

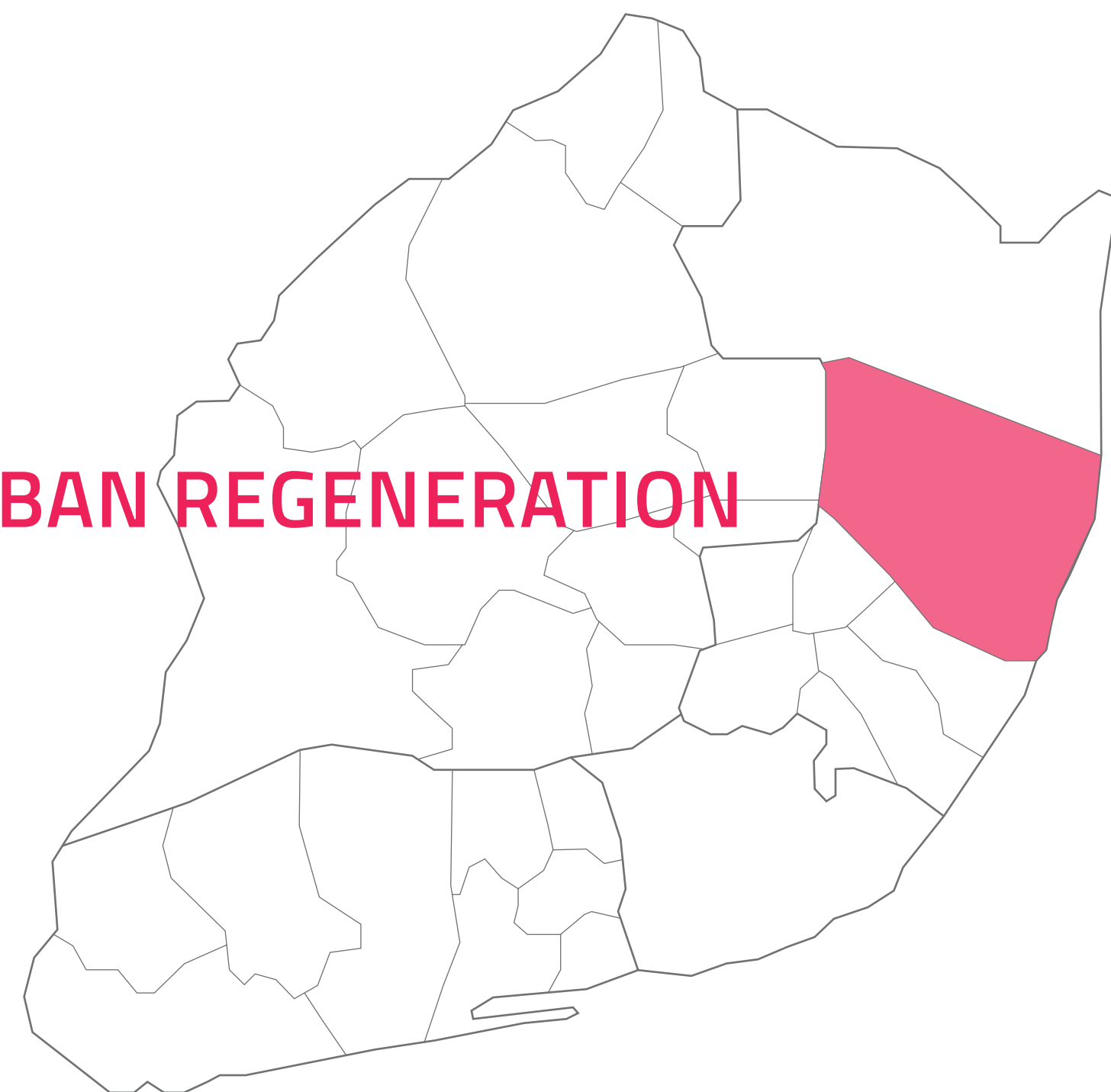
LISBON

REFUGI.ARTE EM MARVILA: PARTICIPATION OF REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS IN URBAN REGENERATION

ABOUT LISBON MUNICIPALITY:

- 548 000 people
- 10% foreign born
- 24 districts

Marvila (37 700 inhabitants) is located in eastern Lisbon



WHY:

Heterogeneous Marvila district is a de-industrialised area with high concentration of social housing and mix of urban poor which includes native Portuguese and, increasingly, migrants and refugees in extreme vulnerability. As with other such poor neighbourhoods, due to the onset of the economic crisis it has been prone to growing rates of xenophobia. However, at the same time, a process of gentrification has seen an increasing attraction to the neighbourhood of wealthy young groups. This social transformation represents an opportunity for developing social and spatial inclusion of residents.

WHAT:

Refugi.Arte em Marvila continues from two previous experiences which devised a participatory approach to transform a heritage building, Marques de Abrantes, into a multicultural art-based inclusive housing shelter for deprived residents and refugees, as part of a district revitalisation project.

WHO:

- Multi disciplinary team of civil society actors, led by the 'Working with the 99%' Cooperative
- Engagement of local inhabitants
- Engagement of Social Rights Department of Lisbon Municipal Council

AIMS:

- Collective and shared access through upgrading and revitalisation of the district
- Collective determination to continue participatory, inclusive projects and practices
- Addressing inequalities and preventing future potential disparities brought on by gentrification
- Generating a culture of welcome for incoming refugees and migrants

FINANCING AND RESOURCES:

- Lisbon Municipal Council
- 'Working with the 99%' Cooperative
- Volunteer time of inhabitants

SOCIO-SPATIAL INCLUSION

REVITALISATION

ART

EXPECTED RESULTS:

- Social impact
 - Shelter for migrants
 - Reduction of social inequities
 - Empowerment of local communities and migrants/refugees
- Urban transformation
 - Revitalization of low income district
- Tolerance towards foreign communities

SHELTER

MULTICULTURALISM

REFUGEES

