

Fishermen awarded million-euro makeover



Regional infrastructures relevant to the fishing trade have been granted a 10,9 million euro investment to improve existing ports, or to build new ones, which should be finished by the end of 2008.

Comprising governmental money as well as EU funds, the significant boost will finance two new fishing ports, in Santa Luzia and Cabanas, Tavira, which together will take up an estimated 1.6 million euros of the 10 million euro grant. Culatra, Faro, and Arrifana, Aljezur, are also to be dotted

with new fishing ports, which will reportedly take up a further 2,7 million euros.

Quarteira and Albufeira will also benefit from a financial injection of around 6,5 million euros, to re-model and renovate old buildings as well as building new ones.

According to a recent press

release, this financial boost is intended "to better the quality and safety of services rendered to fishermen". It is reportedly an attempt on the Portuguese government's behalf to promote and raise the profile of the regional fishing trade, clearly confident of its status on an international level.