

## PRESS RELEASE

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### VINCI Airports continues to roll out its reforestation programme with new projects in Portugal

- Launch of two new forestry projects around Porto Santo and Faro airports
- Positive impact in the area, in partnership with forestry experts and local authorities
- Pushing ahead with the forestry programme that VINCI Airports started in Lyon in June 2021



Photos: VINCI Airports teams contributing to tree planting campaigns in Tavira forest and on Porto Santo island

VINCI Airports, via its subsidiary ANA, which holds the concessions for Portugal's 10 airports, recently launched two new reforestation projects near Faro airport in Algarve and Porto Santo airport in the archipelago of Madeira. These new projects were designed with and for their local area, and in partnership with regional authorities and the country's leading forestry experts. They are part of the global reforestation programme that VINCI Airports set in motion last June at Lyon-Saint Exupéry airport with the Rhône departmental council and the French National Forest Office (ONF).

On Portugal's southern coast, about 20 kilometres from Faro airport, VINCI Airports will take part in work to restore Tavira forest, which was damaged by the wildfires in Algarve last summer. The project will last 30 years and is being carried out with the Algarve region's coordination and development commission, Tavira city council, the national association for the conservation of nature (Quercus) and the Institute for Nature Conservation and Forests. Some 2,500 cork oaks, carobs, holm oaks and junipers will be planted between now and the end of the year.

On Porto Santo, alongside the Madeira regional government and the Institute for Nature Conservation and Forests, VINCI Airports will take part in the reforestation and upkeep of the island's woodlands by reintroducing more than 1,000 trees over the next five years. Besides having a positive effect on biodiversity, this initiative will improve water resource management in this fragile environment.

Nicolas Notebaert, Chief Executive Officer of VINCI Concessions and Chairman of VINCI Airports, stated: *"VINCI Airports is becoming involved in reforestation in all the geographies where we operate. Forests are not just our allies in efforts to help decarbonise mobility: they are also fantastic reservoirs of biodiversity. Protecting fauna and flora goes hand in hand with promoting informed and sustainable tourism, especially in these beautiful parts of Portugal where we are starting our new projects today."*

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VINCI Airports, the leading private airport operator in the world, manages 45 airports in 12 countries in Europe, Asia and the Americas. We harness our expertise as a comprehensive integrator to develop, finance, build and operate airports, while leveraging our investment capability and expertise in optimising operational performance, modernising infrastructure and driving environmental transition. VINCI Airports became the first airport operator to start rolling out an international environmental strategy, in 2016, with a view to achieving net zero emissions throughout its network by 2050.

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