



NATURAL RESINS IN PORTUGAL

**UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL
OF THE PINE FOREST**

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

THE GOLDEN ERA

1970 - 1980

2nd

Largest Producer of natural resin worldwide

+100 k/tons

Annual Production

+50

Primary Processing Plants

Natural resin is part of Portugal's industrial and forestry heritage.



CURRENT SITUATION

WHERE WE ARE TODAY

2025

20.000 a 25.000 ha

Tapping area

+7 k/tons

Annual Production

400 – 500

Resin Tappers

<10%

of the needs of Portugal's rosin derivatives industry are supplied by domestic production



WHAT IS HOLDING THE SECTOR BACK?

MAIN CHALLENGES



**Non-productive
forest areas**



**Lack of active forest
management**



**Shortage of skilled
labour**



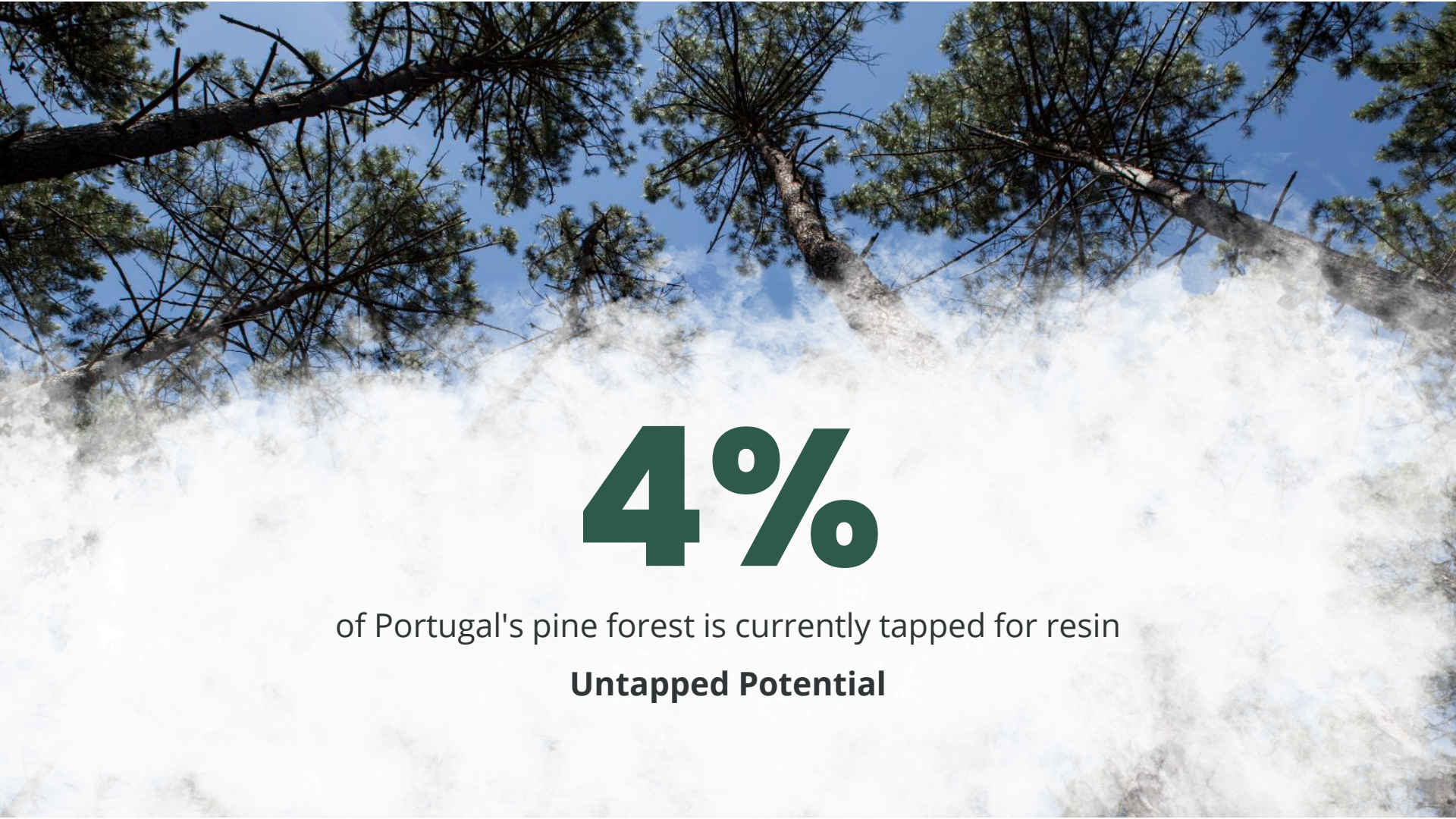
**Lack of a long-term
sector strategy**



**Limited information
and data**



**Need to increase the value
and differentiation of
maritime pine resin**



4%

of Portugal's pine forest is currently tapped for resin

Untapped Potential



WHO ARE WE?

OUR IDENTITY

RESIPINUS is the national association representing Portugal's natural resin sector, bringing together resin tappers and the primary processing industry.

Founded in 2014, its mission is to strengthen the Portuguese natural resin value chain and promote the interests of the sector.



WHAT DO WE DO?

OUR ESSENCE



SECTOR REPRESENTATION

Represent the sector at
national and European level



INNOVATION & R&D

Promote innovation to
improve productivity and
competitiveness



TRAINING & SKILLS

Promote training and
enhance the attractiveness of
the resin tapping profession



POLICY & SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

Support legislation and
strategic projects for the
sector

**DIA DO
RESINEIRO
IBÉRICO
2026**



24 DE OUTUBRO
DE 2026



MILESTONES

DRIVING REAL IMPACT

2014



Building the
Voice

2015



Regulatory
Advocacy

2019



 **RESINEIROS
VIGILANTES**
RESIPINUS

 **RESIHELP**
COLOQUE O SEU PINHAL A RESINAGEM
RESIPINUS

2021



 **PRR**
Plano de Recuperação
e Resiliência

STRATEGIC RECOGNITION

C12 – SUSTAINABLE BIOECONOMY

Natural Resin was recognized as a strategic sector and selected for funding under Portugal's Recovery and Resilience Plan (PRR), within the Sustainable Bioeconomy programme.



FOREST

- Bio-based alternative to fossil-derived materials
- Sourced from Pinus pinaster
- Supports active and resilient forest management



PEOPLE & TERRITORIES

- Creates jobs and local income
- Supports rural and interior regions
- Resin workers contribute to forest management and early fire detection



INNOVATION & INDUSTRY

- Genetic improvement & higher resin productivity
- Mechanised tapping
- Training and professionalisation
- New high-value applications and markets

THREE STRATEGIC PILLARS

Integrated Project RN21

PILLAR I

Fostering National Resin
Production



PILLAR II

Strengthening Industrial
Sustainability



PILLAR III

Differentiation of Natural
Resin and Derivatives

RESIPINUS' CONTRIBUTION TO RN21

PROFESSIONALISATION & HUMAN CAPITAL



RESIPINUS' CONTRIBUTION TO RN21

OPERATIONAL INNOVATION



RESIPINUS' CONTRIBUTION TO RN21

SECTOR VALORISATION



LOOKING AHEAD

THE FUTURE OF NATURAL RESIN



THANK YOU!



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