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SONAE TAKES 150 CHILDREN FROM THE SCHOOL CLUSTER OF CERCO TO EXHIBITION ABOUT LEONARDO DA VINCI

Sonae was responsible for taking 150 students from the school Cluster of Cerco to visit the exhibition Leonardo Da Vinci – The Genius Inventions. This initiative was carried out within Sonae's corporate responsibility policy, following the protocol the company is promoting to raise awareness and encourage young people's interest for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

The action involved every 6th grader from the School Cluster of Cerco, who were able to come into contact with the work of that who is considered one of the greatest inventors and scientists in History, at an exhibition that is currently on show at the Alfândega Porto Congress Center.

Catarina Oliveira Fernandes, director of Sonae's Communication, Brand and Corporate Responsibility, says: "Sonae cares about contributing to the Community's development, focusing particularly on the fields of education, innovation and knowledge. This initiative fits into our mission and constitutes an example of edutainment, as entertainment is used to educate about issues related with science and the scientific basis of great inventions."

Over the past year, Sonae presented the Directorate-General for Education and the educational programme led by Oporto City Council – Future Oporto (*Porto de Futuro*), an initiative that seeks to raise awareness and encourage young people's interest for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), areas considered to be crucial for the country's sustainable and inclusive development. This action, intended to increase the number of students and future professionals in these areas, originated a memorandum of understanding involving Portuguese companies and the government, which was signed last 4th April.

The protocol was undertaken by the Directorate-General for Education, Oporto City Council, Sonae, Cerealis, Unicer, the School Cluster of Rodrigues de Freitas, Clara de Resende and Cerco, Porto Business School, PWC and the EDULOG - Think Tank by Belmiro de Azevedo Foundation.

About Corporate Responsibility at Sonae

Through Sonae Activshare, its social responsibility and volunteering programme, Sonae organised several projects and initiatives throughout 2016, in the areas of social solidarity, health and sports, environmental awareness,

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culture, education and science and innovation, with an investment of over 10 million euros that benefited about 1,400 institutions.