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ASMAA launches “Nem um Furo! Nem Agora, Nem no Futuro!” door-to-door anti-oil and gas exploration campaign.

“Nem um Furo! Nem Agora, Nem no Futuro!” is ASMAA’s new door to door campaign in the Algarve aimed at gathering public support for council mayors in the fight against onshore fracking and offshore oil and gas exploration.

20 December 2015, Lagos, Portugal: ASMAA announced today that it is launching on Monday 21 December a door-to-door campaign “Nem um Furo! Nem Agora, Nem no Futuro!” (Not one Well! Not Now and Not in the Future!) in support of AMAL and the mayors of the 14 council areas that will be directly affected by the confirmed intent to proceed with the planned fossil fuels explorations that the Portuguese government has licenced for the Algarve.

On Friday the 16 December 2015 in Faro, AMAL representative Jorge Botelho, representing all affected councils has once again confirmed after a meeting with ENMC (the Portuguese fossil fuels regulating body) that the local councils are against any oil and gas exploration including Fracking in the Algarve.

According to Laurinda Seabra, ASMAA’s CEO there will be two petitions running in each council area. One to be exclusively signed by local Portuguese citizens and the other to be signed by Expats, foreign investors and visitors to the specific council areas.

In a show of support for the local councils, ASMAA is asking all Portuguese citizens as well as expats, foreign home owners, investors and visitors to stand behind the council representatives in their attempt to keep the Algarve free from offshore and onshore oil and gas exploration including fracking (hydraulic fracturing) and to sign the petitions.

ASMAA has teamed up with the Tavira in Transition Network, and now ASMAA extends an invite to all other Transition Network groups, as well as any independent citizen movements in the Algarve to participate in the “Nem um Furo - Nem Agora, Nem no Futuro” “Not one well – Not Now and Not in the Future” door-to-door campaign that will start on Monday 21 December 2015 and which will run for a period of 12 weeks.

Seabra’s final words were “Let’s strengthen the mayor’s hands by letting our feet walk the talk”

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ABOUT

ASMAA

ASMAA has since 2012 been actively campaigning against oil and gas exploration in the Algarve. ASMAA has run many awareness raising workshops which were attended by hundreds of local residents, many door-to-door campaigns across the entire Algarve as well as ongoing social media and electronic campaigns in an endeavour to alert local residents about the offshore and onshore oil and gas exploration threats.

ASMAA is a private Portuguese not-for-profit association started by a group of Expats and Luso-decedents that are concerned with ocean and coastal preservation. ASMAA currently collaborates with many national and international civic organisations on various issues that can potentially have a negative impact on human rights, the environment or its ecosystems.

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