

MANIFESTO FOR SUSTAINABILITY



Manifesto for Sustainability and for the Building of a better tomorrow!

The Construction and Real Estate sector, in Portugal, is responsible for 17.4% of GDP and 50.5% of investment at national level, still representing 600 thousand jobs. At European level, this sector is also important in the European economy, since it generates almost 10% of GDP and is responsible for 20 million jobs, namely in micro and small companies.

This sector is also a major consumer of intermediate products (raw materials, chemicals, electrical and electronic equipment, etc.) and related services. Given its economic importance, the performance of the Construction sector plays a major role in building societies and the future of communities and can significantly influence the development of the global economy.

The quality of construction works also has a direct impact on the quality of life for all citizens. Equally important is the fact that the energy performance of buildings and the effective management of resources in the production, transport and use of products for the construction of buildings and infrastructure, have a significant impact on energy, climate change and the environment.

In this respect, we can affirm that the **application of the principles of circular economy, the efficiency of the resources involved**, as well as the **maintenance of the material and immaterial heritage** (knowledge, processes and organization) of the companies in this sector are essential to guarantee the sustainability and the ability to endure and maintain a place in local and global value chains. Global sustainability depends on concerted actions, promoted and supported by Governments, and the maintenance of organizations in the sector, demultiplying and directing effort and resources towards creating value.

WITH GREAT POWER COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY

Casais is a group with more than 60 years of existence that, in two decades, managed to move from the 35th position of the national ranking of engineering and construction companies to the middle of the table of the national top 5. With a transition from the second to the third generation, and with consolidated management bodies and processes, we look to the future with the vision of continuing to be a **reference of solidity and knowledge**. Managing with **mastery and innovation, privileging strategic partnerships and new markets**, based on a culture of excellence and sustainability. We are the group with the largest integrated capacity for the building sector. We believe that our future is based on three cornerstones:

1. Produce value by creating built assets for our clients and the group through integration and industrial efficiency;
2. Develop and preserve a community of people who follow our business;
3. Bet on knowledge and strategic partnerships.

We believe that these cornerstones are built and developed based on the circular economy, an integrated approach along the entire value chain and through greater resource efficiency in the sector. For this reason, we have been making concerted efforts on several fronts and aligned with the standards and good practices issued by the European Union (EU), disclosed in its most recent [Circular Economy Principles for Buildings Design](#) document, and with the Sustainable Development Goals, established by the General Assembly of the United Nations.

We are driven by initiatives that guarantee the development of the value chain, seeking that investments promote and reinforce sustainability in the **Environmental, Social and Governance** (ESG) dimensions.

We are aware that our organization also has a role in leading global sustainability, demultiplying and directing effort and resources towards creating value, so we reinforce our action with objectives that guide this purpose.

OUR GOALS └

ON THE SUSTAINABILITY ROUTE └

TOGETHER WE BUILD A BETTER TOMORROW

In the ENVIRONMENTAL dimension └

In the SOCIAL dimension └

In the MANAGEMENT dimension └

WE ARE A FORCE FOR GOOD!

“Made In Portugal” └