



LISBON:  
CREATIVE AND KNOWLEDGE CITY

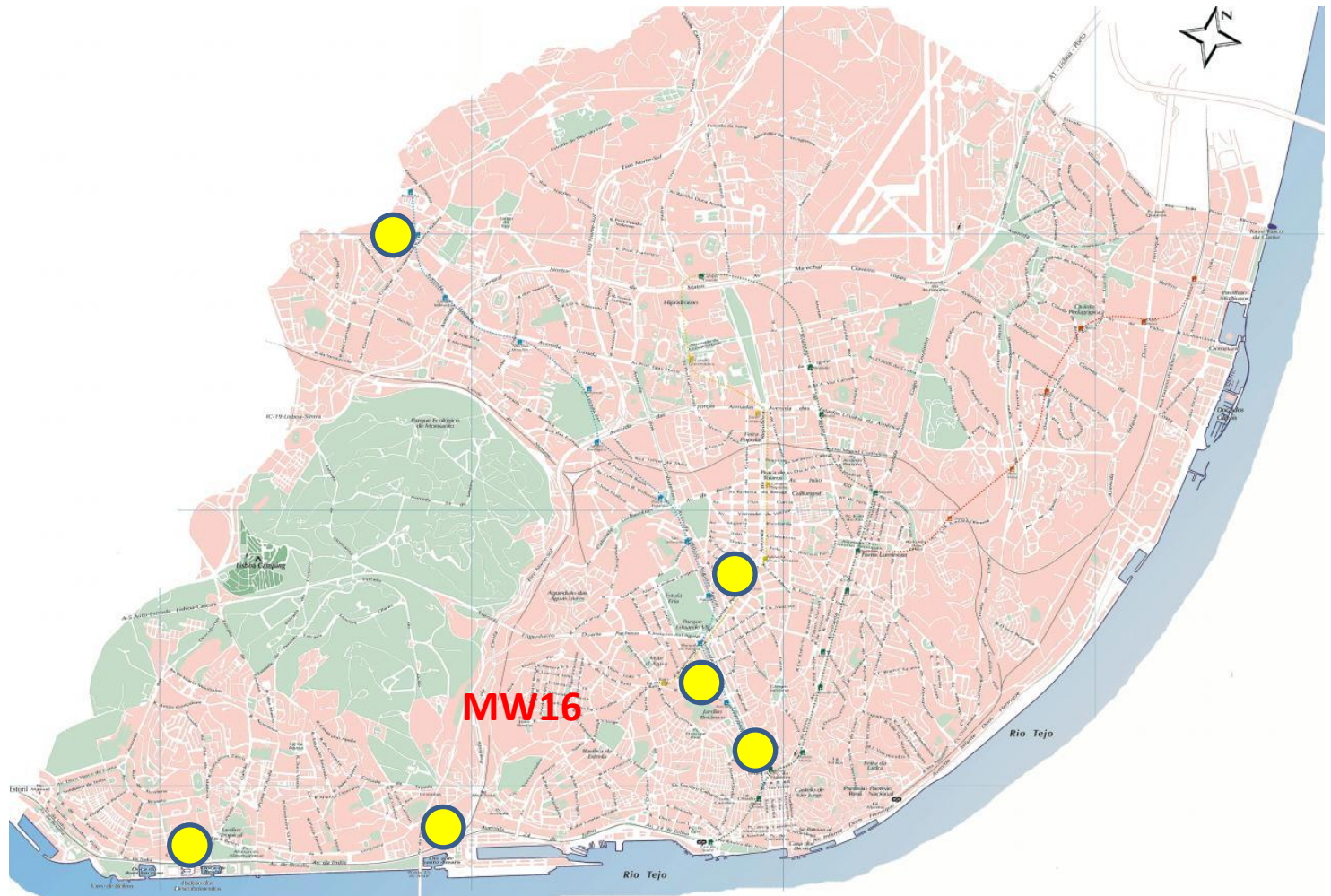
# Mobile Workshop

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Currently, Lisbon is an open-air gallery! Besides beautiful tile-covered façades, for the small tile panels and the traditional cobblestone designs, it is possible to find also lots of Street Art. Following the revolution of April 25 (1974), there was an explosion of political murals, and today artistic graffiti is even sponsored by the City Council, which created the Urban Art Gallery (GAU) by the iconic Glória funicular.

The Portuguese capital is now known as one of the cities in the world with the best street art, and some local artists like Vhils and Bordalo II, have works all over the city and over the world. Vhils is known for carving faces on façades (is currently one of the biggest names of the street art world), while Bordalo II creates art from trash. But there are also in Lisbon works by several international artists, like the Gémeos (Brésil), Blu (Italy) and SAM3 (Spain), with a fantastic work on empty buildings at Avenida Fontes Pereira Melo, that, some years ago, it was considered one of the world's top 10 works of street art by the British newspaper The Guardian.

The first part of the visit will be centered in the Bairro Padre Cruz, a municipal district, which was intervened by many artists of Street Art, becoming one of the largest galleries of public art in Europe (counting about 90 artistic murals in the buildings façades) .