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+WATER EFFICIENCY SUPPORT LINE ALGARVE

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Following the recognition of the alert situation in the Algarve region due to drought, a set of measures aimed at rationalising the use of the respective water resources and reducing consumption was approved, comprising measures applicable to the tourism sector.

In particular, the **Save Water** label was created, which is awarded when companies carrying out tourism activities sign up to the Commitment to Water Efficiency and adopt a set of measures to rationalise water use with an aim to efficient and conscious management.

In this context, **Ministerial Order no. 140/2024/1 of 4 April created the + Water Efficiency Support Line Algarve**: a line of support for investment in the implementation of water efficiency measures by companies carrying out tourism activities in the Algarve.

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The aim of the **+Water Efficiency Support Line** is to support investment in measures to improve water efficiency by micro, small and medium-sized enterprises ("**SME**") certified as such, which carry out tourism activities in the Algarve, with the following activity codes:

- 551 - Hotel establishments
- 55202 - Rural tourism
- 55300 - Camping and caravan sites

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The granting of access to this line of support will be subject to the fulfilment of certain eligibility conditions - on the one hand, of the beneficiary entities themselves and, on the other, of the respective projects.

In particular, beneficiary organisations will be required to meet the following eligibility conditions:

- Licensing of the respective establishments to carry out the relevant activity;
- Positive net worth and regularised tax and contributory status before the tax authorities, Social Security and the Turismo de Portugal, I. P.;
- Not having been the subject of and/or convicted under the type of proceedings listed in the applicable legislation;
- Adherence to the Tourism 360° Companies Programme of Turismo de Portugal, I. P.;
- Assumption of the water efficiency commitment associated with obtaining the **Save Water** label.

In addition, the fulfilment of certain eligibility conditions for the respective projects will be required, namely:

- It has not been started by the time the application is submitted;
- The aim is to realise an investment with an eligible expenditure value equal to or greater than 10 thousand euros;
- Have a maximum implementation period of 12 months from the date of notification of the favourable decision, with the deadline of the 31st of December 2025;
- Be duly aligned with the action plan for implementing the measures associated with the Save Water label.

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The amount available to finance operations under this line of support is 10 million euros and will be covered exclusively by Turismo de Portugal, I. P.'s own revenue, through its management balance.

The incentive rate will correspond to 50 % of eligible expenses – as defined in the applicable legislation – with a maximum limit of 50 thousand euros per company, subject to verification of the existence of a de minimis ceiling on the date of the decision.

