

BOTTOM-UP PERSPECTIVE IN VET - PORTUGAL

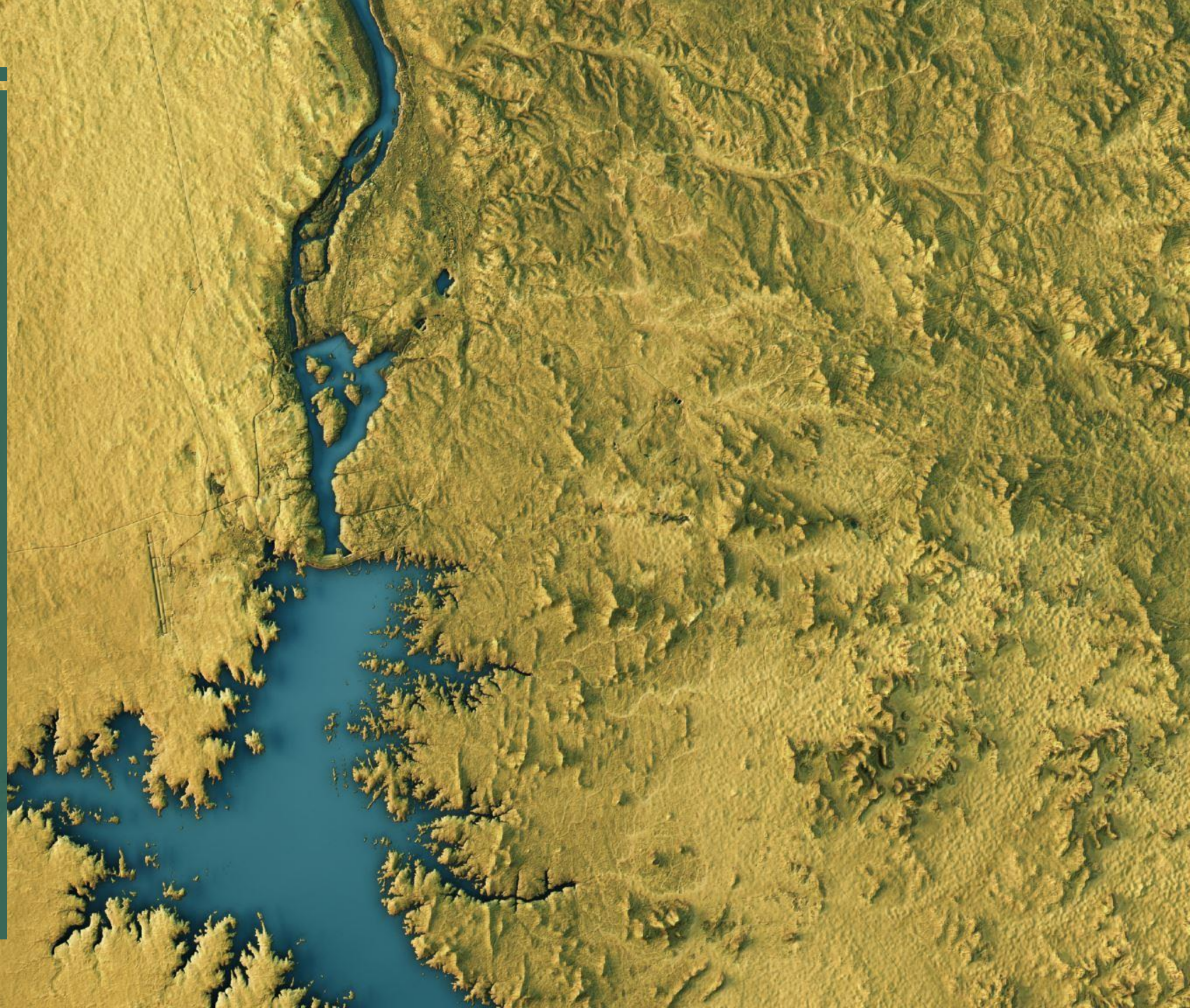


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SUMMARY

- What (brief description of PT QA landscape)
- Why (rationale for implementing PT QN)
- When (timeline)
- Where (online/our national scope)
- Who (our QN – general overview)
- How (include training and other activities)
- The future of PT QN

WHAT
(BRIEF DESCRIPTION
OF PT QA
LANDSCAPE)



NATIONAL SCENARIO

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- VET is a shared responsibility between the **Ministry of Education** and the **Ministry of Labour** (and related bodies)
 - Make it difficult to implement one single mechanism to be used by all different types of VET providers and include all variety of VET provision.

MAIN BODIES INVOLVED AT SYSTEM AND PROVIDER LEVELS

System level		
ID	Name	Government/dependence on
DGERT	General Directorate for Employment and Industrial Relations	Ministry of Labour
ANQEP, I.P.	National Agency for Qualification and Vocational Education	Ministry of Labour and Ministry of Education, in coordination with the Ministry of Economics
DGEstE	The Ministry of Education, through DGEstE - the Directorate-General for Schools certifies public schools and teachers	Ministry of Education
IEFP	Institute for Employment and Vocational Training	Ministry of Labor, Solidarity and Social Security
Sectoral institutions	public Regulate the provision of specific courses for regulated professions	Depends on...
Providers levels		
They have their quality certified according to the above-mentioned certification systems (depending on the VET provision offered) many have other quality management systems in place (ISO9001 being the most popular).		

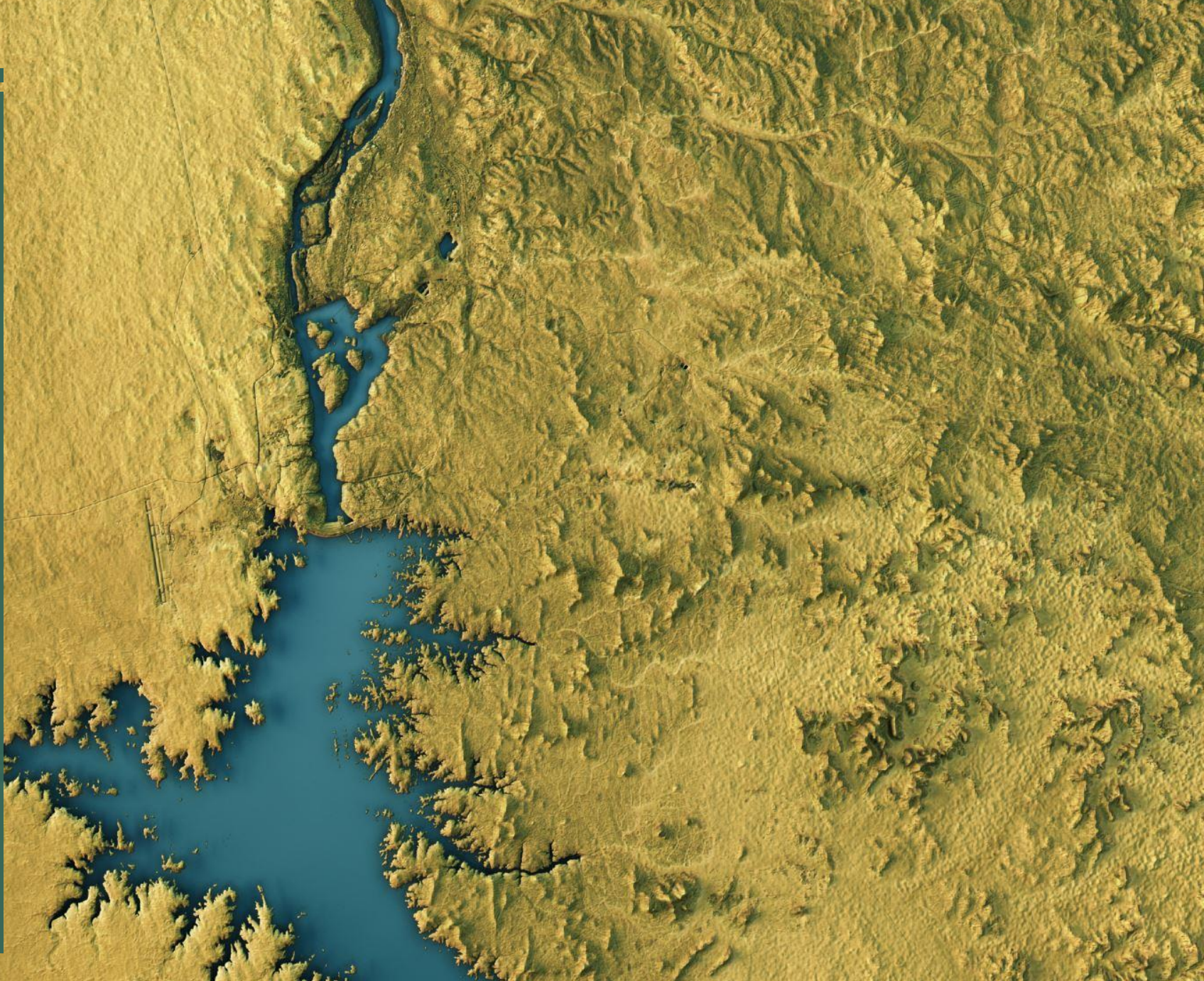
M&E TOOLS FOR GRADUATE TRACKING – SYSTEM LEVEL (PT)

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- National EQAVET model requires data collection by the VET providers on the EQAVET indicators 5 and 6.
 - Certification process run by DGERT includes a certification dimension “Results analysis, post-training evaluation and continuous improvement” that points out for the need to VET providers to track graduate pathways after the end of the training.
 - Monitoring developed within the scope of the ESF Operational Programs, but considered to be “*fragmented and incomplete*” (OECD, 2021).
 - Some DGEEC - Directorate-General for Education and Science Statistics studies/reports that follow the transition between secondary and higher education in a limited period of time **BUT** do not include the entire VET offer.
 - IEFP being able to cross information with Social Security data (not following the complete graduate tracking).

INITIATIVES AND PROJECTS SUPPORTING QUALITY ASSURANCE IN PORTUGAL (MAPPING PRACTICES)

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- ISO 9001 certification
 - DGERT Certification
 - The national EQAVET model developed by ANQEP
 - The work carried out in the area of quality assurance in training by DGERT and ANQEP
 - Qualifica Centers (QC) monitoring and reporting tools
 - Two important national and European forums for sharing and cooperation:
 - REFERNET, coordinated in Portugal by DGERT
 - the European cooperation network EQAVET (ANQEP is currently the National Reference Point; DGERT has an active participation over the years)

WHY
(RATIONALE FOR
IMPLEMENTING PT
QN)



IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY – NEEDS ANALYSIS

- ❑ Fragmented QA mechanisms in place in QC
- ❑ Need for more learning opportunities and good practices sharing in QA
- ❑ Peer Review methodology promotes a QA mechanism, fostering the cooperation between stakeholders in VET and providing an opportunity for mutual learning and professional growth
- ❑ Weak development of a feedback loop logic



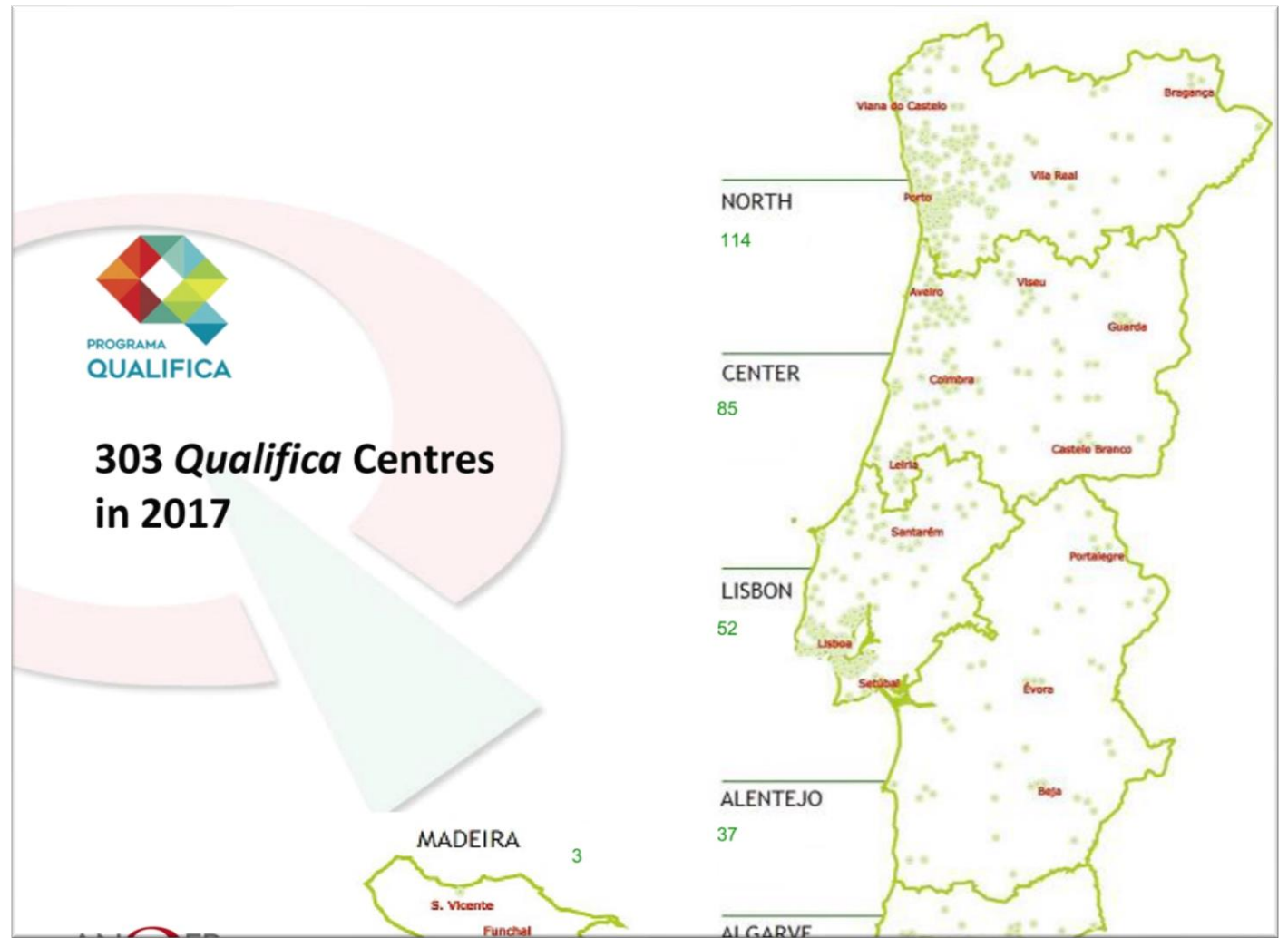
IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

QUALIFICA CENTERS (QC) – WHY?

(State supported centers
VNFIL / Accreditation of
prior learning for adults)

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- ❑ After analyzing the Portuguese Quality Assurance (QA) landscape, looking at the national VET scenario, the Qualifica Centers (QC) were chosen for the testing implementation (and for the training) of a VET Quality Network (QN) in Portugal.
 - ❑ It will allow us to test, implement and sustain a **long-term proposal of an informal network of providers** with a **specific location in the VET frame, answering to specific needs in terms of QA.**
 - This **implementation of a Quality Network (QN) can allow Portugal** to continue developing a QN that brings added value to members and can be shared with different type of VET actors in the country.

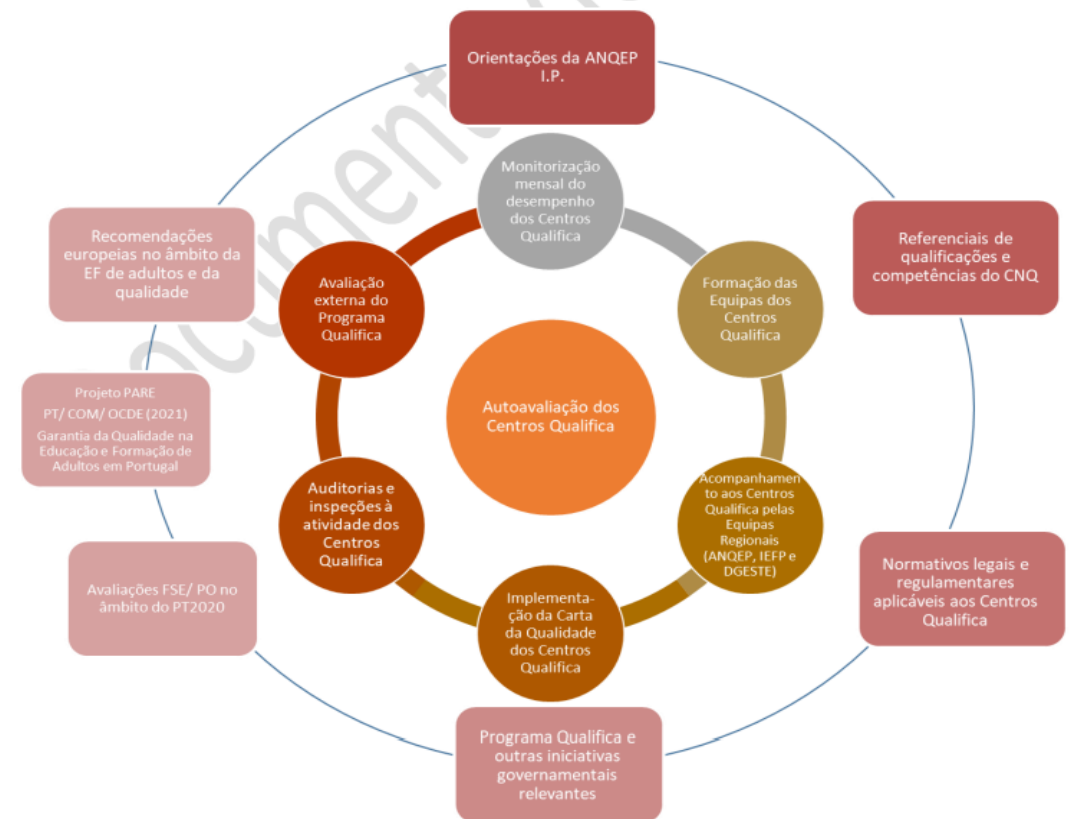
- Currently, there are **319 QC** all around the country (because of that online training using Zoom platform was selected as the most efficient mode of learning and sharing).
- In the image it is possible to identify the number of QC in Portugal by region.



IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY – NEEDS ANALYSIS: IN THE FIELD

- 2022 - New framework for QA in Qualifica Centers (QC) / **2022 Quality Charter**
- Central role of **self-evaluation methods**

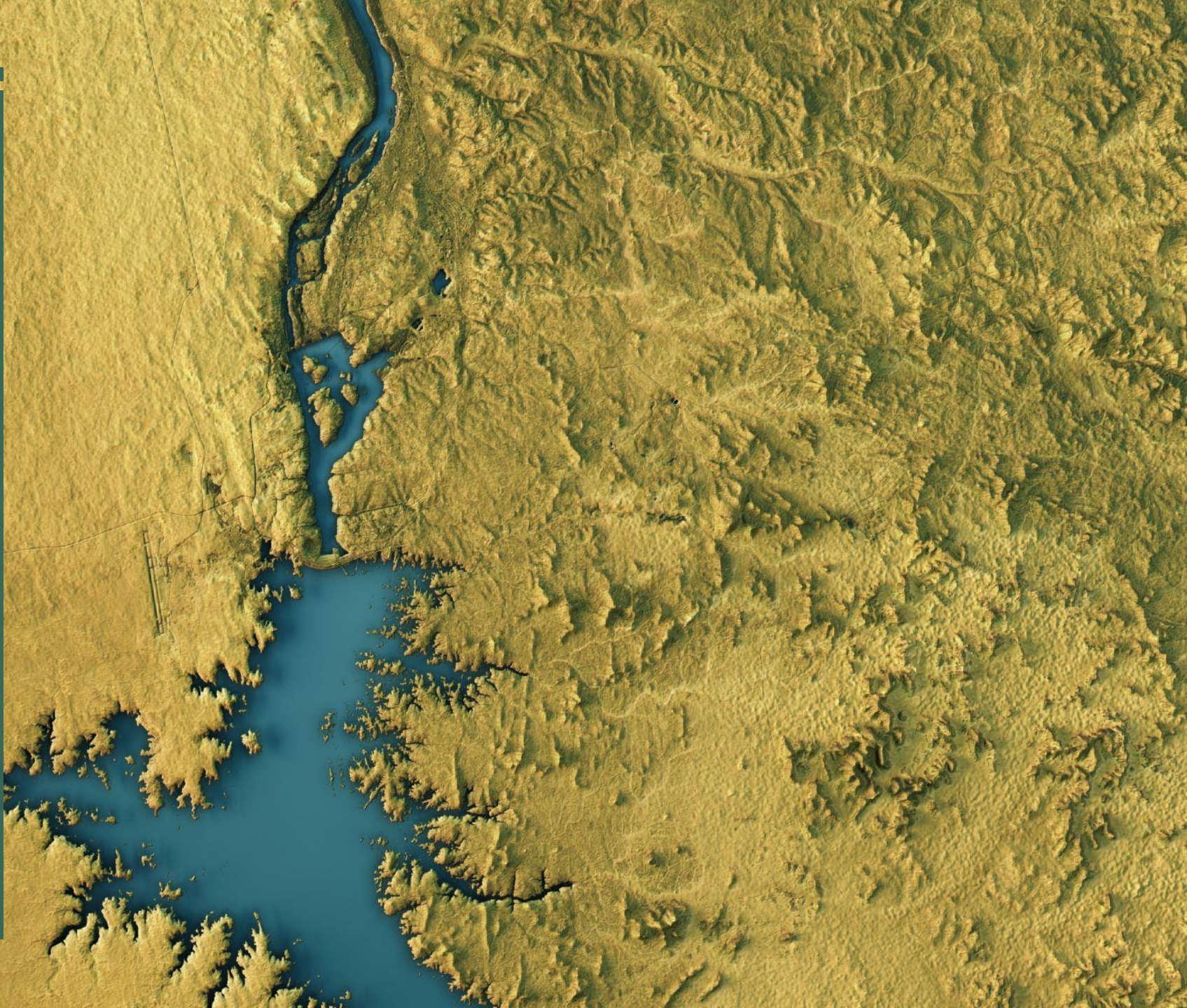
Figura 1. Modelo de Garantia da Qualidade dos Centros Qualifica



IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY – NEEDS ANALYSIS: IN THE FIELD

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- Peer Review methodology (**methodology that combines self-evaluation + external evaluation done by peers**).
 - The QCs do not use Peer Review methodology, and **one of the main conclusions of the Focus Group made in Portugal was that peer review methodology needs to be acknowledged and used at a national level.**
 - QC 2022 Quality Charter – **central role of working in partnerships and cooperation, at local, regional level.**
 - **The QC need to work more in cooperation – QN the answer?**

WHEN?
(TIMELINE)



TIMELINE

FEB 2021:
Mapping of
key
stakeholders at
**regional and
national level**

MAR to MAY
2021: **Focus
Group** with
PTVET key
actors and
stakeholders

SEP 2021 until
SEP 2022:
Guidelines for
Quality
Network
setting up and
implementation

MAR 2022:
Development
of a **common
curriculum**,
including
learning
outcomes,
training plan
and learning
materials

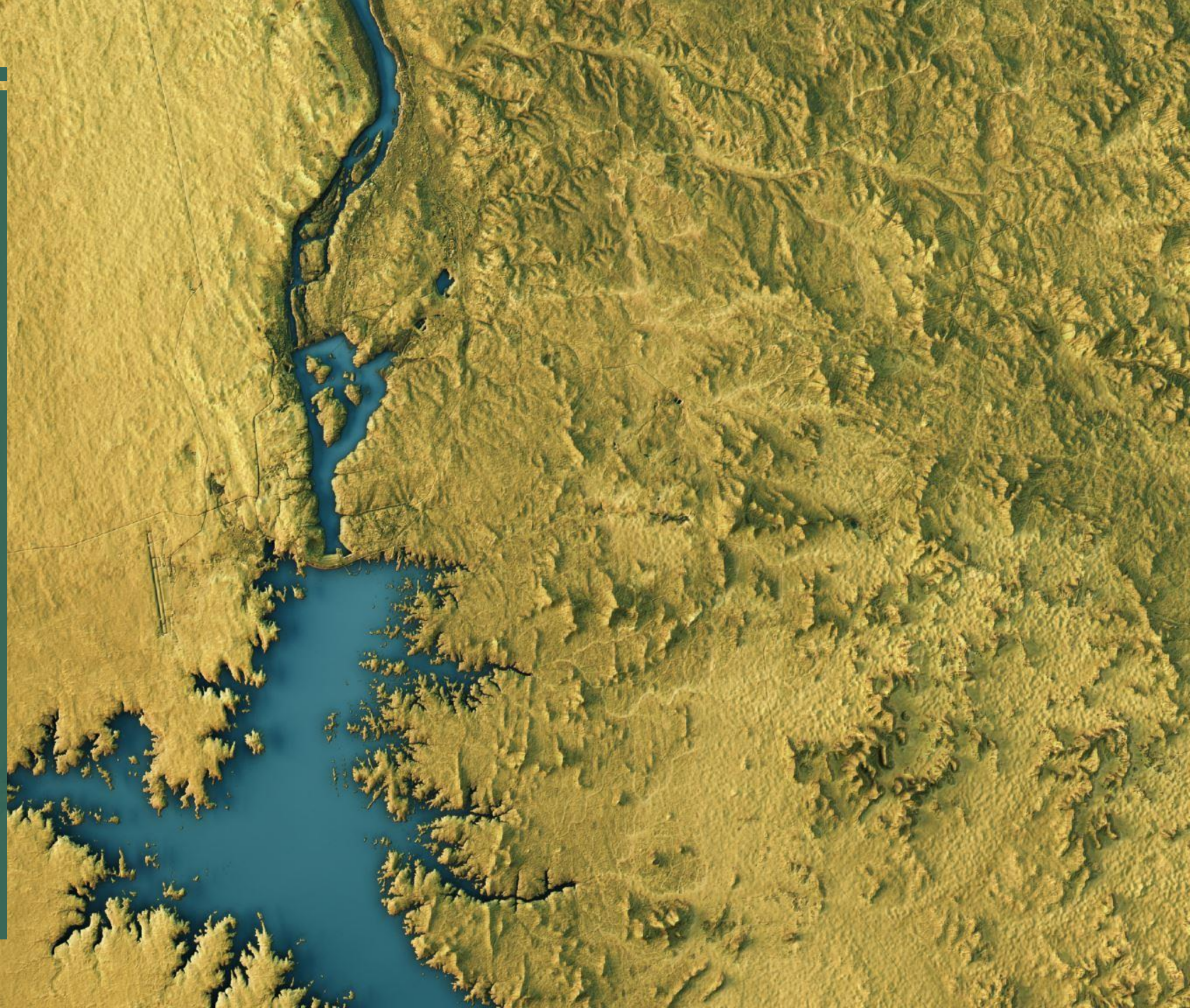
APRIL 2022 to
MAR 2023:
**Training
online,
meetings** with
stakeholders,
networking and
**disseminatio
n events**

MAY 2022 to MAR
2023,
implementation
and impact
evaluation of
Quality Networks

16 and 23 FEB
2023: **1st
meeting of
the Informal
PT QN –
Qualifica em
Rede (QR)**

**Final
Multiplier
Event: 29
March 2023
(Lisbon)**

WHERE?
(ONLINE/OUR
NATIONAL SCOPE)



ONLINE FG (APRIL 2021) AND ONLINE TRAINING (MAY AND JULY 2022 + DEZ 2022 + JAN/FEB 2023)

The image displays four screenshots from Zoom meetings, arranged in a 2x2 grid. The top two screenshots show grid views of participants in various video calls. The bottom two screenshots show presentation slides with text and graphics, including a brain image and a quantum-themed diagram.

Top Left Screenshot: A grid view of a Zoom meeting with approximately 20 participants. The interface shows a timer at 02:11:32 and a search bar at the bottom.

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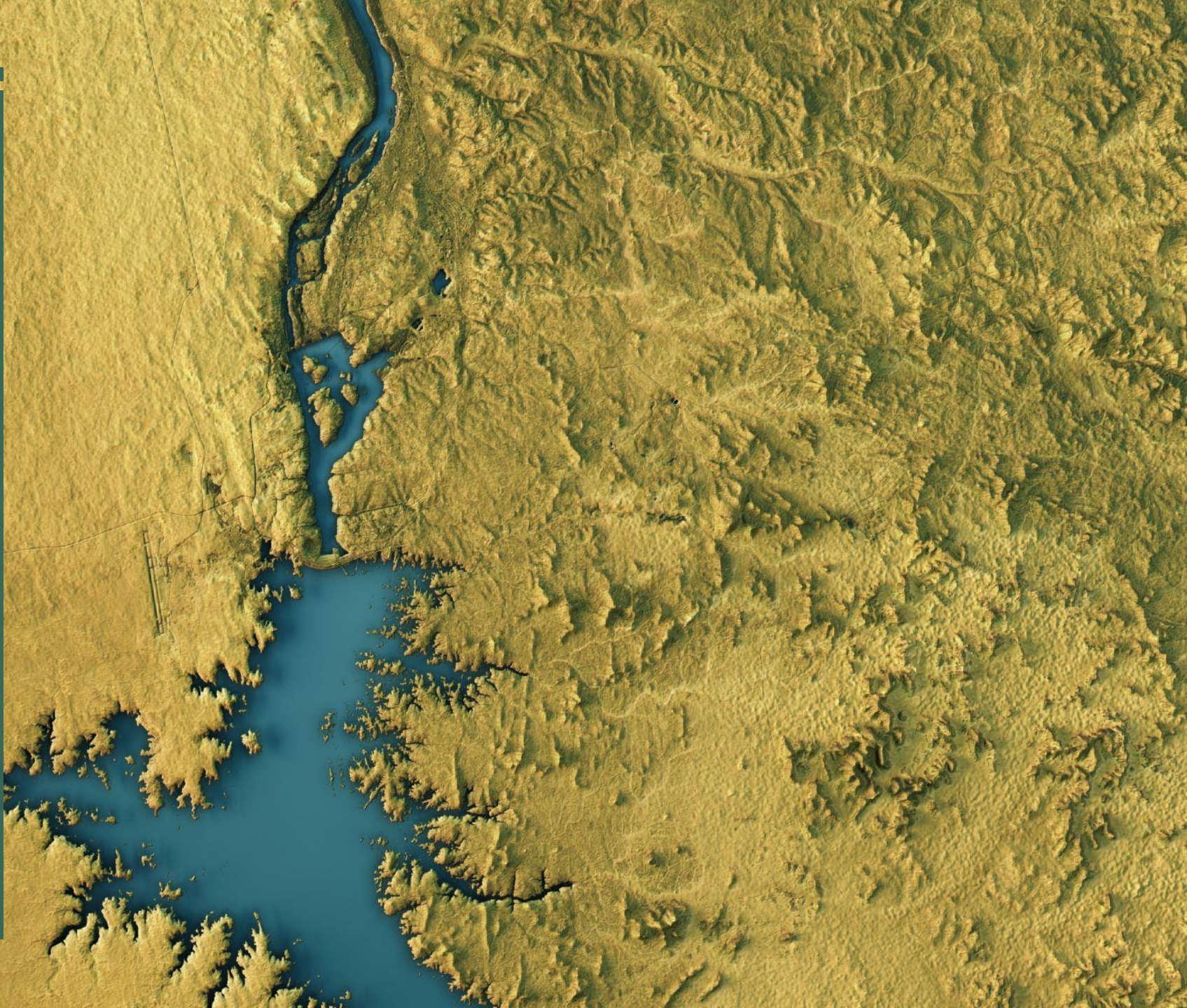
Bottom Left Screenshot: A presentation slide titled "REFLEXÕES E PARTILHAS" with the CEECOA logo. It features a brain image and a list of bullet points:

- Como interpretamos o conceito de "qualidade"?
- E autoavaliação?
- Que práticas, estratégias mecanismos podemos implementar para a autoavaliação dos CQ?
- O que podemos ter em comum?

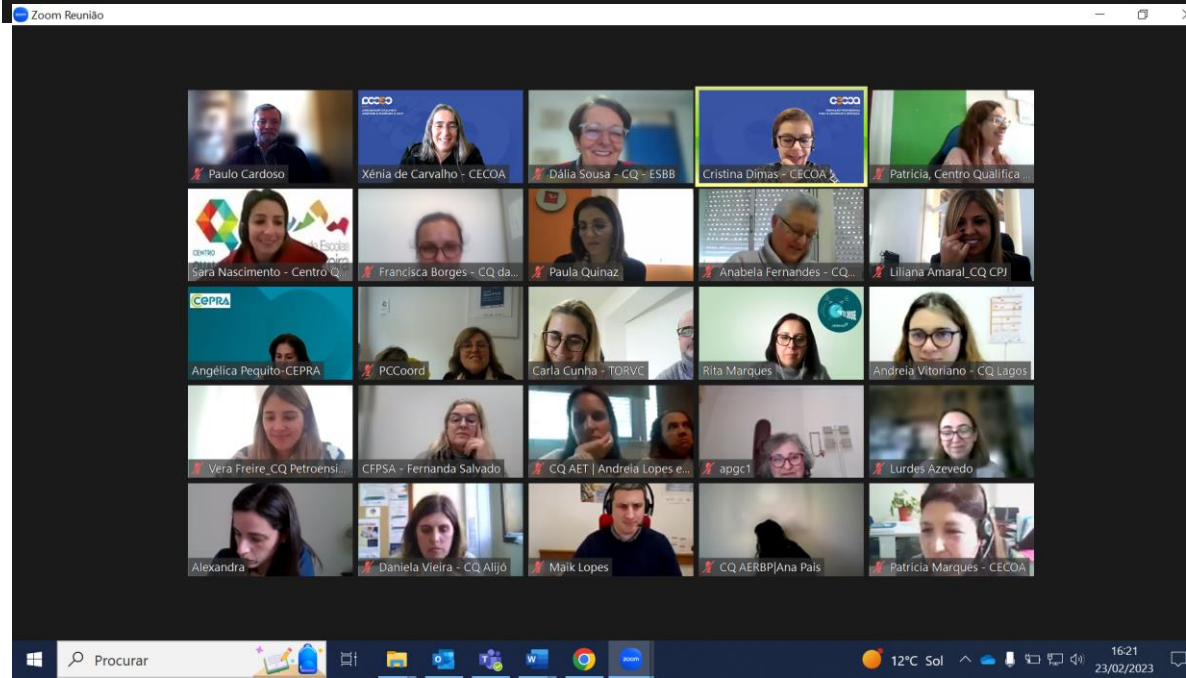
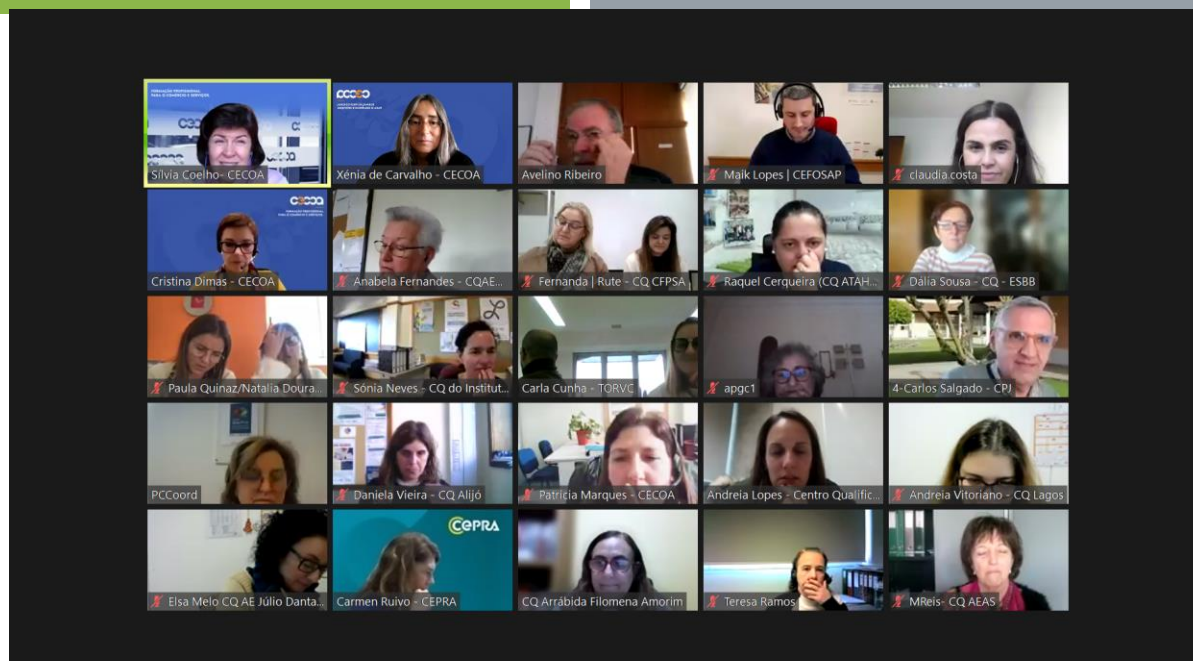
The slide also includes a graphic of colorful speech bubbles and a small thumbnail of a presentation slide titled "PPI_QI_Autoavaliação_CQ_CEECOA".

Bottom Right Screenshot: A presentation slide with the CEECOA logo and a quantum-themed diagram. The diagram includes a lightbulb, gears, and the words "DESIGN" and "RESEARCH". The slide also features a small thumbnail of a presentation slide titled "PPI_QI_Autoavaliação_CQ_CEECOA".

WHO
(OUR QN – GENERAL
OVERVIEW)



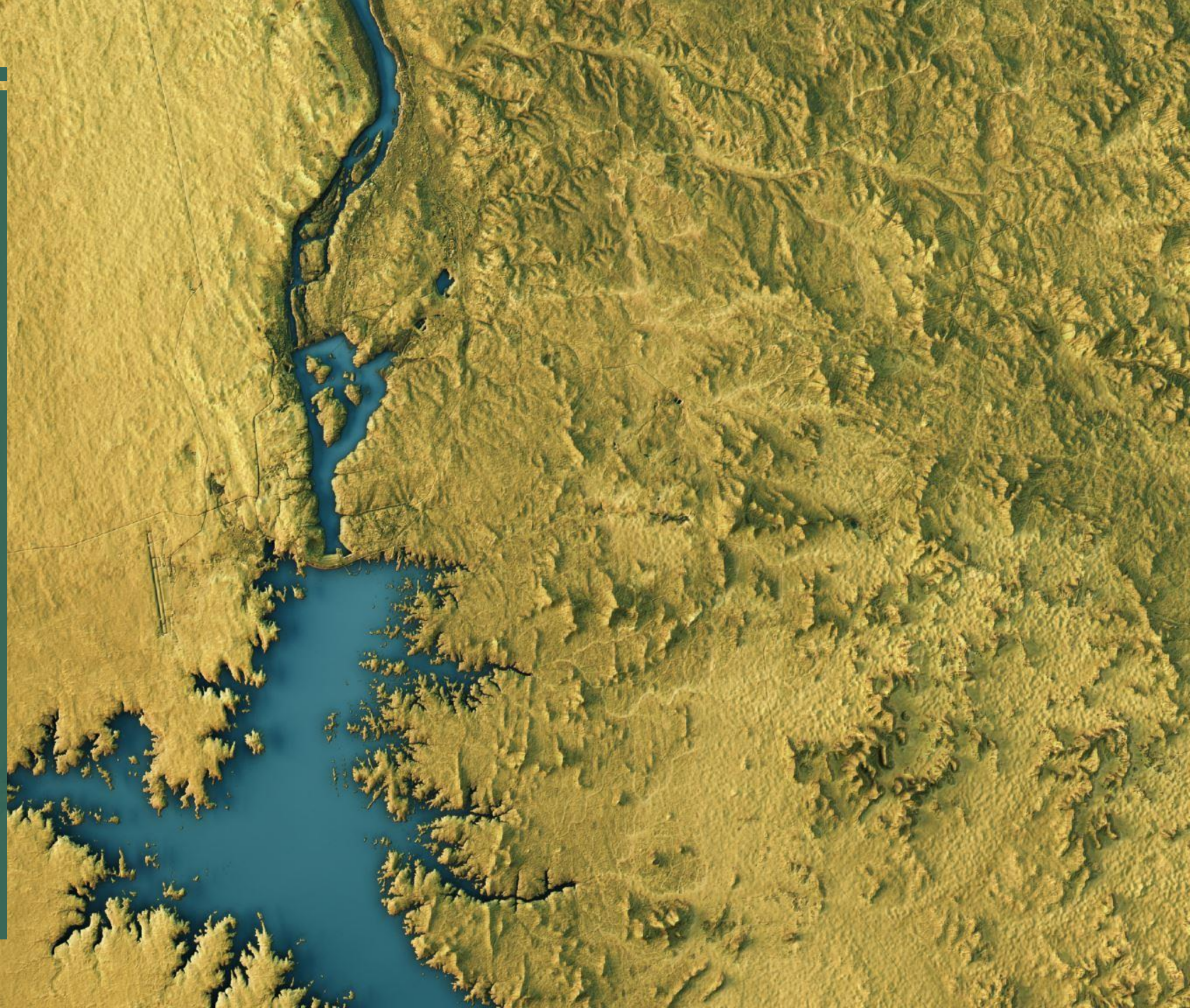
1ST MEETING OF THE PT QN - QUALIFICA EM REDE (QR)



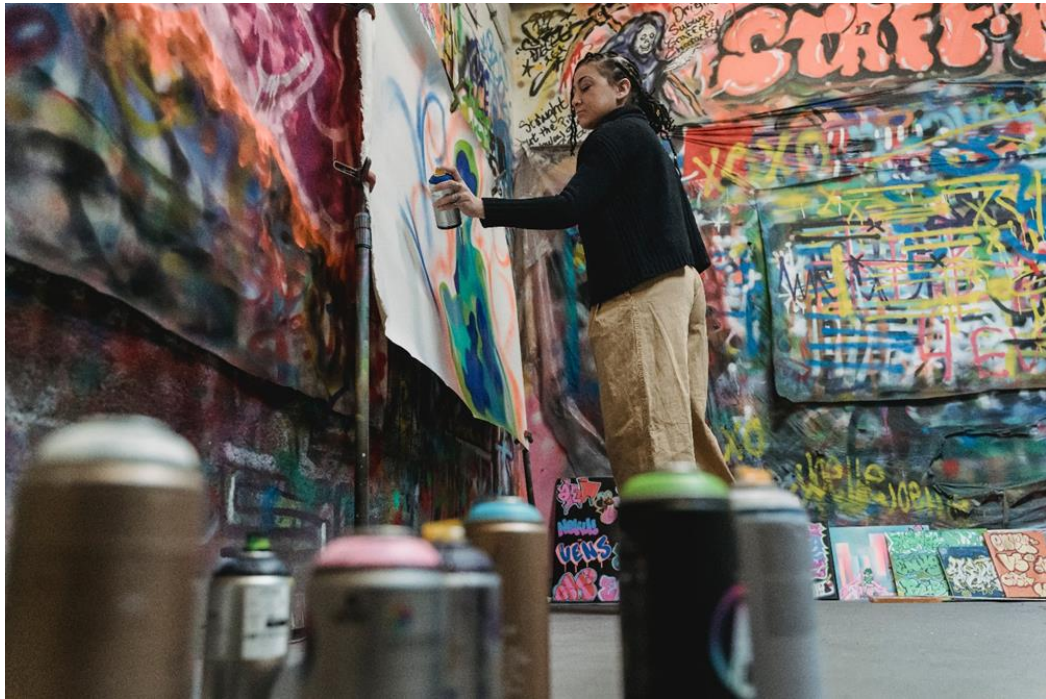
PT QN
STAKEHOLDERS:
IN-PROGRESS

CATEGORY	N
EQAVET National Reference Point + National REFERNET representative + Public authorities + other Rep	4
Social Partners	2
Qualifica Centers (QA) + other VET Providers	66
Total (in progress)	72

HOW?
(TRAINING AND
OTHER ACTIVITIES)



TRAINING: CAPACITY BUILDING FOR QUALITY NETWORKS IMPLEMENTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY



10 hours similar for all partners

- UNIT 1: Quality Network approach (5 hours, online, synchronous)
- UNIT 3: European Peer Review methodology (5 hours, synchronous)

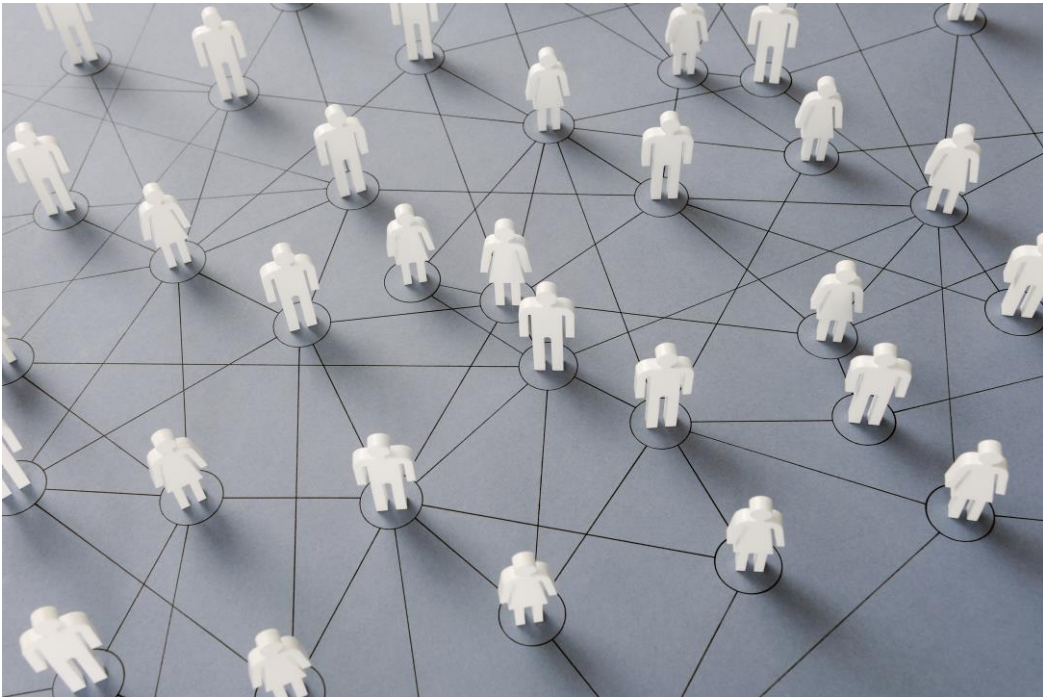
10 hours of open curriculum

- UNIT 7: Communication and networking (10 hours – 5 synchronous and 5 asynchronous with expertise/ external training)

10 hours of open curriculum/asynchronous

Material developed by CECOIA for the seven (7) units with a script/road map to navigate across the curriculum (link: [CECOIA website](#))

INFORMAL NETWORKING



■ COMMON GOALS

- QC Quality Charter 2022
- Local Projects for Promoting Qualifications of lower skilled/adult education 2022



- Getting QC staff and decision-makers in contact to debate and find solutions for common issues
- Bringing feedback and common concerns, ideas and recommendations at system level



**MULTIPLIER EVENT
29 MARCH 2023**

**LISBON/CECOA
(DESCRIPTION [HERE](#))**

CECOA
Lisboa, 29 de março de 2023

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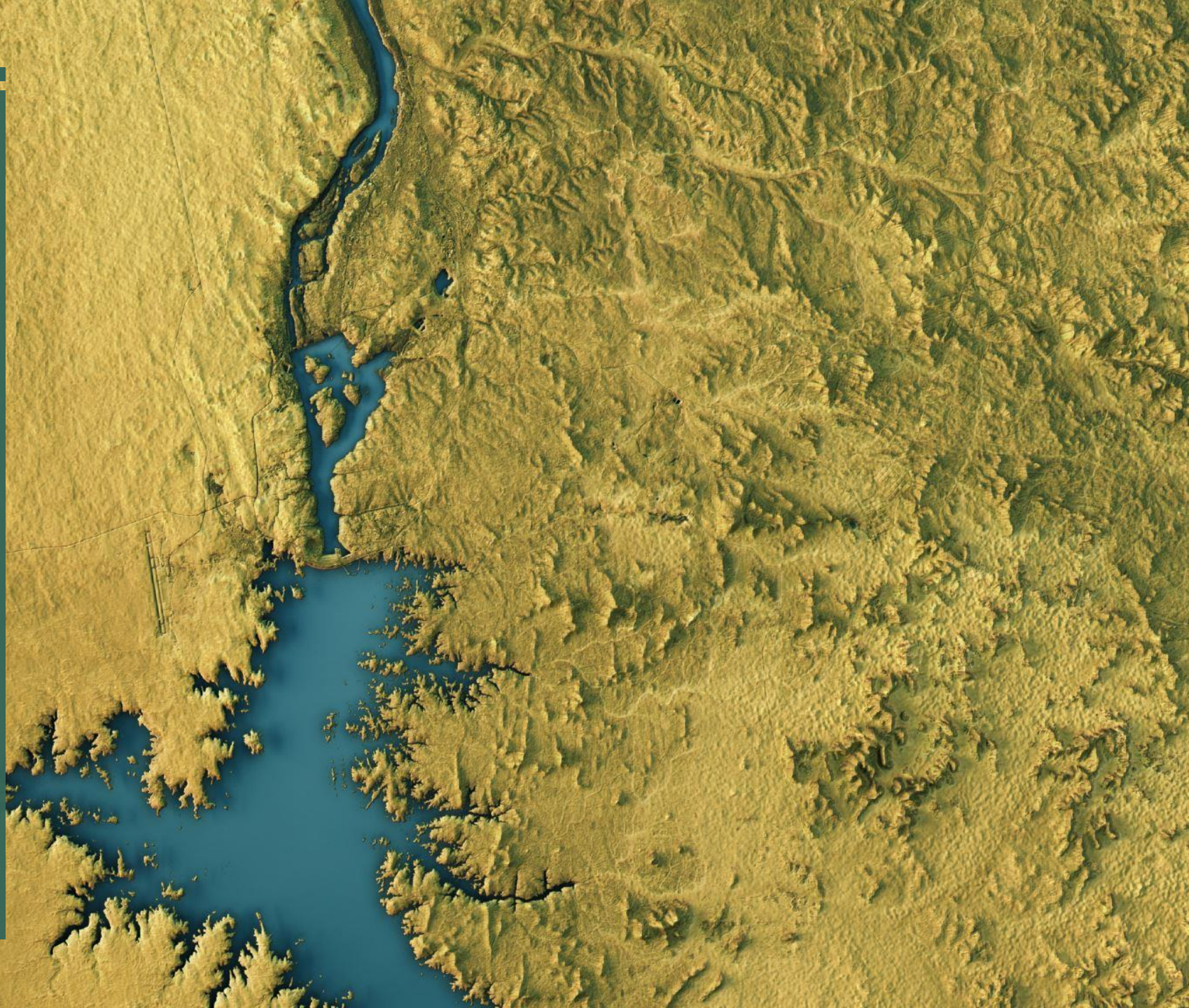


OTHER DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

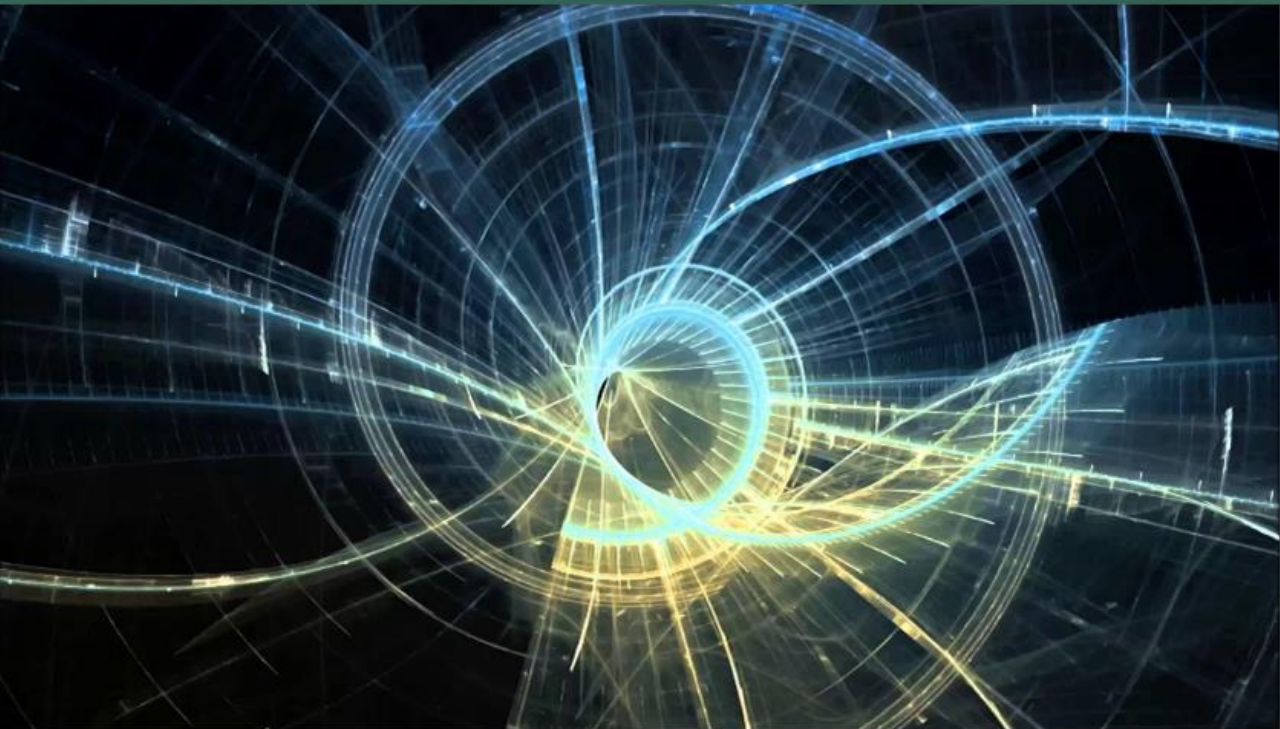


- Lectures/seminars on topics that matters, bringing together all stakeholders involved in the QA process of QC in PT
- Each QC will have the possibility to choose one topic and debate it with CECOA support
- Doing peer review, selectin two or more QC (to be developed after the end of QUANTUM project – for sustainability)

THE FUTURE
OF PT QN



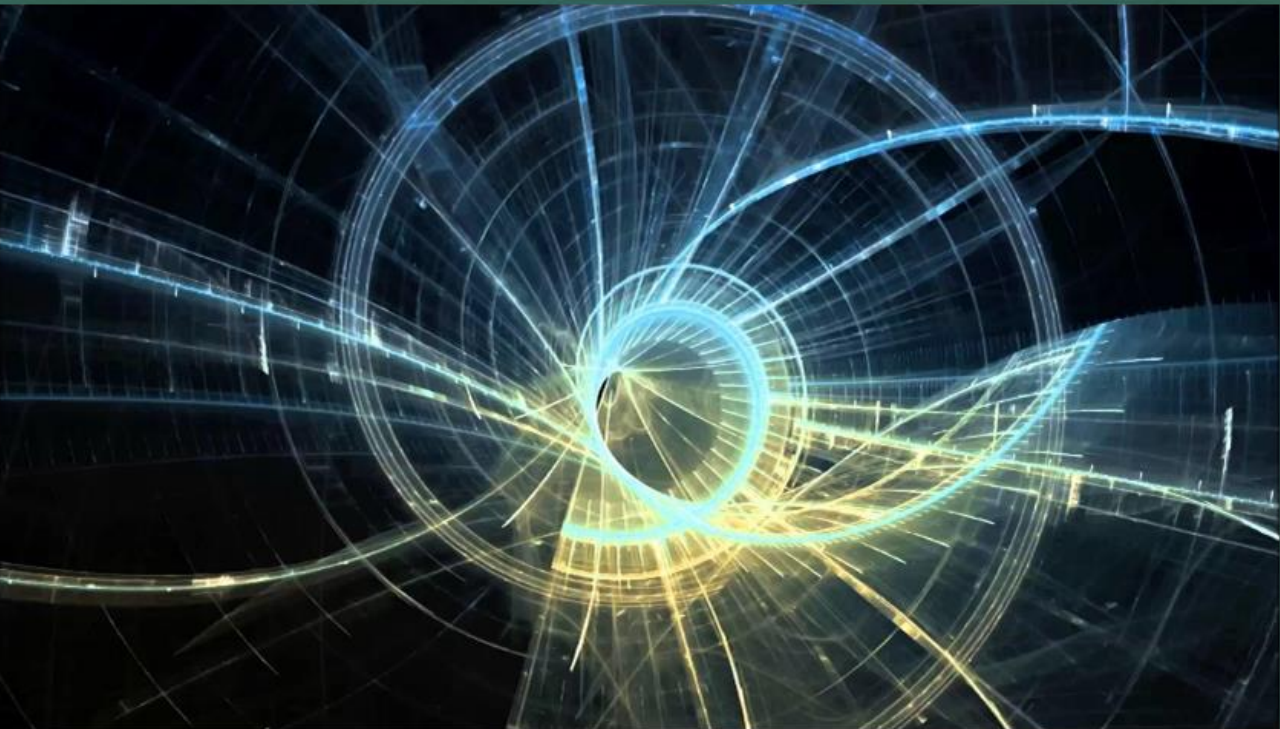
PT QN: OVERVIEW



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- IDENTITY
 - OBJECTIVES
 - STRUCTURE, ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION
 - INSTITUTIONAL COMMUNICATION
 - ACTIVITIES / TOPICS

QUESTÕES		CONTRIBUTOS	COMENTÁRIOS
Grupo 1 - IDENTIDADE			
Qual a designação e Logo da Rede?			
Grupo 2 - OBJETO			
Descreva três (3) objetivos para a Rede	1)		
	2)		
	3)		
Grupo 3 - ESTRUTURA, ORGANIZAÇÃO, FUNCIONAMENTO			
	1) Quem pode ser membro?		
	2) Funções de quem coordena?		
	3) Duração da coordenação?		
	4) Frequência dos encontros da Rede?		
	5) Outros aspetos?		
Grupo 4 - COMUNICAÇÃO INSTITUCIONAL			
A comunicação institucional deverá ser feita de que forma?	1) Interna (entre membros exclusivamente) - como?		
	2) Externa (para além dos membros da Rede) - como?		
Grupo 5 - TEMÁTICAS A DEBATER / ATIVIDADES A REALIZAR			
Temáticas a debater no âmbito da rede? Atividades a Realizar? Quais? Porquê?			
Grupo 6 - RECOMENDAÇÕES			

PT QN: QR - THE FUTURE



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- ❑ Development of an action plan to debate issues of the QR (PT QN) – meetings, share experiences within QC at national level, reports, transmission to the public authorities
 - ❑ Recommendations from a bottom-up perspective: from QC to public authorities



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