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Cork Harvesting Campaign 2022

FILCORK - Associação Interprofissional da Fileira da Cortiça, informs all economic operators on the obtained results and major conclusions about the Cork Harvesting Campaign in 2022:

- The cork harvesting season in 2022 was characterized by adverse climatic conditions in terms of temperature and rainfall;
- National cork production in Portugal was around 3,8 million of arrobas (57.000 tons) and 1,9 million of arrobas (28.500 tons) in Spain, totalizing 5,7 million of arrobas (85.500 tons);
- About 25% of the mature cork for the year remain unextracted, being postponed for the 2023 cork harvesting campaign;
- The available cork quantity in the 2022 campaign combined with an efficient stock management will assure industry demands;
- 2022 cork campaign registered a price increase around 20% and a smaller price amplitude, with a higher price increase being on the cork with bigger amounts of cork to granulate;
- With regard to cork extraction costs, the upward trend in prices continues, partly due to the increase in the average wage, and this year, also as a result of the lower yield of the operation because of the extraordinary weather conditions;
- The cork extraction machine was a positive reality in several extraction teams, identifying some operational constraints, normal in any technological innovation process;
- The sector's strong commitment to cork oak research continues, with results being consistently disseminated to the sector and in the process of being adopted and applied in the field;
- The sustainability of the economic, social and environmental dimensions of the cork oak Montado is increasingly recognized by society, with equal recognition being expected from public policies in the effective remuneration of ecosystem services.

Despite all the challenges for the sector in the global panorama, the year 2022 has been marked by consistent growth in exports and the assertion of cork as a unique material whatever its application, from the wine world to applications in the construction, decoration and design and in all new applications.

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Note to editors:

Filcork - Associação Interprofissional da Fileira da Cortiça – is the first interprofessional association in the forest sector in Portugal, officially recognized through *Despacho n.º 24543/2008, Diário da República, 2.ª série N.º 190 - 1 de Outubro de 2008*, Recognition charter at October 22th 2008.

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Filcork constitution:

- Production stage:
 - ACHAR - Associação de Agricultores da Charneca (Chamusca);
 - AFLOBEI - Associação de Produtores Florestais da Beira Interior;
 - AFLOSOR - Associação de Produtores Florestais da Região de Ponte de Sôr;
 - ANSUB - Associação de Produtores Florestais do Vale do Sado;
 - APFC - Associação de Produtores Florestais do Concelho de Coruche;
 - SUBERÉVORA - Associação de Produtores Florestais da Região de Évora;

- Transformation stage:
 - APCOR - Associação Portuguesa da Cortiça.

FILCORK model of participation ensures equal presence between the stages of production and transformation, being an organization dedicated to the problems of the sector as a whole, constituting a credible and effective institutional interlocutor in the defence of the cork interests.

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