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HISTORIC CENTRE OF PORTO, LUIZ I BRIDGE
AND MONASTERY OF SERRA DO PILAR

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THE HISTORIC CENTRE



Identification of Porto's Historic Centre, boundary of the area on the UNESCO World Heritage List
Source: Porto Vivo, SRU (2020)

LOCATION

Country **Portugal**

City **Porto**

Population

Metropolitan area **1.7 million**

City of Porto **231.962**

HCP-WH **5.095**
(INE 2011)

Site

HCP-WH area **51 ha**

Buffer zone **186 ha**

Date of inscription **1996**

Criteria **iv**

Number of buildings **1762 (2021)**

WORLD HERITAGE LIST (1996)

IV Criteria (to be an outstanding example of a type of building, architectural or technological ensemble or landscape which illustrates (a) significant stage(s) in human history) - Cultural criteria

The Committee decided to inscribe the nominated property on the basis of cultural criterion (iv) considering that the site

*is of outstanding universal value as the urban fabric and its many **historic buildings** bear remarkable testimony to the **development over the past thousand years** of a European city that looks outward to the west for its **cultural and commercial links**.*



WORLD HERITAGE LIST (1996)

Integrity

- **51 ha property** are located all the elements necessary to express the Outstanding Universal Value of the Historic Centre of Oporto, Luiz I Bridge and Monastery of Serra do Pilar, including the urban fabric and historic buildings
- **186 ha buffer zone**

Authenticity

- The authenticity [...] is absolute in terms of its **location and setting, forms and designs, and materials and substances**. The property illustrates over a thousand years of continuous settlement, with successive interventions each leaving their imprints [...] the existing **urban fabric and the built characteristics, monumental or not, the landscape, and its scenic importance**.

Source: UNESCO, <https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/755/>



Inscribed area on the World Heritage List

- Primitive wall
- Fernandine wall
- Limits of the inscribed area on the World Heritage List
- Automatic Protection area around the National Monument (under National Legislation)
- Buffer zone

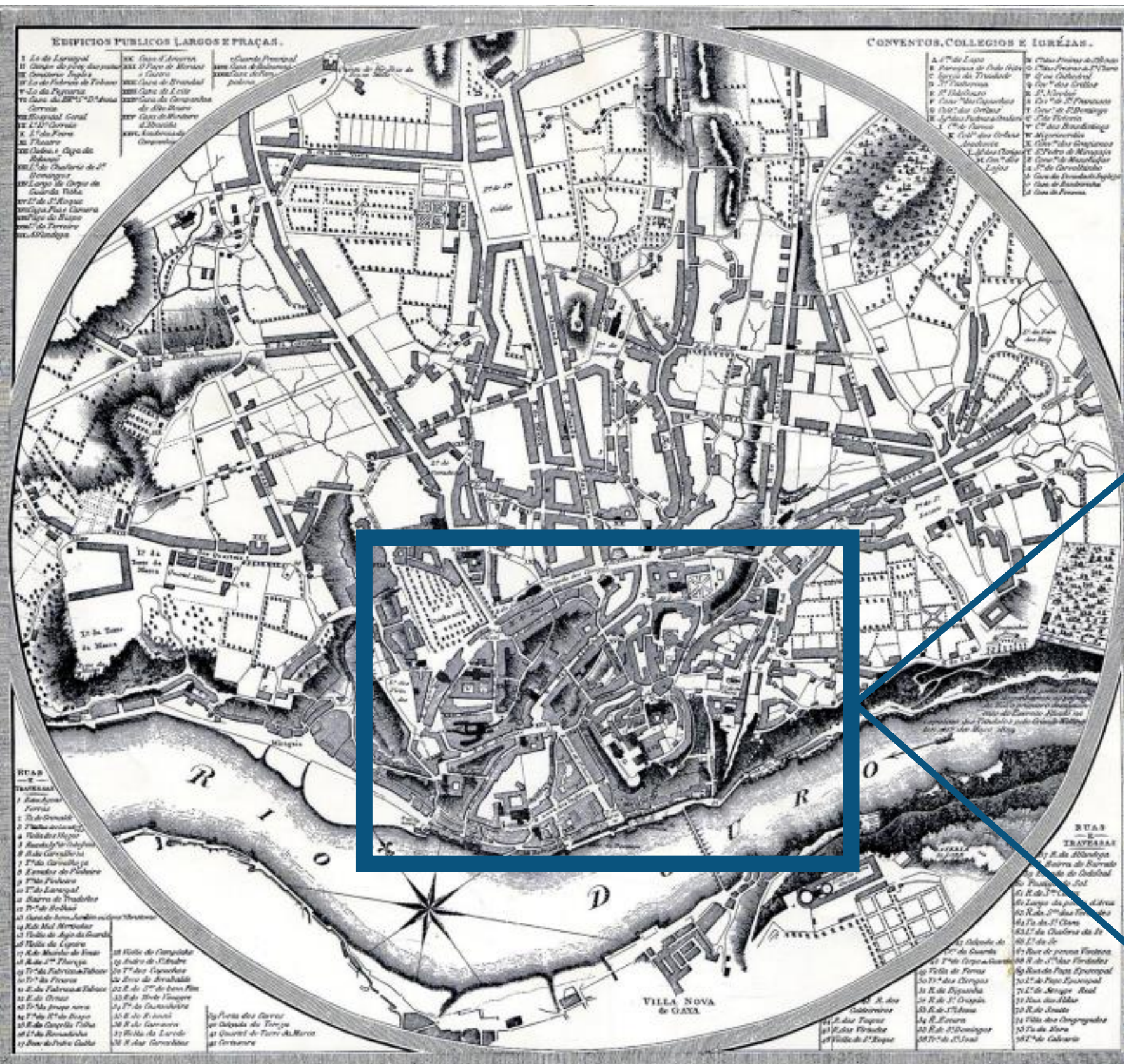
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Attributes

- Archaeological values
- **Urban fabric** - testimony of the different historical periods, through the architecture of its monuments and other buildings
- **The adaptive value of civil architecture**
- **A lively and active local community**
- Urban rehabilitation processes
- **The scenic value of the urban and river landscape**

Source: PORTO VIVO SRU, Management and Sustainability Plan of Centre Historic of Porto, Luiz I Bridge and Monastery of Serra do Pilar, <https://portovivosru.pt/centro-historico-do-porto-patrimonio-mundial/plano-de-gestao-e-monotorizacao>





EXPLORING THE HISTORIC CENTRE

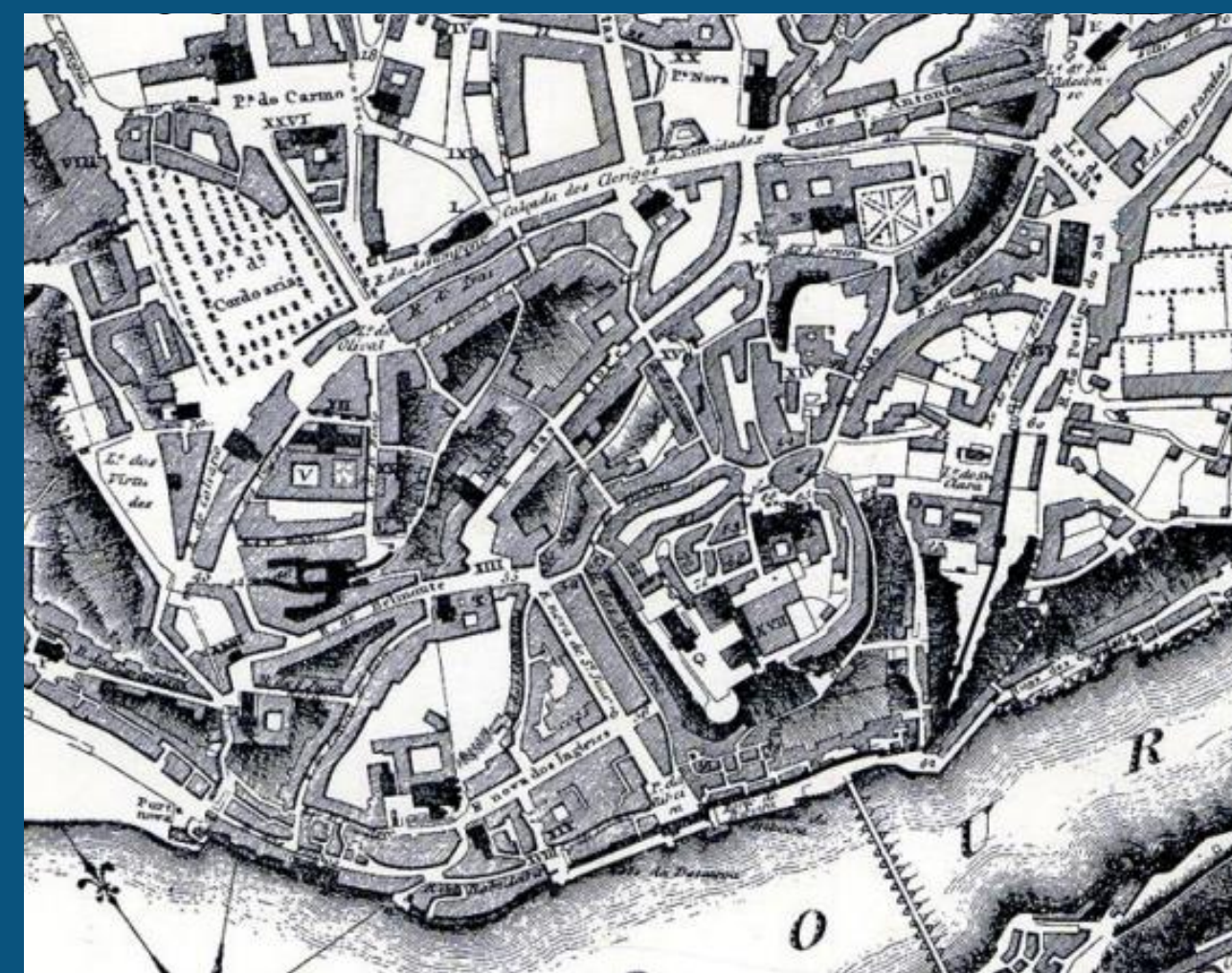


Image 2: Round map of Porto, George Balck, 1813

Source: AHMP, PT-CMP-AM/COL/CDTA/D.CDT.B2.1

BIRTHPLACE OF PORTO'S DEVELOPMENT

- From the medieval period onwards
- **Upper part of the city** (defense strategy)
 - Primitive wall
 - Religious actors
- **Near the river**
 - Commercial activities
 - Social gatherings
- The city expanded a lot only in two centuries – new defensive wall



Porto, c. 1500

BIRTHPLACE OF PORTO'S DEVELOPMENT

- The heart of the Historical Centre – the city expanded around it
- **Upper part of the city**
- Construction took place between the 12th and 13th centuries – **various changes over time**
 - **Granite** structure
 - Romanesque, Gothic, Mannerism and Baroque



Image 3: Cathedral, Morro da Penaventosa

Source: UNESCO, <https://whc.unesco.org/en/list/755/gallery/&index=25&maxrows=12>



Souto Street

LANDSCAPE PHYSIOGNOMY AND PLACES OF PRACTICE

*Characteristics of Porto's
landscape*



Flores and Caldeireiros Street

Chapel of Nossa Senhora da Silva (Caldeireiros Street,
number 104)



SMALL BALCONIES,
TILES, WROUGHT
IRON AND
DEVOTION



Clérigos Tower

CLÉRIGOS STREET AND TOWER

Source: *Jornal Referência*, Filipa Albergaria, 2019



Entourage of Queima das Fitas, 2019



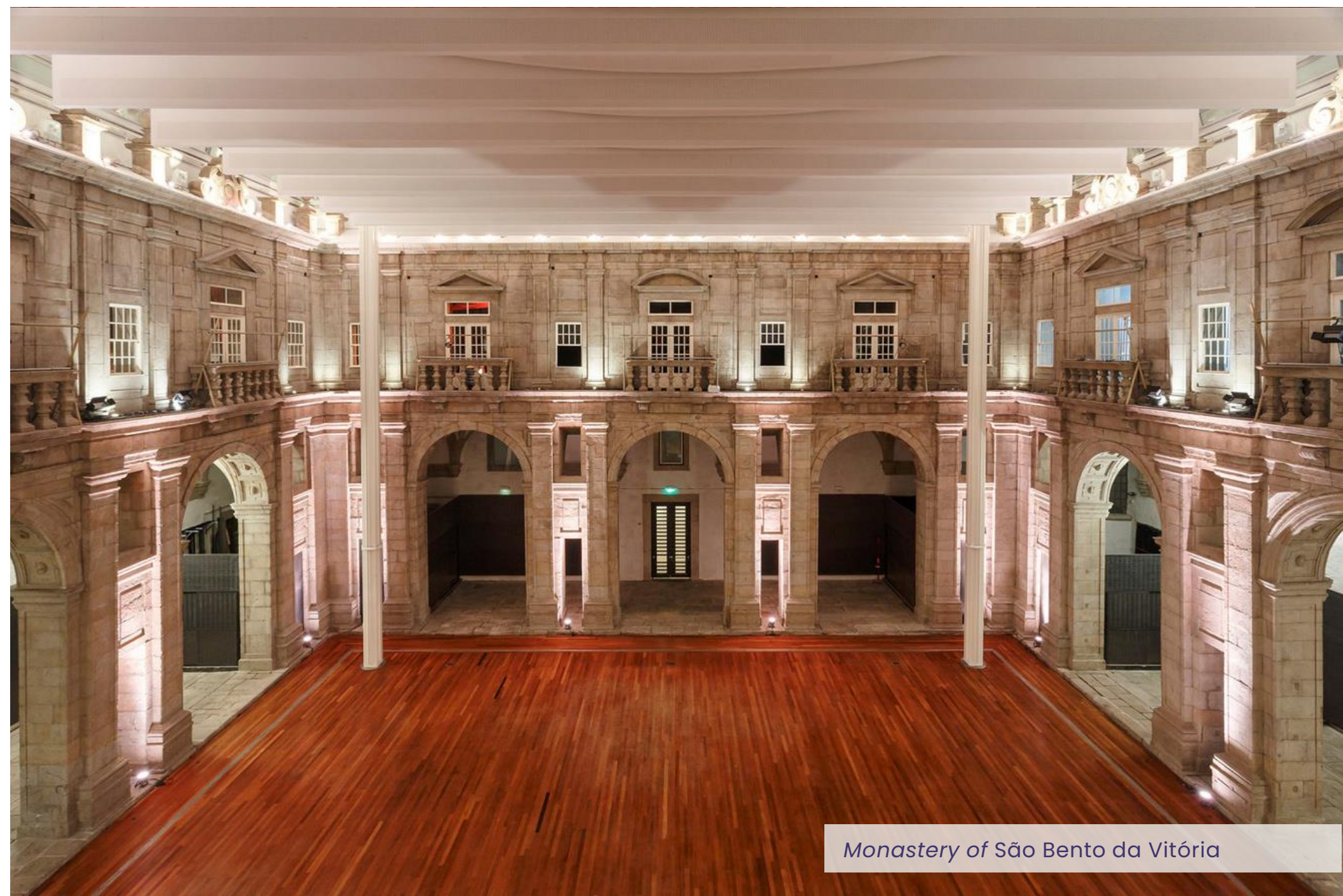


São Miguel Street and the Church of Nossa Senhora da Vitória



ADAPTING SPACES

Source: Teatro Nacional de São João, <https://www.tnsj.pt/pt/edificios/mosteiro-de-sao-bento-da-vitoria>



Monastery of São Bento da Vitória



Porto.



Viewpoint of Vitória/Miradouro da Vitória



Monastery of Serra do Pilar

Source: Direção Regional de Cultura do Norte, <https://bilheteira.patrimoniocultural.gov.pt/pt/monument/9>



19TH CENTURY

- Civil War (1832-1834) - liberal stronghold during the conflicts between them and absolutists
- Iron architecture - shaped by one of Gustave Eiffel's colleagues (Théophile Seyrig, Léopold Valentin)



Luiz I Bridge

Source: UNESCO, https://whc.unesco.org/uploads/thumbs/site_0755_0013-1000-665-20151104161521.jpg

PROTECTING AND STRENGTHENING THE RESIDENTIAL FUNCTION OF THE CITY'S HISTORIC CENTERS (Brussels)

Québec Roadmap: Towards a New Urban Project (2022-2024)

2nd Appendix - *The city is made for **living**, which means living there, **working** there, **socializing** there, **growing** there, **forming** a community there, and **opening** up to others.*



Balancing the city's functions

Before 1996

- *CRUARB (Comissariado para a Renovação Urbana da Área de Ribeira/Barredo)* - Porto city council
- Rehabilitation of damaged structures



21th century

- **New challenges** - Management and Sustainability Plan of Centre Historic of Porto, Luiz I Bridge and Monastery of Serra do Pilar

PROTECTING AND STRENGTHENING THE RESIDENTIAL FUNCTION OF THE CITY'S HISTORIC CENTERS

Management and Sustainability Plan of Historic Centre of Porto, Luiz I Bridge and Monastery of Serra do Pilar (2021) - Strategic axes and measures

Four strategic axes

- *Heritage;*
- **Population, housing and communities**
- *The economy;*
- *The environment and mobility*

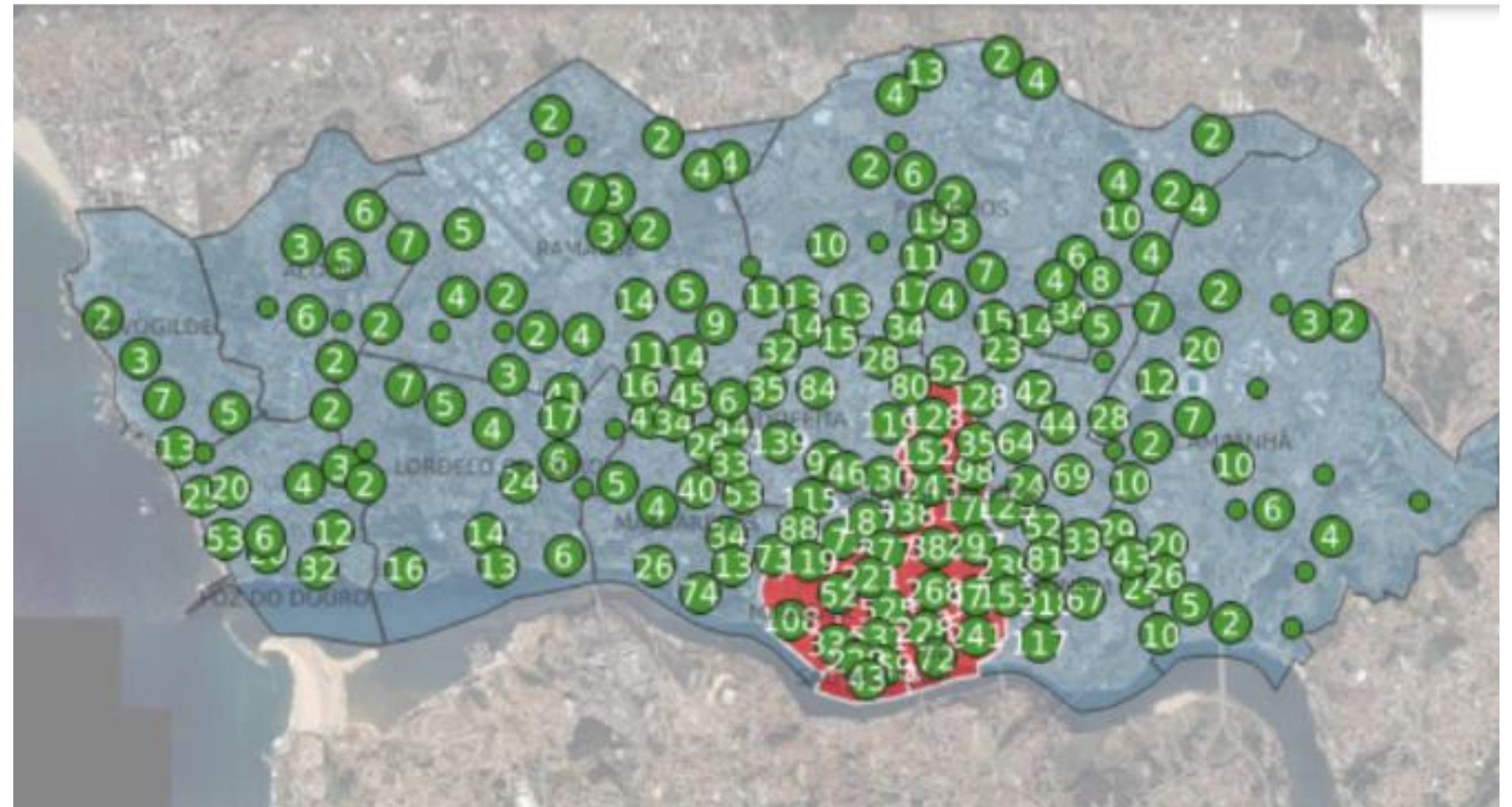
Measures

- **Conservation and rehabilitation of housing stock**
- **Developing a housing offer aimed at families who living in the HCP in precarious situations**
 - *Indicators - No. of buildings rehabilitated and No. of families rehoused*
 - *Stakeholders - PV SRU + CMP + DomusSocial*

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Management and Sustainability Plan of Centre Historic of Porto, Luiz I Bridge and Monastery of Serra do Pilar (2021) - New challenges

- Pandemic with global repercussions on the economy and society
- **Population loss** in HCP - a trend that has also affected the entire city of Porto - despite the 688 buildings rehabilitated between 2010 and 2019
 - Migration trend of Porto residents to neighboring municipalities
 - **Government housing policies** are needed for adapting local policies
- **Pressure in HCP** - commerce, services, hotels and local accommodation are important for the cosmopolitanism of the city - **however** - it must be sustainable and inclusive
- **Loss of the authenticity**, both in community and in heritage



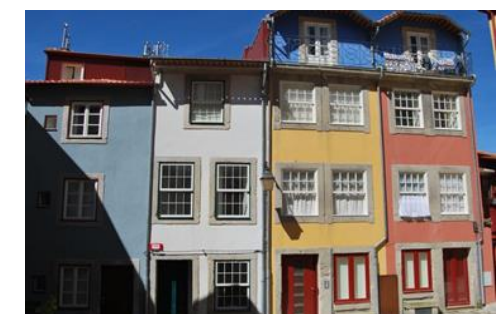
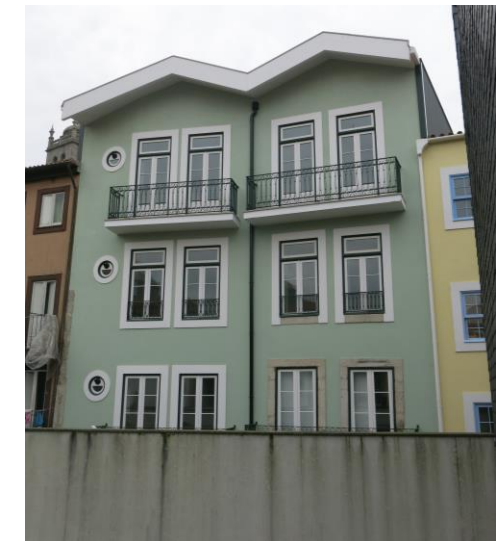
Local accommodation in the district of Porto, <https://portalgeo.cm-porto.pt/arcgis/apps/sites/#/mapas-do-porto/apps/dc30038a15164beda6e6c24418365419>

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Management and Sustainability Plan of Centre Historic of Porto, Luiz I Bridge and Monastery of Serra do Pilar (2021) – New challenges

Measures implemented and in progress:

- Rehabilitation of buildings in the HCP by Porto Vivo for long-term rental (58 completed; 14 under construction)
- Rehabilitation of buildings by the City Council with social rents;
- City Council has exercised the right of pre-emption in transactions;
- Classification and protection of historic shops;
- Reduced car park fees for residents;
- Specific regulations for tourist transport;
- New regulations for night-time entertainment (*Movida*) in the city centre;
- Porto Municipal Tourist Tax
- Seasonal tourist iPoint



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Measures implemented and in progress:

- Minimising the impact of rising rents on the housing market - the Municipality of Porto has been developing support programmes in addition to social renting.
 - *Porto com Sentido Programme*: Boosting the supply of affordable rental housing - giving middle-class families access to properties at below-market prices in all parishes in the municipality of Porto.
 - Signing agreements to publicise properties that are expected to be in short supply, making the rental contract conditional on the identification of a tenant interested in subletting.

CMP
Domus Social

365

Families in social rental housing
in the HCP

Affordable Rent
Programme

66

Houses
Rented in the HCP

Porto com Sentido

73

Houses
(in the city)

PROTECTING AND STRENGTHENING THE RESIDENTIAL FUNCTION OF THE CITY'S HISTORIC CENTERS

An opportunity, a challenge

The HCP is a living heritage, cultural and touristic product, appealing to residents and visitors, that is regenerating through greater sensitivity to its patrimonial values. If we achieve a balance between tourists and inhabitants, investment and daily life, the city will be able to keep its sociocultural authenticity. The challenge and the key is to achieve that balance and protect the Outstanding Universal Value and legate it to future generations.



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