



EUROPEAN UNION  
CUSTOMS AUTHORITY

- A HISTORIC GATEWAY  
TO EUROPE'S FUTURE

# Porto.







# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## PORTUGAL: AN ECONOMY OPEN TO THE WORLD

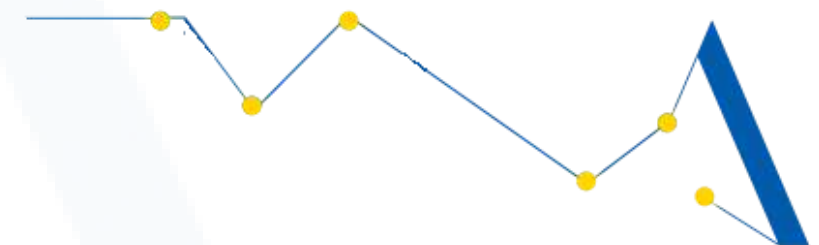
An European **Leader**  
in Customs  
Innovation

## PORTO: A HISTORIC GATEWAY TO EUROPE'S FUTURE

A Living **Symbol**  
of Customs  
History

## EUCA IN PORTO: A MODERN AND SUSTAINABLE WORKING ENVIRONMENT

An **Outstanding**  
quality of life at  
competitive cost







**Paulo Rangel**  
**Minister of State and Foreign Affairs**

*"With a unique strategic location, historic ties across Europe, and long-standing connections to Africa, the Americas, the Middle East and Asia, Porto has always been a crossroads of continents. Supported by strong infrastructure, education, culture and a deep tradition of trade, the city reflects what the Romans once envisioned when they founded this gateway: the natural Port of Europe. Bringing EUCA to Porto would fulfil a destiny shaped over two thousand years."*

- Europe's westernmost frontier
- Centuries of global trade experience
- Key Atlantic entry point to the EU
- Natural bridge connecting Europe, Africa and the Americas
- Strategic role in EU external border management

# PORTUGAL:

a strategic gateway to the world



# PORTUGAL: at the forefront of customs innovation

- Pioneering role in shaping EU customs policy
- Strong commitment to simplification, trade facilitation and security
- One of Europe's most technologically advanced Customs Authorities
- Multiple EU-level awards for digital innovation
- Public sector digitalization above the EU average



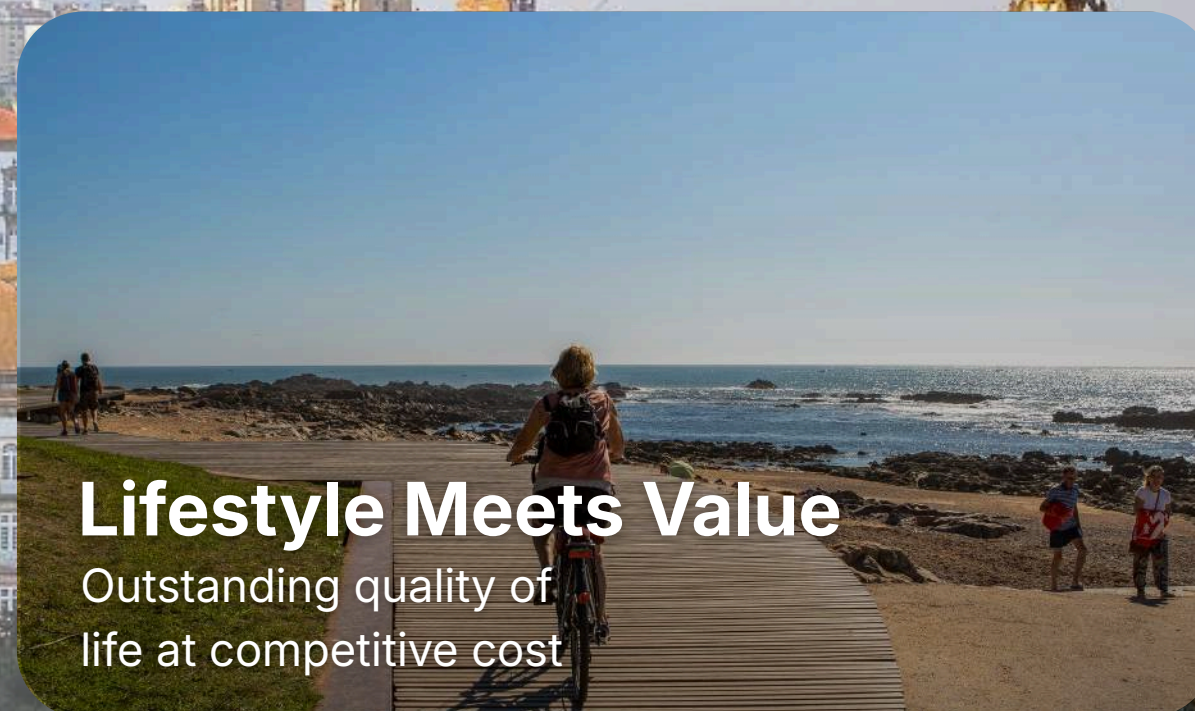
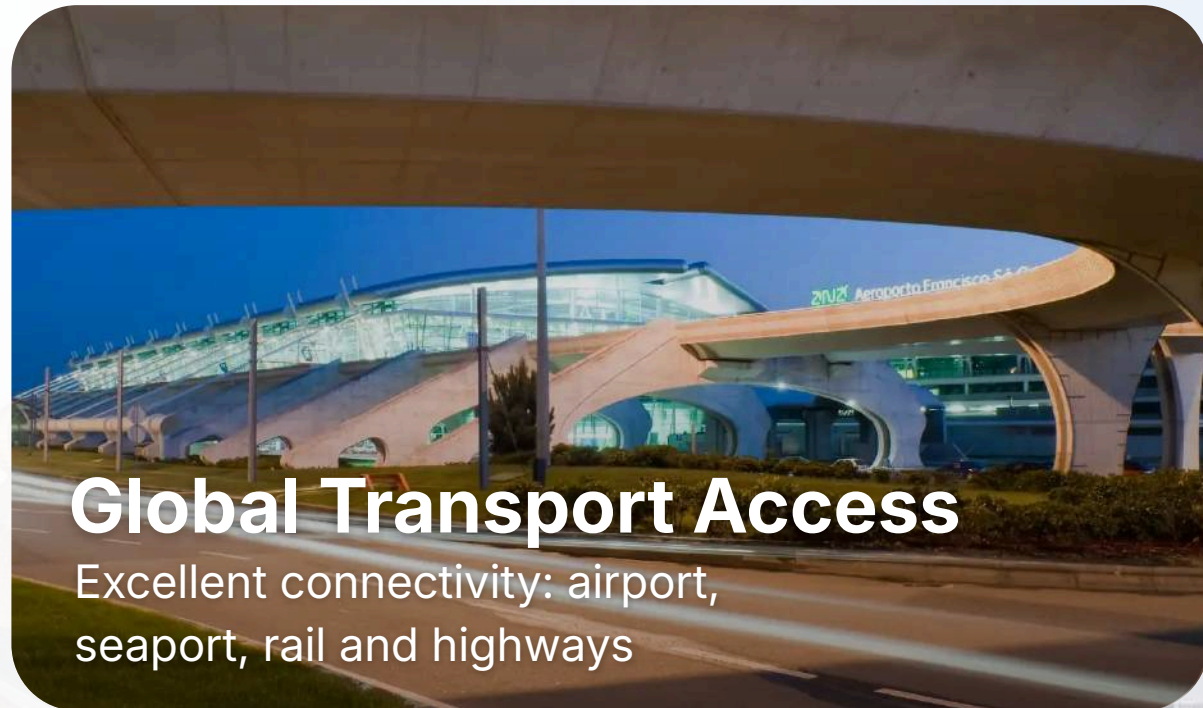
**Joaquim Miranda Sarmento**  
**Minister of State and Finance**

*“With one of the most innovative and technological advanced Customs Authorities in Europe, Portugal offers high quality and efficiency in tax and customs management. Bringing EUCA to Porto will strengthen this expertise and leadership.”*



# PORTO:

a historic gateway to Europe's future



**Pedro Duarte**  
Mayor of Porto

*"Porto's long experience in customs, shaped by centuries of trade and openness, continues to reinforce the city's identity. Today, this heritage is matched by modern infrastructure, dependable public services, a resilient economy and a quality of life supported by strong education, healthcare, culture and connectivity. Together, these elements place Porto in an excellent position to host the EUCA headquarters."*



# PORTO:

a living  
symbol of  
customs  
history

First customs house  
established in the 14th century

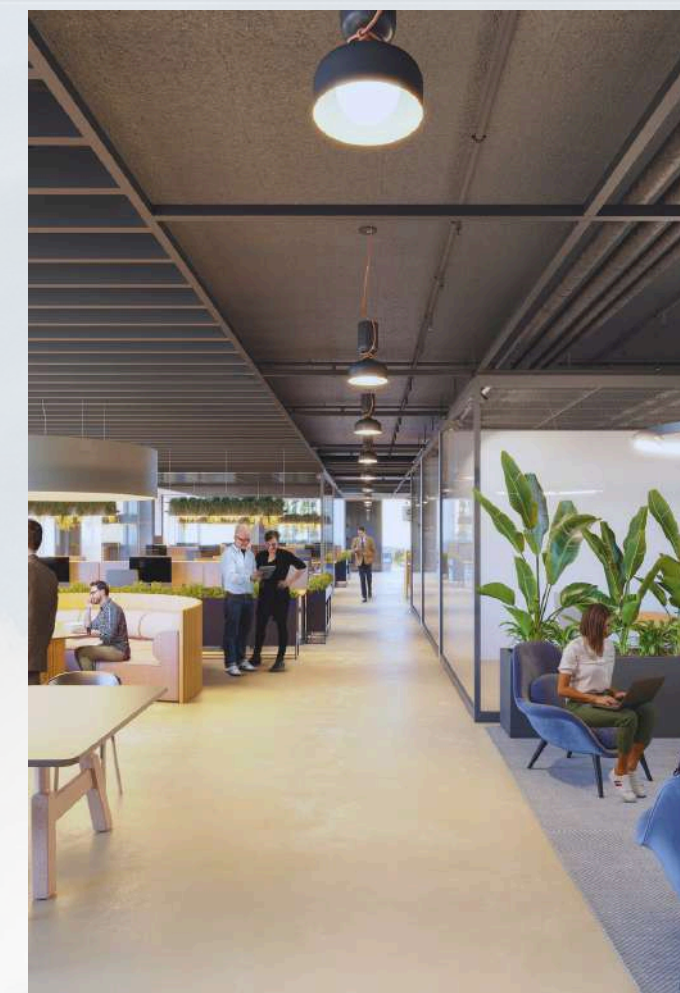
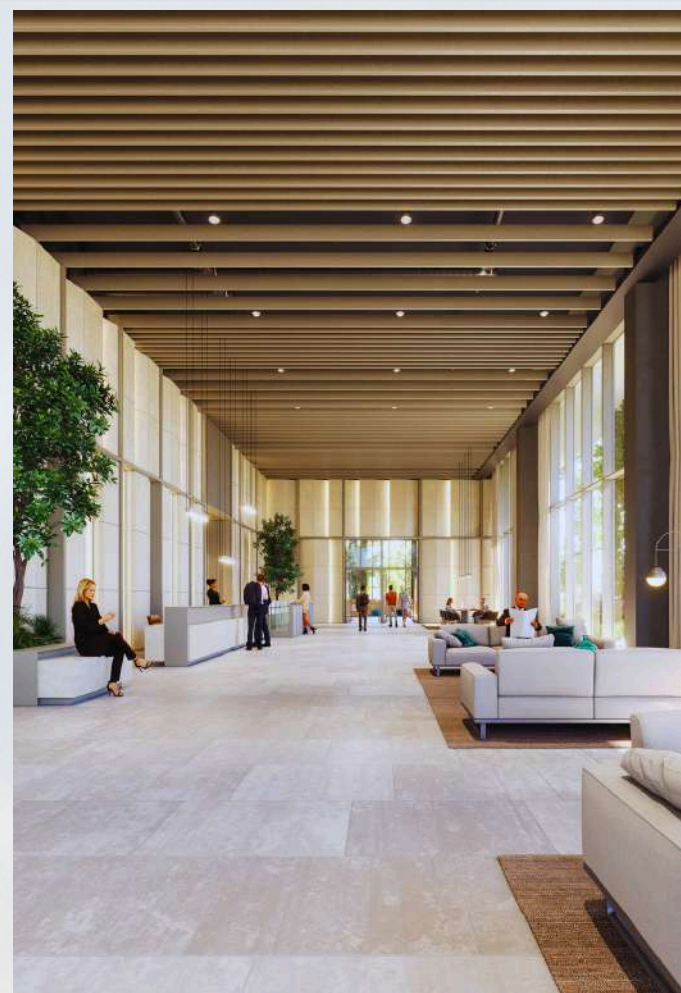
“Alfândega do Porto” (1869): landmark of  
modern customs management

Today a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Reflects Portugal’s maritime heritage and  
administrative innovation







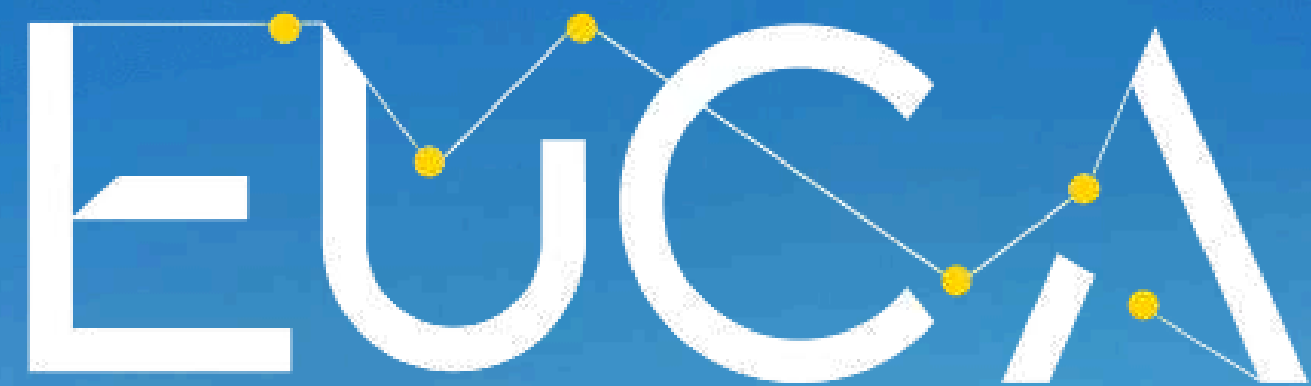
# EUCA IN PORTO:

a modern +  
sustainable  
working  
environment

- **“Viva Offices”**: premium complex in Porto’s Business District
- **+ 7,000 m<sup>2</sup>** with capacity for 366 staff
- **Exclusive** use for EUCA, meeting all security standards
- **Fast access to airport** and city centre
- Contemporary architecture, high sustainability, user-focused design
- **Funding fully guaranteed by the Portuguese State**







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