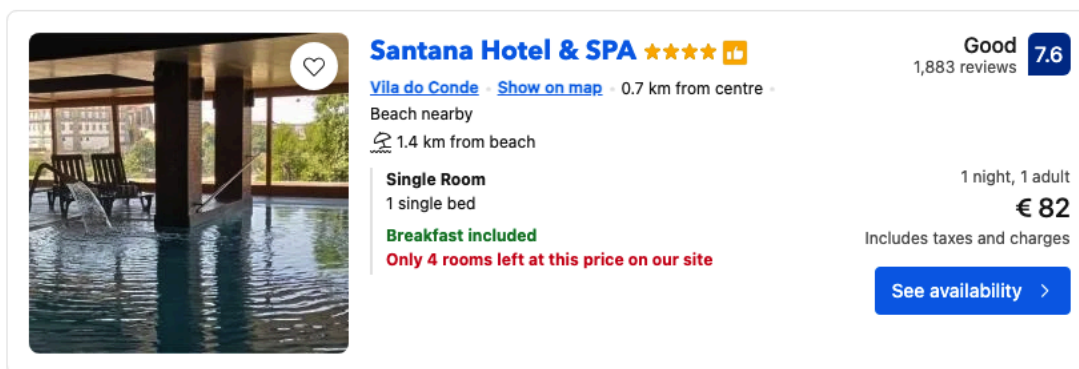
Fabulous 8.7
1,738 reviews
Breakfast 9.0

1 night, 1 adult
~~€99~~ **€89** ⓘ
Includes taxes and charges

[See availability >](#)

Santana Hotel & SPA

750 m | 10 minutes walk to Auditório Municipal de Vila do Conde



Santana Hotel & SPA ★★★★★

Vila do Conde [Show on map](#) · 0.7 km from centre
Beach nearby
1.4 km from beach

Single Room
1 single bed
Breakfast included
Only 4 rooms left at this price on our site

Good 7.6
1,883 reviews

1 night, 1 adult
€82
Includes taxes and charges

[See availability >](#)



Villa C Boutique Hotel

900 m | 12 minutes walk to Auditório Municipal de Vila do Conde



Villa C Boutique Hotel ★★★★★ Genius
Vila do Conde [Show on map](#) · 0.9 km from centre ·
Beach nearby
 900 m from beach

Twin Room
2 single beds
Breakfast included

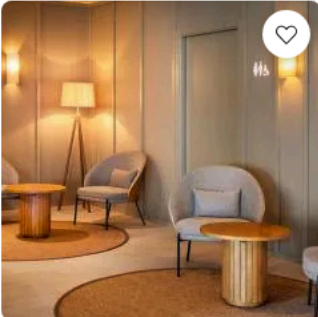
Very good 8.5
1,138 reviews

1 night, 1 adult
~~€ 135~~ **€ 122** ⓘ
Includes taxes and charges

[See availability >](#)

B&B Hotel Vila do Conde

1.3 km | 18 minutes walk to Auditório Municipal de Vila do Conde



B&B HOTEL Vila do Conde ★★★ Genius
Vila do Conde [Show on map](#) · 0.8 km from centre ·
Beach nearby
 1 km from beach

Double Room
1 large double bed
Breakfast included

Fabulous 8.7
2,615 reviews

1 night, 1 adult
€ 77
Includes taxes and charges

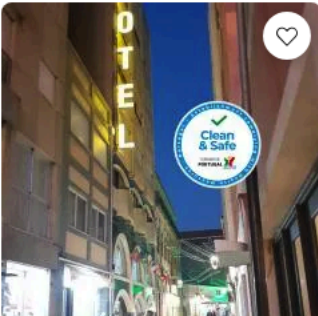
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Póvoa de Varzim

Luso Brasileiro

4.5 km from Auditório Municipal de Vila do Conde

550 m | 8 min walk to APMSHM headquarters



Luso Brasileiro ★★ Genius
Póvoa de Varzim [Show on map](#) · 0.6 km from centre ·
Beach nearby
 250 m from beach

Twin Room
2 single beds
Breakfast included
Only 2 rooms left at this price on our site

Very good 8.1
1,903 reviews
Location 9.4

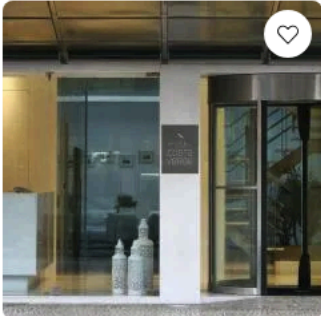
1 night, 1 adult
€ 53
Includes taxes and charges

[See availability >](#)

Hotel Costa Verde

5 km from Auditório Municipal de Vila do Conde

1.3 km | 18 min walk to APMSHM headquarters



Hotel Costa Verde ★★

Póvoa de Varzim · [Show on map](#) · 1.2 km from centre

Beach nearby

🏖️ 250 m from beach

Single Room
Beds: 1 double or 2 singles

Breakfast included

Only 2 rooms left at this price on our site

Superb 9.0
2,863 reviews

Location 9.4

1 night, 1 adult
€ 57

Includes taxes and charges

[See availability >](#)

Axis Vermar Conference & Beach Hotel

5.6 km from Auditório Municipal de Vila do Conde

2.9 km from APMSHM headquarters



Axis Vermar Conference & Beach Hotel

★★★★★ **Genius**

Póvoa de Varzim · [Show on map](#) · 1.7 km from centre

🏖️ Beachfront

Double Room with City View
1 double bed

Breakfast included

Only 5 rooms left at this price on our site

Very good 8.0
2,569 reviews

1 night, 1 adult
~~€ 98~~ **€ 89** ⓘ

Includes taxes and charges

[See availability >](#)

