Culatra Portugal



Culatra in a nutshell

A small island in the Algarve region



Part of the Ria Formosa National Park It is a sand bar island without paved roads

Population distributed over 3 settlements



Culatra Village, Hangares & Farol Permanent population: ~1,000

Well connected to mainland by ferries in summer



Many inhabitants have private boats

- ~10 km to Faro
- 30-40 min

Fishing and tourism support the local economy



Inshore fishing and shellfish farming Tourism during the summer

Stakeholder mapping

Civil society

Resident Association

Culatra Sports Club

Sailing Association Nossa Senhora dos Navegantes

Make it Better NGOs AECO SCIAENA

Public sector

Institute for nature conservation & forestry

Portuguese Environment Agency Ministry of the Sea

Coastline re-qualification & valorisation society

National Maritime Authority Algarve Coordination and Dev. Commission

Faro municipality

Business sector

EDP

Engineering & technology providers

Molhe Leste

Algarve Water Company

Academia

University of Algarve

Energy System Description

Final E	Energy Consumption	n in 2018 [MWh]	CO ₂ [tonne]
Electricity		3,277	1,209
Heating		8,640	2,123
Transport to & from		4,116	1,031
Transport on Island		116	29
	TOTAL:	16,149	4,392

estimated based on national and local statistics

Electricity

The interconnection with the mainland provides most of the electricity for Culatra Village.

Part of the houses of Farol and Hangares are completely energy autonomous.

Heating

Mostly provided by electric heating and heat pumps.

Transport on the island

A limited number of tractors and motor tricycles carry goods and assist residents with reduced mobility.

All vehicles are powered by fossil fuels.

Transport to and from the island

Passenger ferries are powered by diesel.

Shop owners transport goods and fuels to the island on a daily basis with their own boats.

Culatra 2030 Initiative

The aim of the Culatra 2030 project is to become energetically independent; treat and value waste on the island, and produce fresh water for self-consumption.

Since its launch in 2018, the project has led to the organisation of workshops where island residents can voice their vision and propose actions for island development.



Vision

The vision of Culatra 2030 Initiative is to create an energy community that manages and shares its own energy. Before 2030, renewable energy will allow for a fully decarbonised electricity system.



