

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	2 – Repoblación Foundation - Repoblacion
PIC number:	E10367923
Project name and acronym:	Weaving Repopulation Fabric - JWeReFab (CERV-2024-CITIZENS-TOWN-TT)

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	4		
Event name:	Participation in the III Rural NEB Fest		
Type:	Festival / public participatory event		
In situ/online:	in-situ		
Location:	Valverde de Burguillos with visit to CIT-Lab Jerez de los Caballeros (Spain)		
Date(s):	12 June 2026		
Website(s) (if any):	https://cerv.maximalista.coop		
Participants			
Female:	16		
Male:	30		
Non-binary:			
From country 1 [Portugal]:	46 (International Participants)		
From country 2 [name]:			
From country 3 [name]:			
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Total number of participants:	46	From total number of countries:	1
Description			
Provide a short description of the event and its activities.			

On 12 June 2026, within the framework of the cross-border cooperation and citizen participation actions of the WeReFab project, a mixed group of 46 people from the municipality of Vila Viçosa —comprising independent professionals, business owners and senior university students— travelled to Valverde de Burguillos to take part in the III Rural NEB Fest.

The festival, organised by the Fundación Repoblación in collaboration with Compañía Maximalista, was designated an official satellite event of the New European Bauhaus Festival, held by the European Commission in Brussels. Its proposal focused on the application of the NEB (New European Bauhaus) framework to promote sustainable rural repopulation.

The delegation was headed by:

- Inácio Esperança – President of the Vila Viçosa Municipal Council
- Manuela de Jesus Pinto Raminhos – President of the Pardais Parish Council
- Luís Serra – President of the Ciladas (S. Romão) Parish Council

The festival programme focused on housing and the opportunity to recover traditional building techniques as a strategy to offer sustainable and affordable housing for young people facing difficulties in accessing housing and for new residents.

Development of the day

Participation in the Rural NEB Fest: Attendance at the festival activities in Valverde de Burguillos, focused on sustainable housing and the recovery of traditional building techniques.

Crafts exhibition: Artisans from Vila Viçosa showcased their creations during the festival in painting, embroidery and visual arts.

Choral concert: The Vila Viçosa group offered a choral concert performing traditional Alentejo songs, reinforcing the community celebration component of the festival.

Visit to the CIT-Lab in Jerez de los Caballeros: Activity included at the request of the President of the Vila Viçosa Municipal Council, due to its special interest for improving the productivity of several local businesses (marble and granite, souvenir products for local tourism).

3. Results and agreements reached

3.1. Knowledge exchange in digital fabrication

The visit to the CIT-Lab in Jerez de los Caballeros allowed the entrepreneurs and professionals from Vila Viçosa to learn first-hand about the applications of additive manufacturing in sectors of interest to their productive fabric, particularly in:

Marble and granite: improvement of design and prototyping processes.

Souvenir products: customisation and short-run production for local tourism.

The CIT-Lab emerges as a highly valuable asset for the municipality of Vila Viçosa, which will integrate the use of this public infrastructure into educational and business activities.

3.2. Artistic and cultural participation

The presence of artisans from Vila Viçosa at the festival allowed:

Showcasing the artisan talent of the Alentejo region.

Establishing contacts with artisans and creators from the Extremadura region.

Strengthening shared cultural identity through the exchange of techniques and traditions.

3.3. Choral concert as a symbol of unity

The choral performance by the Vila Viçosa group, with the interpretation of traditional Alentejo songs, represented a moment of great symbolic value, reinforcing the emotional and cultural ties between the participating communities and highlighting the value of shared intangible heritage.

4. Impact and contribution to project objectives

Participation in the III Rural NEB Fest directly contributes to the following objectives of the WeReFab project:

Promoting cross-border cooperation between Extremadura and Alentejo.

Promoting the NEB framework as a tool for sustainable rural repopulation.

Valorising tangible and intangible cultural heritage as a resource for territorial development.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).