

The Project “Quinta do Norte” was created in the year of 2012 through a partnership between the Regional Secretariat for Social Solidarity and seven institutions of the third sector, including the Cresaçor, for the rehabilitation of the agricultural and infrastructure of a farmhouse situated in the parish of Capelas, municipality of Ponta Delgada.

Respecting the principles of solidarity economy that govern Cresaçor, which sees territory as a whole, not accepting the separation between the social, economic, political and environmental, considering the current global challenges in terms of sustainability, and rural characteristics of the area in which the “Quinta” is located, and that the primary purpose of Cresaçor is combat poverty and social exclusion, I think, the long term, at Quinta as a space of inclusion, pedagogical and alternative.

A training space - which would carry out training sessions for publics with low educational level, combining the basic skills training, environmental education, active citizenship and a practical component in agricultural practices and sustainable development, thus becoming also a space of professional conversion for these individuals and promoting the creation of "green jobs"; A space for information and sharing of knowledge - which would promote tours, lectures and workshops on farming, recycling, material reuse, sustainable energy among others, both for children and young people, as for the general population; A space for experimenting with sustainable practices by providing land parcels available to interested parties for the development of common gardens and fruit orchards, summing up, a community space in which people recognize good practice and contribute to local development.