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## <Code for All\_> and BNI Europa join efforts to combat digital illiteracy in Portugal

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BNI Europa, through Puzzle, its online credit brand, created a partnership with <Code for All\_> to provide financial aid to anyone who wants to learn to become a IT developer. This <Code for All\_> project aims to convert unemployed people or professionals from other areas into IT developers. This partnership provides an intensive code training program of 14 weeks supported by an online credit solution that offers special payment conditions to the program's students. It also enables anyone interested to access this training program, but that faces financial limitations, to finally do so.

At this moment, registrations are open for 60 vacancies distributed by the 3 new bootcamps taking place in Lisbon, Fundão, and Ilha Terceira (Azores). The partnership with Puzzle is for now only available to the Lisbon bootcamp. According to João Magalhães, co-founder of <Code for All\_>, "The bootcamp doors are open to anyone wanting to become an IT developer with a guaranteed job.". This is made possible through Puzzle's financing solution with subsidized rates, long-term maturities, and a grace period that allows trainees to start paying the credit only once the training program is finished and when they're already working. <Code for All\_> says the rate of employability for their courses currently stands at 96%.

Pedro Pinto Coelho, Banco BNI Europa Executive President, says that "the bank has been strongly committed to the development of partnerships with start-ups focused on Fintech innovation. This collaboration with <Code for All\_> allows us to reinforce this strategic line and add a new layer of social responsibility to our operations by facilitating access to this program, whilst contributing to the development of digital knowledge in Portugal."

In activity since 2015, <Code for All\_> says that it has already trained 222 professionals from many different areas into IT developers. With this partnership, a challenge is launched so that any "bright mind" motivated to learn programming, regardless of age,

academic background, professional or financial situation, can do so by obtaining easy, fast and simple financing with favorable payment conditions.

Puzzle and <Code for All\_> join efforts to respond to the high rate of qualified unemployment and growing need in IT related functions, with the mission to, by 2020, requalify and place 10,000 candidates in the market, and combat digital illiteracy in Portugal.

### **PUZZLE: Credit that fits you**

PUZZLE, a Banco BNI Europa brand, is the first totally digital and real-time credit approval process with a simple, and nonbureaucratic concession, created to revolutionize the way credit is granted in Portugal.

It offers credit up to three thousand euros, and different payment maturities and is intended to be a quick response to small credit needs, which can be satisfied in a nonbureaucratic, simple and fast way. It takes the client just a few minutes to complete the online credit application, allowing him to have the money available in his bank account within 24 hours after the credit approval. Based on state-of-the-art technology, the process is 100% online, confidential, responsible, and secure.

With PUZZLE, obtaining a credit is easy, fast and simple.

That's why our credit fits you.

Site: <https://www.puzzle.pt/pt/>

### **<Code for All\_>: to offer a gift with future since 2015**

Founded in 2015 by Domingos Guimarães and João Magalhães, <Code for All\_> is proud to have received more than 6,500 candidates so far and to have trained 222 students with a 96% employability rate.

In this area, unemployment is virtually 0, and the average entry level of the alumni is 950 Euros/month. Companies such as Altran, Logicalis, Ernst & Young, Novabase, Uniplaces, Accenture and Bring Global have welcomed the graduates of this Startup.

Distinguished as a Best Practice by European Commission and Champion of World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), <Code for All\_> does not stop here. On January 25th, won the Chivas Venture national final and is now in the race for the final prize of one million dollars.

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