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PRESS RELEASE

Intermunicipal Community of the West launches international project for the implementation of policies for Gender Equality and Reconciliation of Professional, Family and Personal Life

On the 29th of January, the Oeste + Igual Project was launched. The launch session was held virtually and was attended by the Commission for Citizenship and Gender Equality (Program Operator), the Center for Gender and Equality (Norwegian Partner), the Executive Secretary and technical team of OesteCIM, as well as Mayors and Municipal Technicians of the 12 Municipalities of the West.

The Oeste + Igual Project aims to be a pilot project for the implementation of effective local and regional policies in the areas of Gender Equality and Reconciliation of Professional, Family and Personal Life in the 12 municipalities in the West Region. With an expected duration of 25 months, the creation of a West Observatory is planned in order to permanently monitor the evolution of the collected data and the implementation of measures to overcome the identified gaps, supporting the decision-making process of public managers.

The kick-off meeting of the Project was opened by Dr. Paulo Simões, Executive Secretary of OesteCIM, who reiterated the desire for this to be a reference pilot project. Åsta Einstabland (CGE) underlined the importance of gender equality and family reconciliation for a smart economy, setting the Norwegian example and its indicators.

This was followed by Dra. Rita Silva (CIG) Operator of the Program, who identified equality between men and women as one of the major challenges facing Portugal. Thus, she underlined the value of the Oeste + Igual Project to respond to this challenge.

The project is financed by the EEA Grants under Open Call # 5 - Projects to promote equality between women and men at the local level, under the Conciliation and Gender Equality Program, with a total cost of 249 857.74 euros, of which the component financed by the EEA Grants is EUR 249 857.74.

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