



TERRA AGORA

FOUNDATION

Charter of Principles for Guardians

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What We Do (In One Sentence)

Fundação Terra Agora secures strategic land in perpetuity and entrusts it to local Guardians, creating long-term ecological and social resilience through independent governance and place-based stewardship.

Why This Matters for Portuguese Corporates

(Even when carbon sequestration and offsets are excluded)

Portugal faces converging risks that directly affect business continuity: water stress, wildfire, soil degradation, rural decline, and biodiversity loss. These are **systemic risks**, not reputational ones — and they cannot be solved through short-term CSR or carbon accounting alone.

Fundação Terra Agora addresses these risks by **stabilising the land systems and communities on which the economy ultimately depends**, without requiring companies to own land or manage projects.

The Corporate Value Proposition

1. Risk Reduction in Core Operating Contexts

Terra Agora foundation strengthens **water systems, soils, biodiversity, and rural viability** upstream of corporate operations.

Value: Reduced exposure to supply-chain disruption, fire risk, and community instability — without operational burden.

2. A Credible Alternative to Greenwashing-Sensitive ESG

As carbon markets and offset claims face increasing scrutiny, FTA focuses on **verifiable, place-based outcomes**:

- ecological integrity
- social cohesion
- long-term land care

Value: ESG substance grounded in real assets and governance, not volatile metrics.

3. Alignment with Emerging EU Regulation

EU frameworks (CSRD, biodiversity disclosure, Nature Restoration Law) are moving **beyond carbon** toward:

- nature dependencies
- ecosystem resilience
- long-term stewardship



FTA already operates at this level.

Value: Early alignment with next-generation compliance and reporting expectations.

4. Reputational Depth Through Stewardship, Not Sponsorship

FTA explicitly prevents:

- naming rights over land
- donor or corporate influence on land use
- branding capture

Value: Reputation built on seriousness, restraint, and credibility — qualities increasingly valued by regulators, talent, and society.

5. Meaningful Employee Engagement

FTA enables:

- learning journeys into regenerative landscapes
- leadership development around systems thinking and stewardship
- long-term relationships with place (not one-off volunteering)

Value: Authentic purpose and engagement without “CSR theatre.”

6. Contribution to National Resilience

FTA addresses issues Portugal must solve anyway: land fragmentation, wildfire risk, rural abandonment, and ecosystem decline.

Value: Stronger social licence to operate through contribution to public-benefit infrastructure, not private agendas.

How It Works (Simple Pathway)

1. Land is secured in perpetuity

Placed into the Foundation so it cannot be sold or fragmented.

2. Capital enters a governed structure

Through flexible or targeted funding pathways.

3. Local Guardians steward the land

Under long-term agreements linking care to outcomes.



4. **Independent governance ensures accountability**

Ecological, social, and financial oversight across time.

What We Guarantee

- **Perpetual protection** of strategic landscapes
- **Independent governance** that prevents capture or influence
- **Clear accountability** across ecological, social, and cultural outcomes

The Core Message

Fundação Terra Agora allows companies to strengthen the ecological and social foundations of Portugal through permanent land stewardship — without greenwashing, and without operational complexity.