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Group of students and Maoist employees existing in Porto and VN Gaia since the end of 1972. Founded on the initiative of Jorge Gonçalves and Jorge Lage, it was intended to be a response to a “practical” sector of the Porto high school associative movement. Jaime Reininho). About 13 members of the GEMLM were part of the associative movement (among others Mario Dias, Carlos “engineer” (employee of Café Ambassador), Rui Guimarães, Rui Lage, Vitor Maia, Otília Pereira, Alvaro? (From Leça), Carmo?, António César Sá and Berta Spínola), who met periodically to hold political discussions and edit pamphlets. Berta Spinola would later be removed from the group. It was a group that had no structured organic ties, focused on the individual development of its members. However, it had a “coordinating nucleus” consisting of Mário Dias, Jorge Lage and Otília.

GEMLM existed from mid-1973 to the period immediately after 25 April. They carried out an internal reading program that included, among others, Italian journalist and Communist Party member, Marie Machiochi's book, *Dalla Cina: dopo la rivoluzione culturale* [English translation Daily Life in Revolutionary China, 1972] Although one of the group's aims was to read and study the Marxist-Leninist press, particularly the then existing organizations, while maintaining its organic independence, the dominant political influence was that of the PCP (ML) and its internal statutes were adapted from that party. As a result of the division of the CFP (ML) into two rival organizations on the eve of 25 April, the members of GEMLM were also divided among themselves.

GEMLM published a 50-issue newspaper, *Comrade*, and several internal and target documents with print runs ranging from 15 to 100 copies.

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