



MISSION STATEMENT

CFEE STUDY TRAVEL PROJECT 2021

PORTUGAL



In Fall 2021, the California Foundation on the Environment and the Economy (CFEE) will lead a bi-partisan delegation of elected officials and labor, environmental, local government, and business leaders to Portugal. The Delegation will conduct site visits and facility tours and meet with government officials, healthcare specialists, energy executives, and environmental experts. **CFEE's MISSION** is to facilitate an exchange of knowledge, insights, and experiences between California policy leaders and their Portuguese counterparts to identify best practices that advance environmental stewardship, economic growth, and a healthy citizenry.

Offshore Wind Power | Portugal is actively using both onshore and offshore wind energy to support its clean energy transition. The CFEE Delegation will tour offshore wind turbines along the Portuguese coast and explore their financing, anticipated benefits, and environmental mitigation measures. The group will also visit turbine manufacturing facilities. What best practices can be brought back to California as the state moves into this new energy-producing frontier?

Becoming a "Smart," Carbon-Free Island | The Portuguese island of Madeira is an autonomous, self-governing jurisdiction seeking to leverage advancements in telecommunications and technology to become a "smart," fully decarbonized island. The Delegation will meet with island leaders to learn how they're deploying fiber optic networks, battery storage, and electric vehicle charging programs to achieve their ambitious goals.

Hybrid Healthcare System | Portugal has a blended healthcare system that features publicly-funded universal healthcare, voluntary private insurance, and a special profession-based healthcare scheme to provide for the health and well-being of its 10 million residents. The Delegation will meet with healthcare professionals and visit medical facilities to learn about this model, as well as their novel drug decriminalization policy, and consider what lessons could be applied to California.

Preparing for Climate Change Impacts | With an exposed coastline and a Mediterranean climate, Portugal has experienced a range of climate change impacts similar to what's already manifesting in California. The Delegation will sit down with Portuguese community leaders who are on the front lines of preparing for increasing incidents of deadly wildfires, sea level rise, and prolonged droughts to share model practices on what it will take to successfully grapple with an increasingly challenging climate.

About the California Foundation on the Environment and the Economy (CFEE)

CFEE is a nonprofit coalition of labor, environmental, local government, and business leaders that conducts intensive public policy conferences, legislative briefings, multiparty workshops, and international study travel projects for California State legislators, regulatory commissioners, and members of the Governor's Cabinet. CFEE brings together these leaders to facilitate focused, balanced, and solutions-oriented conversations designed to address the fundamental environmental and economic issues in California.

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