

## SUPPORT LETTER TO THE NOMINATION OF

# PALMELA

## CREATIVE CITY OF MUSIC

The Portuguese Commission for UNESCO hereby supports the nomination of Palmela as Creative City of Music in the context of UNESCO Creative Cities Network Programme.

Palmela is a city in the Lisbon Metropolitan Area where culture, and particularly music, has always been part of daily life of a significant part of the population. The community actively participates in philharmonic societies, folk dance and Cante groups, and the periodic performances of the bagpipers, combining traditional and new repertoires, welcoming new musicians every year, mobilise hundreds of people in street fests and fundraising initiatives.

Nowadays, music is particularly important within the local development strategy of Palmela in terms of formal and non-formal education, social integration, musical creation, public performance and recording studios. This creative sector significantly contributes to the local investment, the creation of sustainable jobs, and tourism.

This capacity to plan the future encompassing shared traditions has allowed Palmela to achieve a sustainable development based in Music, which has benefited both its citizens and those who visit the city. The Portuguese Commission for UNESCO is therefore glad to support the city's nomination as Creative City of Music.

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The President



José Filipe Moraes Cabral  
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