Included within the global project for the Gardens and Palace of Queluz

**Restoration work on the Robillion Pavilion**

- Conclusion of the restoration work forecast for summer 2015
- New cafeteria, auditorium, group dining hall, pantry and storage facilities

Robillion Pavilion project simulation video: [http://youtu.be/Krb9h0OOwYA](http://youtu.be/Krb9h0OOwYA)

*Sintra, 19 March 2015 –* The restoration work on the Robillion Pavilion (included within the overall project for the Gardens and the National Palace of Queluz – for further information please click [here](http://youtu.be/Krb9h0OOwYA)) began at the beginning of March.

This intervention project aims to rehabilitate an area of the National Palace of Queluz that has been closed off to the public ever since its reconstruction following the fire in 1934 and thus boosting the overall range of service provision. The Palace currently receives substantial demand as a venue for hosting conferences and events but as it lacks the appropriate additional rooms, such may only be hosted in the Music Room and the Throne Room and correspondingly only available outside regular visitor hours.

Correspondingly, this project spans the restructuring of the unfinished ground floor of the Robillion Pavilion and resulting in the installation of various services: a cafeteria, a conference room equipped with translation facilities, another room for hosting events alongside catering support service areas, changing rooms and storage spaces.

As regards the cafeteria, open to the public in general, this area includes an elevator to ensure access for those experiencing mobility restrictions (connecting the first floor of the Robillion Pavilion with the cafeteria and the gardens) as well as the terrace esplanade.

In the case of the area for hosting events, this is subject to a minimalist approach, rehabilitating the interior architectonic features and guaranteeing those characteristics ensuring suitable standards of performance and functional, structural and constructive safety.
The project also includes the restoration of the beam structures, the plastered exterior finishings and the facade masonry spanning from the Robillion Pavilion to the Old Kitchen restaurant adjoining the Palace.

The completion of the Robillion Pavilion restoration project is forecast for August 2015.

Video on the global restoration project of the Gardens and the National Palace of Queluz: http://youtu.be/0GxLQLsiYoA

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