



#### Associação Rede de Universidades da Terceira Idade Association of Third Age Universities Network



- RUTIS is a Private Institution (ONG) that works in a national level providing active ageing.
- It was created in 2005 and the headquarters are located in the city of Almeirim.

- RUTIS is a member of the Economic and Social Council.
- We have participated in several European projects funded by the Lifelong Learning Programme, the AAL, Eramus + e Grundtvig













## **RUTIS' Main activities**

#### **RUTIS** senior identification card



Senior Dance Festival Sport And Music Festival

General Knowledge Contest Theater Festival

U3A coordinator's Meeting Formal courses

National Meeting



# **As Universidades Seniores (UTIs) The Third Age Universities**

- A Third Age University (UTI or U3A) is a social and cultural answer, well developed in terms of equipment whose aims are to create, to develop and to organize cultural activities regularly, providing nonformal education, leisure activities and social gatherings and events for people over 50 years old.
- Educative activities are performed in non-formal policy, without certification purposes and in the lifelong learning formation context.
- Seniors participating in the U3A can be students, teachers and leaders.

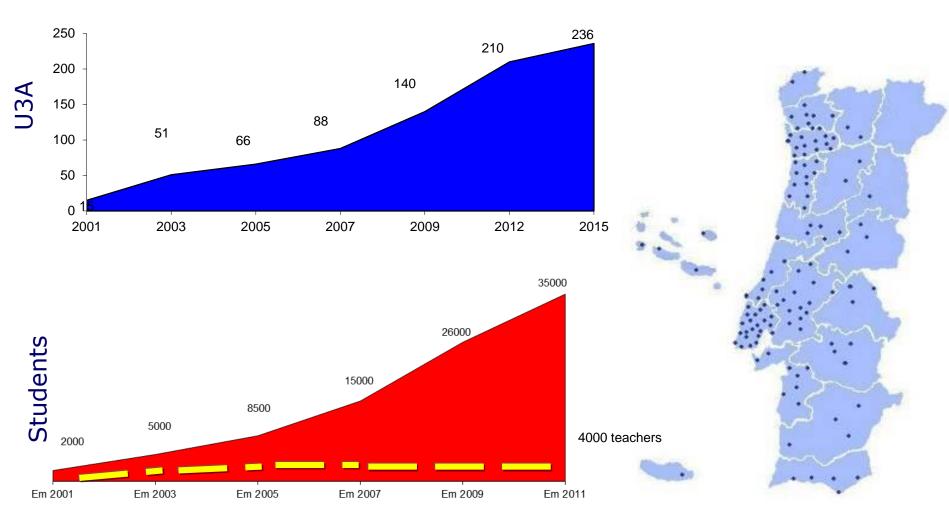


# Several studies show the influence that U3A have on the elderly's life quality

Question	Students	Non- students
Have you felt happy the last 30 days?	80%	40%
Have you felt depressed the last 30 days?	4%	28%
Daily consumption of drugs	- 20%	_



# A growing social response 336 U3A





#### **Activities of the U3A: Classes**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9 – 10 h <b>D</b> Swimming and Aerobics	10 – 10.50 h <b>C</b> Italian		9.30 – 10.20 h <b>B</b> Gymnastics	10 – 10.50 h <b>A</b> Portuguese Literature
10.45 – 11.45h <b>C</b> Portuguese I and II	11 – 11.50 h <b>C</b> Citizenship		11 – 12.30 h <b>C</b> Floral Arts	11 – 11.50 h <b>A</b> Memory training
10– 11h / 11– 12 h 12-13h <b>A</b> ICT				
14.30 – 15-30 h <b>C</b> History	14 – 17 h C Sociology	Seminars or Tours	11 – 11.50 h <b>C</b> English I and II	14 h <b>C</b> Ballroom
15.30 – 16.30 h <b>C</b> Health	15 – 17 h <b>C</b> Arts		15 – 17 h <b>C</b> Arraiolos	15 – 17 h <b>C</b> Arts
	20 h <b>C</b> Choir	20 h <b>C</b> Theater		

 $\mathbf{A}$  – Public Library  $\mathbf{B}$  – Sports hall  $\mathbf{C}$  – Head Office  $\mathbf{D}$  – Swimming Pools

<sup>\*</sup> The last Wednesday of the month is dedicated to birthday parties.



## The U3A also provide other activities



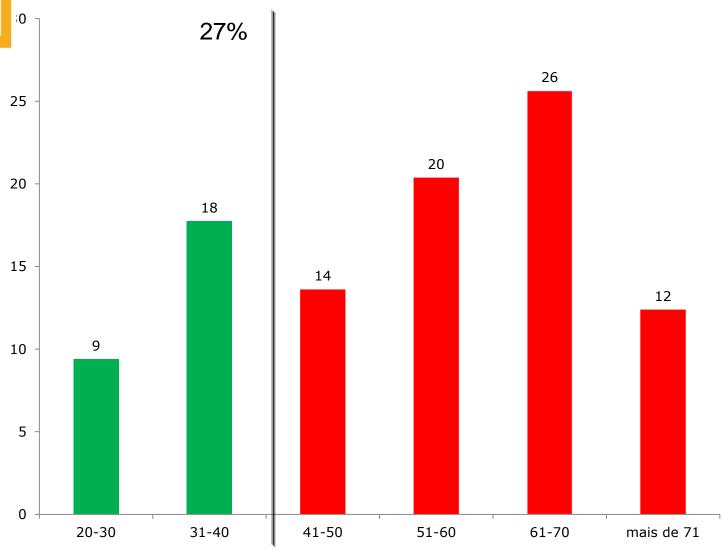


### Characterization of the U3A in Portugal

- 336 U3A, 52.000 students and 6.500 volunteer teachers
- 40% of Universities are managed by elderly people
- 75% of the students are women
- The average age is 67 years old
- The average qualifications is above the 9th grade
- The average monthly payment is 15 euros
- The most taught classes are ICT, Health, Citizenship, History and Arts.



#### 27% teachers are under the age of 40





# Principais parceiros





















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#### **Privados**





















# Walking Futebol

