

OECD SECOND MISSION TO NORTE OF PORTUGAL

PROJECT: HELPING REGIONS ADAPT TO DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE

[30 March – 1 April 2026]

AGENDA

Mission Objectives

This second mission aims to present and discuss the OECD's preliminary analysis and policy directions with stakeholders, and to co-create concrete and feasible actions to support regional adaptation to demographic change. Each workshop would begin with an OECD presentation, followed by structured feedback and discussion focusing on the relevance, clarity and feasibility of the proposed policy avenues, as well as on possible implementation pathways.

All policy workshops will be moderated by the OECD team.

MONDAY 30 MARCH

Venue: CCDR Norte – Porto

14:00 – 14:30

INTRODUCTORY MEETING

Objective: confirm mission objectives and sequencing; clarify expected outputs from workshops; align on format and moderation.

Participants: OECD team; CCDR Norte coordination team, eventual presence of the CCDR Norte President.

15:00 – 17:00

POLICY WORKSHOP 1 - EDUCATION AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE

Objective: assess how demographic change affects the education network and explore sustainable territorial responses.

Participants: representatives from CCDR Norte; national public education authorities and agencies; higher education institutions (universities and polytechnics); associations representing school leadership and vocational education providers; local and intermunicipal authorities; and academic experts.

TUESDAY 31 MARCH

Venue: CCDR Norte – Porto

10:00 – 13:00

POLICY WORKSHOP 2 – GOVERNANCE AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE

Objective: assess how governance structures and fiscal arrangements can support adaptation to demographic change.

- **Peer Review Session – International Governance Responses to Demographic Change**

Presentation by an expert from the French Direction Générale des Collectivités Locales (DGCL), focusing on regional investment coordination, State–Region Planning Contracts, multi-level governance arrangements, and key lessons for territorial adaptation.

- **Multi-Level Governance and Subnational Finance**

OECD presentation, followed by structured stakeholder feedback and a discussion on feasible actions and reform pathways.

Participants: Representatives from CCDR Norte; national public authorities responsible for territorial development and local governance; local and intermunicipal authorities; and academic experts.

14:30 – 16:30

POLICY WORKSHOP 3 - HEALTH SERVICES AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE

Objective: discuss sustainability and territorial organisation of health services in the context of population ageing and uneven demographic distribution.

Participants: representatives of CCDR Norte; national health authorities; professional medical associations; health innovation cluster; Local Health Unit managers; and local municipalities.

17:00 – 18:30

POLICY WORKSHOP 4 - CHILDCARE AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE

Objective: examine how demographic trends affect childcare demand; territorial coverage; and family retention strategies.

Participants: representatives of CCDR Norte, public authorities responsible for child protection and social services; research and academic institutions, national organizations in the social and solidarity sector, charitable and welfare institutions; and local municipalities.

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL

Venue: CCDR Norte – Porto

10:00 – 12:00

POLICY WORKSHOP 5 - LAND USE AND HOUSING AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE

Objective: discuss spatial planning and housing responses to demographic change.

OECD Head of Division introductory remarks on leveraging land-use and housing to adapt to demographic change.

OECD presentation, followed by structured stakeholder feedback and a discussion on feasible actions and reform pathways.

Participants: representatives of CCDR Norte, national housing and urban policy authorities; local and intermunicipal authorities; construction and engineering associations; professional bodies representing engineers; private sector and academic experts.

12:30 – 13:00

WRAP-UP MEETING

Discussion of insights gained during the mission and overview of next steps.

Participants: OECD team; CCDR Norte coordination team, eventual presence of the CCDR Norte President.

LOGISTICS

Simultaneous interpreting (EN-PT) during the workshops to be provided by CCDR Norte

Lunches and coffee breaks to be provided by CCDR Norte