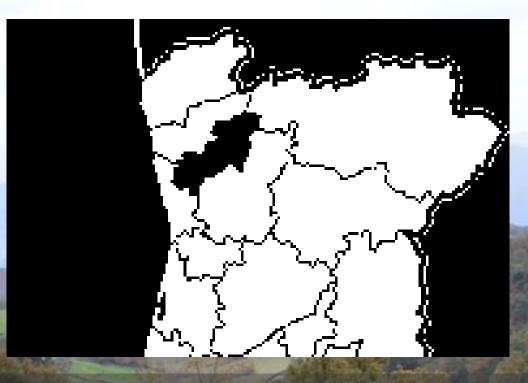


Intermunicipal Community of Ave Where green mountains meet the sea breeze!



The region has a notable business activity and state-of-the-art infrastructure. Textiles, footwear, food processing, mechanical, electrical, electronics and chemical industries.



EIGHT MUNICIPALITIES 1453 km² 30 % OF THE COUNTRY EXPORTS. 425 411 INHABITANTS THE OLDEST AND MOST VITAL INDUSTRIAL REGION IN PORTUGAL -CRADDLE OF THE COUNTRY.



Two areas High density industrial counties and Low density rural counties

Close to Porto, Douro Valley and Santiago de Compostela.

At Porto we have one of the five best small airports in the world and a very large touristic cruises terminal.

Our main tourist markets are the Spanish, the German the Dutch and the French. Overnights are still a small amount > 2.5 Million in the northern region

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