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The main purpose is to study the relationship between an urban center and its suburbs during the Early Middle Ages, combining the skills of an interdisciplinary team including archaeologists, art historians and early middle ages experts of international standing. The particular case chosen to develop this kind of research project was the territory of Viseu (centre of Portugal). Viseu was not a random choice. According to written sources, it was an area of major political importance, whether as Episcopal center (6th to 10th centuries) or as an aristocratic court (9th to 12th centuries). An international and interdisciplinary approach will provide not only knowledge on the social and territorial changing processes but also on new strategies of exercising power and administrative organization.

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