



## MANIFESTO

We are made of green landscapes and plowed fields. We are deep-sea rich in emotions. We are made of memories, stories, traditions, and people. But our identity goes beyond the natural beauty, the romanticism of the islands, and the hospitality of the people. The Azores are an attractive place for business creation and development. The Azorean DNA is marked by the innovative and creative spirit, by the energy of young entrepreneurs, whose non-conformed minds are allied to the spirit of “doers” to contribute to local development. That is why we combine the spirit of initiative of the innovators with a team - TERINOV, DRCT, and BGI - committed to supporting their ideas so that together we inject new solutions and knowledge and promote the value of the Azores' endogenous resources.

We are Azores Accel. An acceleration program carried out in the Azores and for the Azores, aimed at training and transferring the talents of those who want to dive into the local and regional agri-food and biotechnological sector to contribute to their development. We will associate the region's natural value with scientific and technological knowledge and offer each innovator a vision of what “made by Azores” goods and resources are. We will support startups, business projects, universities, and specialists, helping them in developing pilots, entering the market, and attracting investment. We will appeal to brilliant minds, to those who see things differently, and to those who want to make a difference.

We are innovation certified by nature. We believe that adherence to this type of initiative can be the first step in a journey in which innovation stimulates development and development amplifies innovation. A mutual, consensual relationship that will lead to important changes in the agri-food, biological, technological, and environmental field of the Azores.