

VOLUNTARY LOCAL REVIEW





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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We live in a world in constant transformation, marked by global challenges that are also reflected at the local level. Climate change, social inequalities, demographic challenges, the digital transition, and sustainability are emerging issues present everywhere — and Odemira is no exception.

Aware that global transformation requires local action, it is within this context that the United Nations' 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) take on strategic importance. In Odemira, we believe that the response to these global challenges begins with people — our first priority, whether it be the internal teams of the Municipality,

those who are part of the associative or business sectors, or all the residents of Odemira, who motivate us daily to strive toward building a fairer, more resilient, and more sustainable territory.

Integrating the SDGs into decision-making and action processes at the municipal level can be challenging. It necessarily involves adapting the process to the local context and making decisions that range from defining the strategic approach to establishing mechanisms for implementation and monitoring. Hence the importance of developing the Voluntary Local Review (VLR). This roadmap will make it possible to assess the current situation and the

progress achieved in implementing the SDGs within the Municipality and across the entire region.

From the beginning, we have been committed to ensuring that this process is effective, participatory, and co-created with all stakeholders and the people of Odemira. We believe that our VLR is an essential tool for understanding and envisioning our territory.

We count on everyone to help promote the well-being of all in Odemira — for a sustainable territory.



Odemira's VLR is a strategic document that reflects the Municipality's commitment to the UN 2030 Agenda SDGs. This executive summary provides an overview of the initiative, its objectives, impacts, and benefits for the region. Odemira recognizes the importance of adopting sustainable strategies to address social, economic, and environmental challenges. The VLR documents local progress in implementing the SDGs, demonstrating transparency and commitment to a more sustainable future.

This SDG localization project aims to: monitor and evaluate the implementation of the SDGs in the local context; engage the community and stakeholders in building sustainable solutions; strengthen

public policies aligned with the 2030 Agenda; and promote Odemira's international visibility as an example of sustainability and innovation.

Considering the three dimensions of Sustainable Development, this VLR will serve as a roadmap to enhance social inclusion and improve citizens' quality of life, advance measures for ecological preservation and climate change mitigation, and foster economic growth based on shared prosperity.

The Odemira Voluntary Local Review highlights the Municipality's role in building a fairer, more inclusive, and sustainable future. Its implementation is expected to have a significant positive impact on citizens' quality of life and regional development.

Since the Municipality of Odemira formally adopted the SDGs as a development strategy, it was proposed that all strategic documents incorporate Sustainable Development as a working foundation. Partners have been considered from the outset as "players" in this infinite game of Sustainable Development, responsible for driving the SDGs in Odemira, starting with civil society, academia, local businesses, and later expanding to the internationalization of this process.

The VLR enables the Municipality of Odemira to present and assess progress made in implementing the 2030 Agenda, including compliance with the 17 SDGs.

