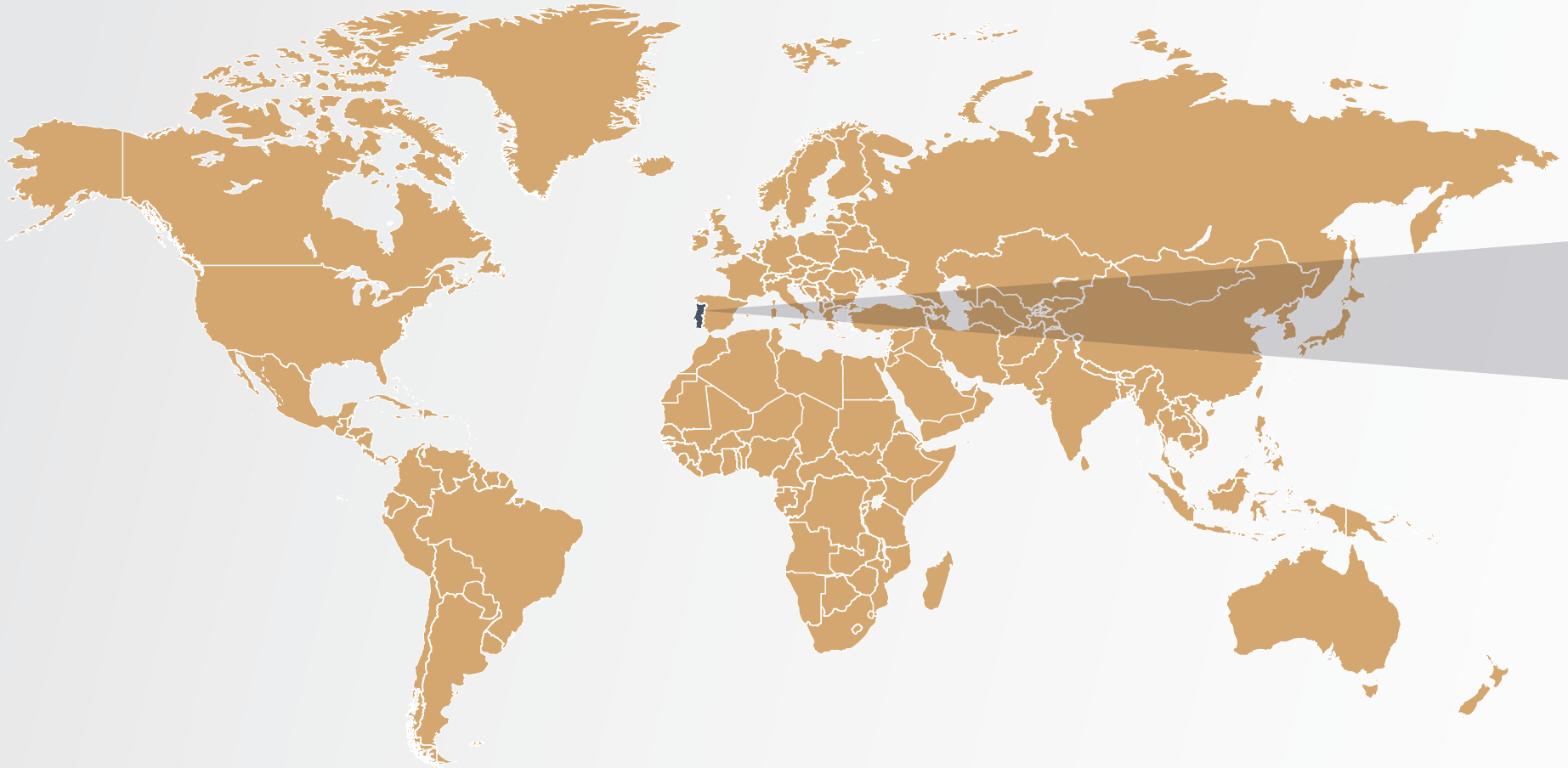
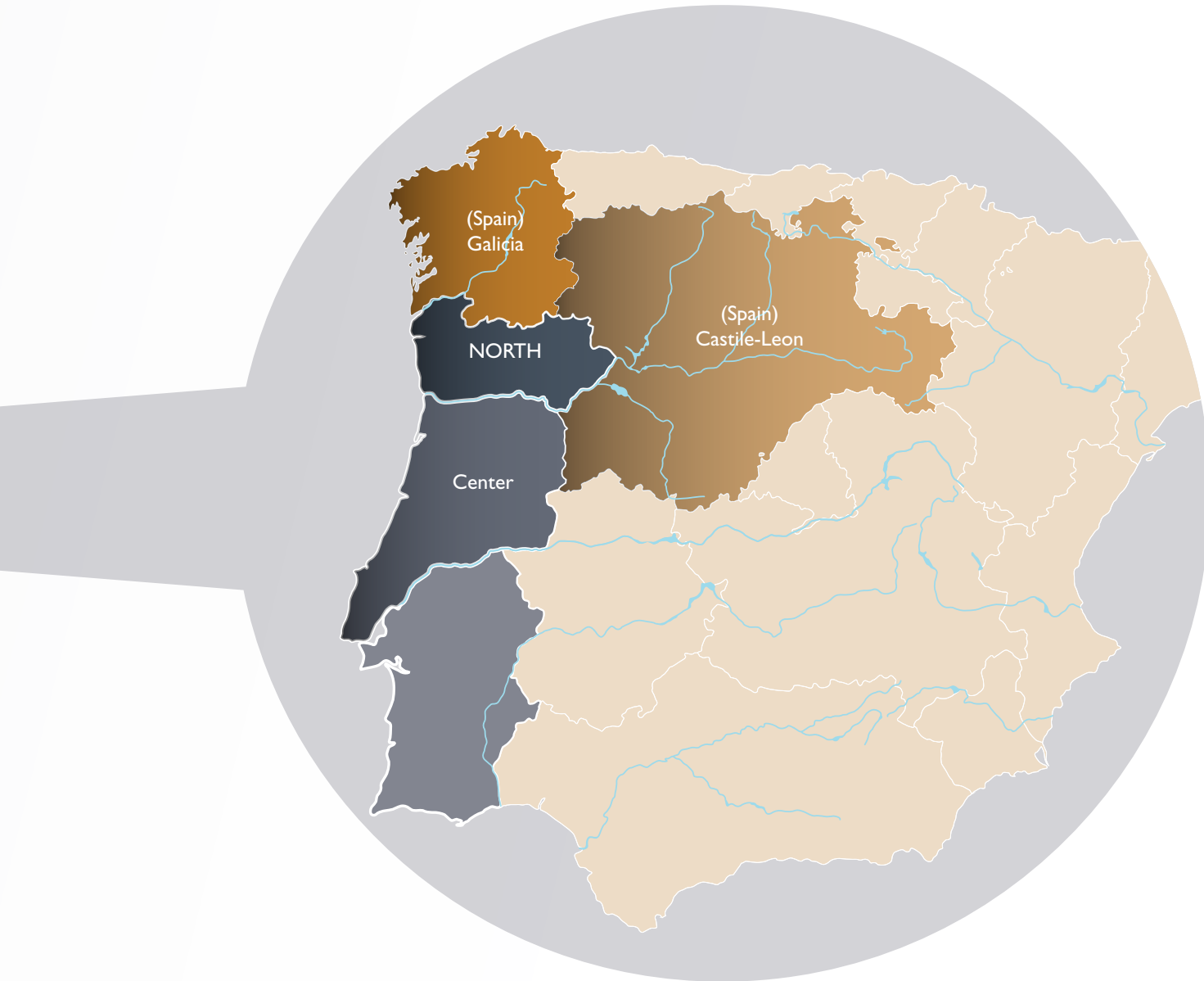


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# A **SMART** LOCATION







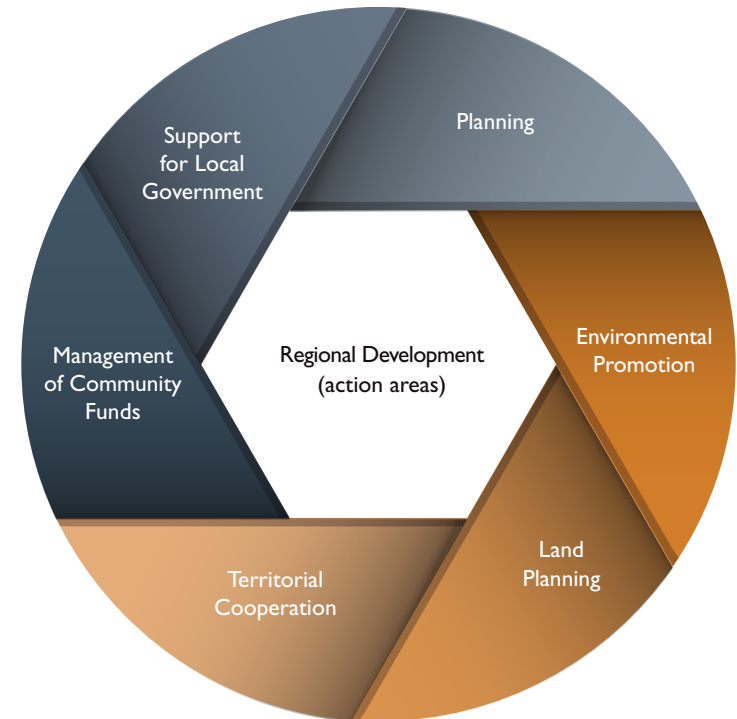
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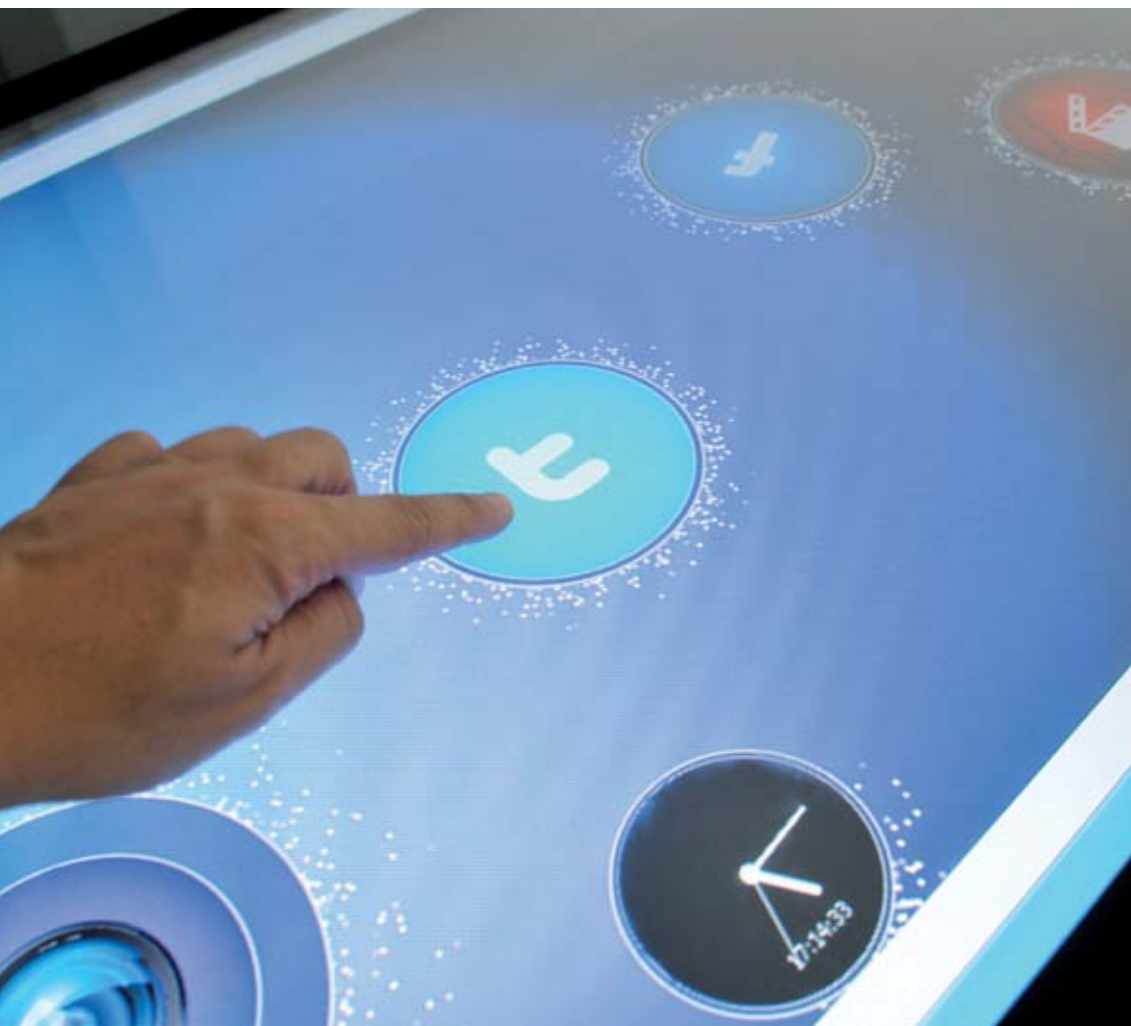
## A **SMART** INSTITUTION

The Northern Portugal Regional Coordination and Development Commission (CCDR-N) is a public institution whose work aims at the integrated and sustainable development of the Norte Region of Portugal, contributing to the country's competitiveness and cohesion.

Tasked with implementing environmental, city and land planning and regional development policies in the Norte Region (NUTS II), CCDR-N is also responsible for promoting the coordinated actions of decentralised services at a regional level and provide technical support for local authorities and their associations. Among its various attributions, highlight goes to the management of the Alto Douro Wine Region, classified as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

CCDR-N is also responsible for managing Community programmes based on funds allocated to Portugal by the European Union, as well as other financing instruments intended to promote regional development.





## PLANNING

# A **SMART** STRATEGY FOR UNIQUE REGION

One of the most representative examples of CCDR-N's regional planning activities, implemented in conjunction with the Regional Council, is the 'NORTE 2020' initiative, which aims at establishing a regional strategy for the 2014-2020 horizon, by promoting the motto of the 'Europe 2020' strategy, whose main goal is a 'smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.'

This initiative highlights the involvement of the various sectors of economy and society, aiming at ensuring a comprehensive overview of the regional reality, which will serve as the basis for a coordinated strategy, which addresses the specificities of the Norte Region of Portugal.

In response to the challenge posed by the European Commission, and formerly mandated by the Portuguese Government, CCDR-N has identified, within the context of the NORTE 2020 initiative, a regional strategy for smart specialisation, including the



identification of the fields and economic activities where there is relevant critical mass or the potential for it.

At CCDR-N, planning also includes the early identification of the trends observed in the economic evolution of the Norte Region within the national context. In this regard, the publication of the quarterly bulletin “Norte Conjuntura” takes on particular relevance with the presentation of an analysis encompassing the areas of the job market, indebtedness of families and businesses, international trade, performance of traditional industries, construction and housing, tourism, prices of consumer goods and application of community funds.

#### **Priority areas**

- Human Capital and Specialised Services
- Symbolic Capital, Technology and Tourism Services
- Life and Health Sciences
- Digital Growth in the Norte Region
- Culture, Design and Fashion
- Mobility Industries and Environment
- Sea-related Economic Activities
- Food and Agriculture Environmental Systems
- Key Enabling Technologies



## ENVIRONMENTAL PROMOTION

# SMART COMPETENCES FOR A QUALITY FUTURE

Among its wide range of attributions in the area of environment, CCDR-N ensures the assessment of the results of environmental monitoring conducted on air, noise and waste, coordinates and manages environmental impact evaluation and post-evaluation processes and takes part in environmental licensing procedures.

In the area of air quality, CCDR-N manages over 20 air quality measurement stations, located at some of the region's landmarks, and is responsible for implementing air quality improvement plans. This work enables the development of important environmental awareness initiatives.

CCDR-N's attributions also include waste management, namely the licensing, control, disposal and recovery of waste.





## PLAN PLANNING

# SMART MANAGEMENT FOR A UNIFIED REGION

Within the context of the sustainable development of the Norte Region, CCDR-N develops important activities related to land planning and management, namely the development of the technical bases for land and city planning and nature conservation policies at a regional level.

In addition to ensuring the preparation, follow-up and assessment of land planning instruments, ensuring their coordination with the National Regional Planning Policy, it also issues opinions on matters related to land use, occupation and transformation.

Among other activities, CCDR-N's services include competences related to the National Ecological Reserve, the National Agricultural Reserve and the Natura 2000 Network.



SUPPORT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

## A **SMART** ENABLER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPETENCES

The support provided by CCDR-N to Local Government, in close coordination with the Directorate-General for Local Authorities, covers not only the municipal universe of the region, composed of 86 municipalities and 1,426 parishes, but also the respective inter-municipal entities.

This competence translates into the issuing of legal opinions on the respective activities and organisational structure of local authorities and inter-municipal entities, and the provision of technical support in the field of municipal accounting.

CCDR-N is also experienced in the physical and financial follow-up of municipal projects backed by support instruments launched by the Central Government.

## TERRITORIAL COOPERATION

# SMART COOPERATION FOR INTER-REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CCDR-N's focus on European territorial cooperation goes back to the early 1980s and has, since then, grown in size and relevance, together with the adjacent regions of Spain, with which it has been constituting territorial spaces that are increasingly integrated from an economic and social point of view. Namely with Galicia, one of Portugal's main trading partners, with highlight to the constitution of the Euro-Region of Galicia-North Portugal, which derives from the consolidation of the Galicia-North Portugal Working Community, initially created with the aim of optimising the resources of both territories.

Among the priorities established for the Euroregion, the focus is on innovation and the transfer of scientific knowledge to the productive sector, in new employment opportunities, the environment, the assets and capacity building.

As a result of the conjoint work developed in recent decades, CCDR-N and the Regional Government of Galicia established the European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation - Galicia-Northern Portugal. This body focuses on promoting and enhancing the competitiveness of the business sector, rationalising cross-border basic service infrastructures and increasing social and institutional cohesion in the Euroregion.



CCDR-N's experience in cross-border cooperation is also reflected in the actions developed by the Castile-Leon – North Portugal Working Community. From the projects developed within the partnership, the most relevant are actions to improve infrastructures and public services and enhance endogenous potential, with highlight to the Douro River and its river basin.

Of the meritable projects that have been driven by the networks, the following stand out: ARIEM I I2, which establishes a mutual emergency assistance network covering the North of Portugal, Galicia and Castile-Leon; INL - Iberian International Nanotechnology Laboratory; and inter-company cooperation: Maritime / Mobility / Textile company clusters.

The strengthening of dialogue and partnerships resulted, most recently, in the creation of the Macro-Region of Southwest Europe - RESOE, which brings together the Norte and Centro Regions of Portugal and the autonomous regions of Galicia, Castile-Leon and Asturias, with the aim of promoting common opportunities in the areas of mobility and logistics, research and technological development in the automotive and components industry.

External openness by the corporate and institutional agents of Northern Portugal also motivated the adherence to inter-regional or transnational entities, with the aim of helping to strengthen the ability to create networks and partnerships in sectors considered critical to the region's territory and population, such as transport, maritime activities, employment or R&D. Among these networks and partnerships, the following

stand out: CRPM - Conference of Peripheral and Maritime Regions/Atlantic Arc Commission; AEBR - Association of European Border Regions; the Budapest Platform; the Hispanic-Portuguese Foundation Rei Afonso Henriques; and the annual 'OPENDAYS - European Week of Cities and Regions' initiative.









## REGIONAL INVESTMENT

# EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT FOR **SMART** DEVELOPMENT

CCDR-N's experience in the management of EU funds goes back to before Portugal's accession to the EEC and was consolidated in the application of Community Support Frameworks. This resulted in investment in basic infrastructure for the development of the Norte Region, such as sanitation networks, wastewater treatment plants, gas supply networks or roads, collective use equipment such as broadband networks, educational establishments or the Oporto Metro network, as well as key structures for the projection of the Norte Region of Portugal, such as the Cruise Terminal of the Port of Leixões.

From 2014 to 2020, CCDR-N is entrusted with the management of the Norte Regional Operational Programme ('NORTE 2020'), which involves managing the largest amount ever allocated to an operational programme - 3.4 billion euros. Within this Community Framework, a significant part of the funds will go into increasing the competitiveness of small- and medium-sized enterprises in the North of Portugal.



The recognition of the Region's capacity for the management of EU funds resulted in the appointment of CCDR-N as the Managing Authority of the Atlantic Area Transnational Cooperation Programme for the 2007/2013 and 2014/2020 periods.

Within an integrated partnership with other European regions, the programme has contributed to optimising the maritime potential of the Atlantic seaboard, promoting new economic activity clusters, important research and development initiatives and improving accessibility and logistics conditions.





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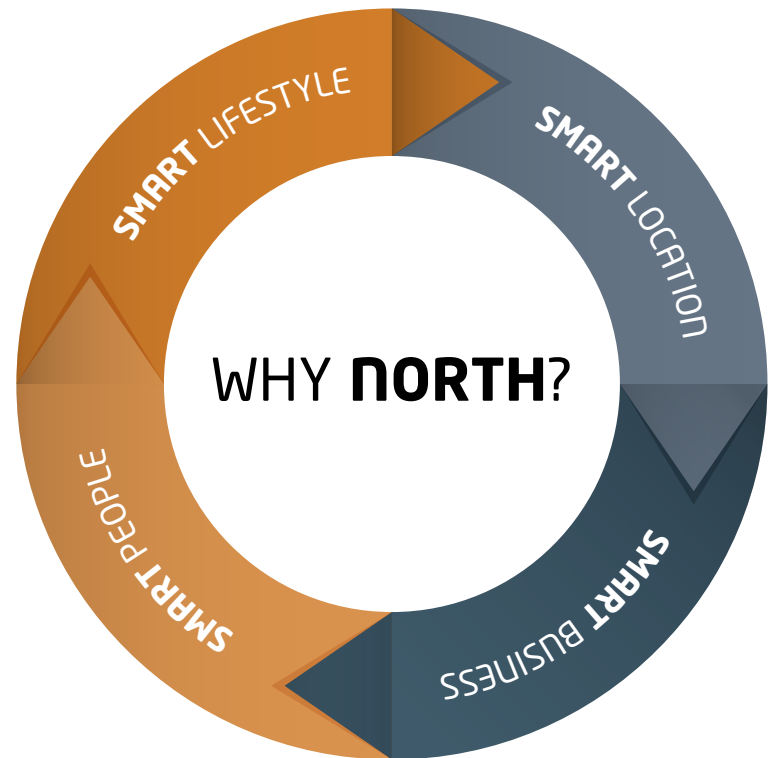
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