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## PANEL DISCUSSION 2:

“INTERNATIONAL PRACTICES, EXPERIENCES, AND SUCCESS STORIES FROM ADVERSITY TO CLUSTERING”



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- Alentejo – Portugal



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## Alentejo Region

- Dimensions: 27.272 square kilometres (29.6% of the country)
- Population: 520.834 (5.1% of the country)
- The region is subdivided into 4 intermunicipal communities (NUTS 3 regions):
  - Alentejo Litoral
  - Alentejo Central
  - Alto Alentejo
  - Baixo Alentejo





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- Alentejo – strategic location for investment in Aeronautics

## Key Milestones

- 2008: Beja International Airport inaugurated
- 2010s: Investment in the Évora Aeronautical Industrial Park begins, attracting key players like Embraer and Mecachrome
- 2016: AED Cluster Portugal is established, uniting companies, research institutions, and academia
- 2017: Signature of the Cooperation Protocol for the Development of the Aeronautical Sector in the Alentejo Region

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### Numbers and perspectives

- Over 2,000 skilled professionals employed in the Alentejo aerospace sector.
- Over 50 companies operating in the aerospace cluster
- Aligned with Portugal's Smart Specialization Strategy (EREI), focusing on innovation and sustainable growth

### Future

- Projected growth of 10% in employment by 2025.
- Attracting further investment in R&D and advanced manufacturing.
- Positioning Alentejo as a leader in sustainable aviation technologies.

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## See you next year in Alentejo!



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More than just aerospace, the Alentejo cluster is a testament to the power of regional collaboration and strategic vision to drive

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economic growth and innovation.





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