



## "Ecovia do Litoral" to start on 4th March

Construction is to begin on the "Ecovia do Litoral" (Coastline Eco-road), stretching 214 kilometres between Vila Real de Santo António and Sagres.

The ceremony of the laying of the first stone will take place at 11.00hrs on 4th March at Cabo de São Vicente and counts on the presence of the Secretary of State for Ordination of the Territory, João Ferrão, as well as the President of the Municipal Council of Vila do Bispo, Gilberto Viegas, and the President of the Junta Metropolitana do Algarve, Marário Correia.

The Algarvian eco-roads - ecological roads integrated in the European network of Green Roads to stimulate the use of non-motorised transports - should be in operation within two years.

The four environmentally friendly roads are called "Ecovia do Litoral" (Coastline Eco-road), "Ecovia do Interior Algarvio" (Eco-road of the Algarvian Interior), "Ecovia do Guadiana" (Eco-road of the Guadiana) and "Ecovia da Costa Vicentina" (Eco-road of the Vicentina Coast).

The object is to grant to the region an infrastructure associated with the trilogy of communication, leisure and sport.

The estimated investment for the construction of the "Ecovia do Litoral" is three million euros.

The investment is co-financed by the Interreg III A Programme, Operational Programme of the Algarve, Programme of Public Investments and Touristic Interest for the Algarve (PIPITAL) and funds from the local authorities.

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