

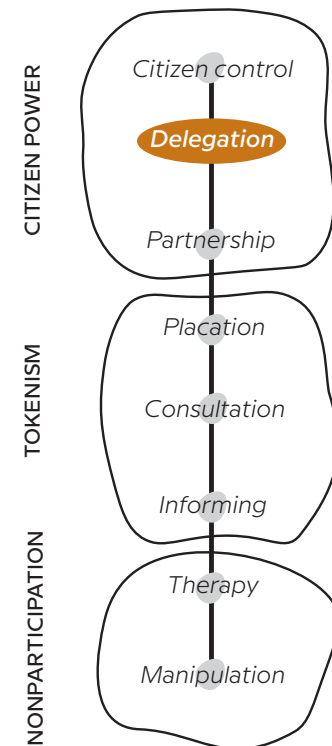
## Casa de Quarteirão

LOCATION  
**Ponta Delgada, Portugal**

TIME PERIOD  
**Since 2016**

### THE PROJECT

The project is located in “O Quarteirão”, a neighborhood close to Ponta Delgada historical city center now used for commercial purposes. The aim of the project was to create a public space in this forgotten area of the city center in order to make it more dynamic and suitable for tourism.



### RESULT

We do not know if the space is still used and active. However, the targeted impact was probably achieved, giving a new multifunctional public space to the area and also more visibility. **The neighborhood is now perceived as a creative area of the town** thanks to activities and workshops organized by W&T, especially since the international art festival. The place is probably attracting specific kinds of visitors, interested in creativity and art. The local community, local businesses and local creative sectors were the main beneficiaries of this project.

### DESCRIPTION OF THE SPACE

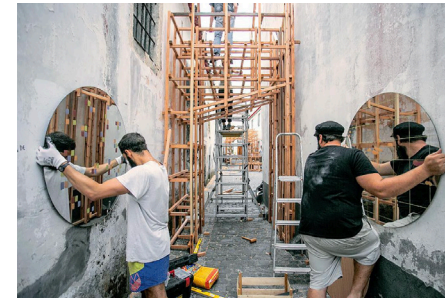
Ponta Delgada is a town located in São Miguel island in **the middle of the Atlantic ocean**. By this fact, the settlement could be considered as a **remote place but the residents do not perceive it completely that way**. Being the capital of the main island of the Azores, the essential services are guaranteed. However, the area **lacks a public space** which is not designed exclusively for a commercial or transit purpose.

### WHAT MAKES THE SPECIFICITY OF THE PROJECT

“Casa do Quarteirão” is a project developed within Walk&Talk 2016 and it was born out of the community that lives and works in the neighborhood. W&T invited Orizzontale and NO-ROCKET to collaborate in the project as co-designer

### ROLE OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY & METHODS USED

The local community has been involved through workshops with designers whose goal was to materialize a common square. At the end, **the program of the “Casa do Quarteirão” was decided by the citizens**. In this program, **two elements were created: a pavilion and a small structure with a tiny terrace, which was built by a group of inhabitants**. In addition, the designer F.Zorzi created a signage stressing the identity of O Quarteirão. There was already a group of local business owners working in the creative field, but the arrival of W&T has enabled the access to private and public fundings. **The implementation of the project lies in the collaboration between a local association with specific needs, W&T, citizens, designers and artists.**



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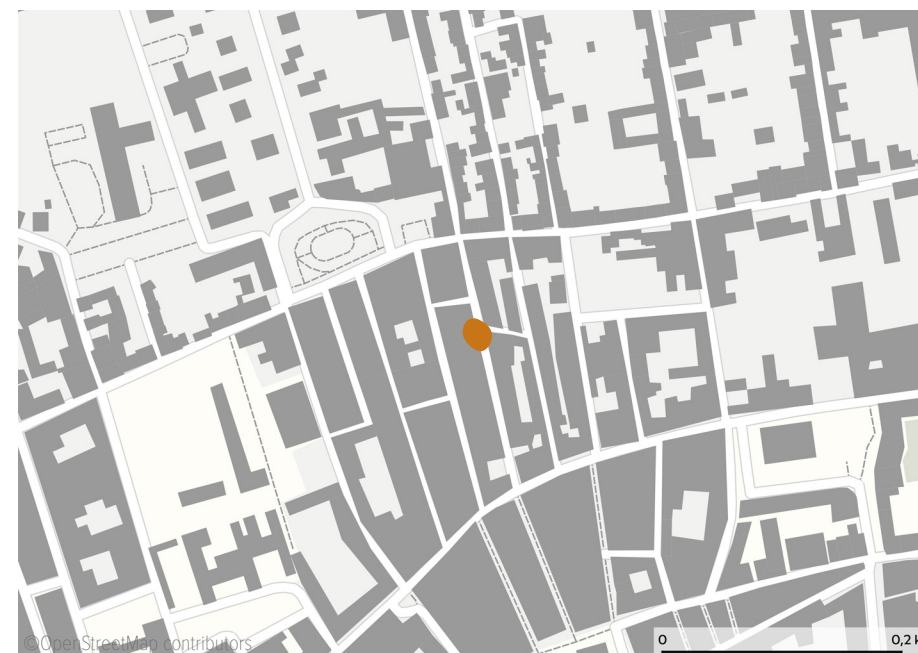
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