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Sonae creates community vegetable garden at Sonae Campus

Installed on the top of one of Sonae Campus' logistics warehouses, the garden will be maintained by the Group's employees and all the produce will be donated to a local charity.

Sonae is celebrating International Earth Day with the creation of a community vegetable garden at the Sonae Campus, in Maia. Located on the top of the logistics warehouse within Sonae's headquarters, the garden is made up of 20 plots and will produce around 700 kg of vegetables per year, which will be fully donated to a local charity.

For the launch, 100 employees from the Group's companies were already responsible for, as volunteers, planting, maintaining and developing the community vegetable garden, a work that can be performed during office hours. The Vegetable Garden at Sonae Campus will produce vegetables and aromatic herbs, while also fostering networking and learning experiences, contributing to the employees' wellbeing.

The project was designed to be sustainable and eco-efficient, incorporating technologies allowing to yield annual savings of 195 thousand litres in water consumption, and to reduce GHG emissions by 1,400 kg every year. The project will likewise allow to recover organic waste from the compound's food courts by turning it into natural fertilisers, through the use of vermicomposting containers.

This way, the Vegetable Garden at Sonae Campus will be contributing to reinforce two of Sonae's strategic pillars: People and Planet, namely in terms of Sustainability, with the reduction of the environmental footprint and recovery of organic waste; of Corporate Responsibility, by donating all food produced to the community; and in terms of Valuing Our People and promoting work-life balance, by contributing to employees' personal fulfilment through volunteering.

This initiative, developed in partnership with Noocity, is part of the European PROBONO project that seeks to increase biodiversity, social innovation, and collaboration at the Sonae Campus where about 3,200 people work.

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