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In 2008, Benedito started her practice in New York with Alexander Häusler called OFICINAA. As an award-winning firm focused on detail and strategy, culture and sustainable environments, OFICINAA has won several awards and mentions in multiple competitions: First prize for European 9 (2008), Honorable Mention for Berlin's Freedom and Unity Memorial in the non-built projects Architizer competition (2009), First Prize for European 10 (2010), Short-listed for the Olympic Village Master Plan competition for Munich's 2018 Olympic Winter Games Bid (2010), First prize for the Ingobräu Master Plan and Housing Development competition (2011) and Finalist for the European 11 (2012).

Throughout her career, Benedito has received numerous prizes and fellowships such as the Luso-American fellowship, the Gulbenkian Foundation prize, the Research Grant from the Sciences, Arts and Technology Foundation, and the prestigious Fernando Távora Prize from the Portuguese Architects' League.