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AIResearch SUMMIT CIAC-PLDIS | IPSantarém brings together, on 20–21 January 2026, leading national and international voices in **Artificial Intelligence, Digital Literacy, and Social Inclusion**, connecting research, policy-making, innovation, and global cooperation networks.

Over two days, the Summit fosters dialogue between **academia, government, European Institutions, and Ibero-American research networks**, creating a strategic space to discuss the future of Responsible AI, its societal and educational impacts, and the role of higher education institutions in building an ethical, safe, and inclusive digital ecosystem.

Day 1 highlights the strengthening of international partnerships, with the signing of new cooperation agreements, the active participation of major global networks (Metared, ACINNET, RIAL), and the [presence of the Portuguese Minister for Education, Science and Innovation](#), underscoring the national and scientific importance of this agenda. The day concludes with a dedicated networking moment for the scientific and institutional community.

Day 2 discussions on AI research and policy in Europe and beyond, with contributions from the EU Artificial Intelligence Office, and European Universities Alliances, as well as renowned researchers and experts. The programme explores three key thematic axes: Higher Education in the AI Era, Digital Transformation and Social Impact and Responsible and Innovative AI Research.

The event closes with the CIAC-PLDIS Research Steering Panels, showcasing ongoing projects across communication, social inclusion, computer sciences, and literacy/vocational training, reinforcing the Hub's commitment to open, collaborative, and socially engaged research.

The SUMMIT stands as a meaningful forum for those committed to designing and applying Artificial Intelligence for the common good, strengthening bridges between science, education, and society.

ORGANIZERS & SPEAKERS



João Moutão, President of the Polytechnic Institute of Santarém, was re-elected for a second term in December 2024, reflecting his impactful leadership. With a background in Sports Science and Education, he has played a key role in the development and credibility of the institution. His commitment to academic excellence and institutional growth is widely recognized.



George Camacho is the Director of the School of Education at the Polytechnic Institute of Santarém (ESES), a position he has held since July 2022. He has been a professor since 1987 and previously served as Vice-President and Student Ombudsman at the institution. Known for advocating greater collaboration among the Polytechnic's schools, his leadership focuses on enhancing institutional cohesion and educational quality.



João Teixeira Leite is the President of the Municipal Council (Mayor) of Santarém, Portugal. He leads local governance and community development initiatives to enhance public services and civic engagement. His role focuses on promoting sustainable growth and well-being for the residents of Santarém.



António Fidalgo, as Secretary General of ISTECLIS Lisbon, coordinates all operational activities and supports the implementation of the institute's educational mission. He works closely with the Director and oversees institutional services. He is known for his strategic and organizational skills.



Inês Gouveia leads the Santander Foundation Portugal, driving innovation and partnerships in education and entrepreneurship.



Tomás Jiménez is the President of Metared Iberoamericana, leading collaborative networks that promote digital transformation and innovation in higher education institutions across Ibero-America.



Joaquim Godinho is the Director of Information Technologies and Coordinator of Metared at the University of Évora. He plays a key role in driving digital innovation and managing the institution's technological infrastructure.



Bruno Mendes Silva is part of the team at CIAC (Centro de Investigação em Artes e Comunicação) in Portugal, where he contributes to research and organisational activities. He supports collaborative projects and academic initiatives that strengthen CIAC's mission. His role focuses on advancing communication and arts research.



Luísa Carvalho is Vice-President of the Polytechnic Institute of Setúbal (IPS), coordinating institutional internationalisation. She manages Erasmus Incoming, International Credit Mobility (ICM), and Erasmus+ projects, fostering academic exchange and international collaboration.



Arminda Janfar is the General Administrator of the Instituto Superior de Formação, Investigação e Ciência (ISFIC), a higher education institution in Maputo, Mozambique. She leads academic and strategic initiatives and has been elected President of the General Assembly of the International Academic Network of Lusophony (RIAL).

ORGANIZERS & SPEAKERS



Rodrigues Fazenda is the Director-General of ISFIC (Instituto Superior de Formação, Investigação e Ciência) in Mozambique. He leads strategic planning, institutional development, and academic excellence initiatives. In his role, he fosters research, education and partnerships to strengthen the mission and impact of ISFIC.



Jorge Bossio Montes de Oca is the Director of Digital Learning and Educational Innovation at the Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas (UPC). With over 20 years of experience in digital education and educational technology, he holds a Master's degree in Political Science and is currently pursuing a PhD in Business Administration.



Fernanda Ledesma is a team member at ANPRI (Associação Nacional de Professores) in Portugal, where she contributes to supporting teachers and advancing educational initiatives. She works on programmes and activities that foster professional development and community engagement. Her role focuses on strengthening pedagogical practices and teacher networks.



Maria Potes Barbas is a Full Professor in Educational Multimedia Communication and Head of the Research Unit on Digital Literacy and Social Inclusion (CIAC-PLDIS-IPSantarém). She is an Invited Cathedric Professor at Universidade Aberta, Lisbon (20%), and has supervised FCT PhD scholarships. She serves as an EU evaluator for programmes including Innowide, H2020, ICT, Ethics, EUREKA, Erasmus+, and postdoctoral grants. Additionally, she is Head of Innovation at ACE2EU and represents ACE2EU in the FOREU4ALL network, contributing to research, digital inclusion, and international academic collaboration.



Michelle Carrizosa, an international studies graduate from the University of Washington, Michelle boasts over eight years of experience in the tech industry, where she has excelled as a program manager and risk analyst. Most recently an entrepreneur, having successfully run her own career coaching business. Currently, Michelle serves as an Account Manager for Central and Northern Europe partners, leveraging her global perspective and tech expertise to foster strategic growth.



Dorine Allan is a professional associated with INCO Group, contributing to international development and sustainability initiatives. She supports project coordination and partnership building to advance inclusive and impact-driven programs. Her work focuses on fostering collaboration across sectors to achieve social and environmental goals.



Manuela do Rosário is the Secretary of Support Services to the Presidency at the Polytechnic University of Santarém.



Carlos Cardeira is the Secretary General of ISTEC (Instituto Superior de Tecnologias Avançadas) in Lisbon. An electrical and computer engineer, he specializes in industrial automation and information technologies.



Helder Pereira is Vice-President at the Polytechnic Institute of Santarém, Portugal. He supports institutional leadership, academic management, and strategic development. His role focuses on enhancing educational quality and fostering collaboration within the institute.



João Samartinho is involved with CIAC-pldis and the International Academic Network of Lusophony (RIAL), contributing to research and collaborative academic initiatives. He supports projects that promote cross-institutional partnerships, knowledge exchange, and innovation. His work focuses on strengthening networks and advancing shared goals within the Lusophone academic community.

ORGANIZERS & SPEAKERS



Juan Pérez Miranda is a faculty member at Universidad Francisco de Vitoria, focusing on innovative approaches to education and research. His work spans interdisciplinary collaboration, academic development, and the promotion of meaningful learning experiences.



Filipe Madeira, Filipe Madeira is a Coordinator Professor at the Polytechnic Institute of Santarém and leads the Master's Program in Applied Informatics. He is Editor-in-Chief of the Scientific Journal of UI_IPSantarém and Vice-Coordinator at the Digital Literacy and Social Inclusion Hub (PLDIS), CIAC – University of Algarve. Holding a Ph.D. in Computer Science, his research focuses on recommender systems, educational technologies, and digital health literacy. He has authored numerous academic publications and developed resources in health empowerment and tech-enhanced learning.



Beatrix Busse is Vice-Rector for Teaching and Studies at the University of Cologne and was elected Chair of the FOREU4ALL Forum Board for the European Universities alliances. In this role, she represents and advances joint education and research initiatives across European higher education. She also serves as Chief Development Officer of the European University for Well-Being (EUniWell)



Luís João, is the Head of Public Sector and Healthcare at Google Cloud Portugal. With over 14 years of experience in digital transformation, security, and cloud technologies, he leads strategic initiatives to modernize public services and healthcare through innovative cloud solutions. He holds a Master's degree in Computer Engineering from Instituto Superior Técnico.



Luciano Saso (Faculty of Pharmacy and Medicine, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy) coordinated several research projects in the field of pharmacology and has been referee for many national and international funding agencies and international scientific journals in the last 30 years. Has extensive experience in international relations and has been Deputy Rector at Sapienza University of Rome for 8 years (2014-2022). In the last 25 years, he participated in several projects and has been speaker and chair at many international conferences. Has been Member of the Steering Committee of UNICA for four years (2011-2015) and President for eight years (2015-2023) He took over the role of Secretary General of the UNICA Network in June 2023



Miguel de Castro Neto, PhD, is a faculty member at NOVA Information Management School (NOVA IMS), part of Universidade Nova de Lisboa. With a doctorate in Agronomic Engineering from Instituto Superior de Agronomia (Universidade Técnica de Lisboa), his expertise lies in information systems applied to the agricultural and environmental sectors. He teaches and



Nuria Oliver is the Director of the ELLIS Foundation in Alicante, an expert in artificial intelligence focused on human-centered AI, social impact, and ethical innovation.



Paulo Dimas is the CEO of the Center for Responsible AI, leading global initiatives to advance ethical and human-centered AI. He previously served as VP of Product Innovation at Unbabel, where he helped position the company as one of the world's most innovative according to Fast Company. He is recognized for driving impactful AI solutions and promoting responsible technology development.



Prof. Stratos Stylianidis is a Member of the Administration Council and former Vice-Rector for Research and Lifelong Learning at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece. He is a Professor in the Faculty of Engineering, School of Spatial Planning and Development, and Director of the Laboratory of Geoinformatics. His work focuses on geoinformatics, spatial planning, and research leadership.



Stine Lomborg is a Professor in the Department of Communication at the University of Copenhagen. She works in the Section of Digital Information and Communication, focusing on research and teaching related to digital media, information practices, and communication technologies. Her work bridges theory and practice to advance understanding of digital communication.



Vítor Nogueira is the Pro-Rector for Digital Transformation at the University of Évora, leading initiatives to advance digital strategies and integrate innovative technologies across academic and administrative processes. He is an Associate Professor at the Computer Science Department and a researcher at the ALGORITMI research centre. His expertise is in Artificial Intelligence, focusing on areas like Natural Language Processing, Knowledge Graphs, and IoT.



Weronika is an expert at the National Contact Point at the National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR) in Poland. She is responsible for the areas of Cluster 3 and Cluster 4 in Horizon Europe Programme, and her role is to provide effective support to Polish beneficiaries in international projects.



Sérgio Cardoso is an Associate Professor in the Department of Computer Science and Quantitative Methods at ESGT. He currently serves as the Director of ESGT, an executive position elected by the School Assembly, overseeing the institution's strategic and academic activities.



Helena Canhão is the Secretary of State for Science and Innovation in Portugal. She leads national efforts to strengthen research, technological development, and innovation policy. In her role, she fosters collaboration between government, academia, and industry to advance scientific excellence and societal impact.

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Fernando Alexandre has been Portugal's Minister of Education, Science, and Innovation since 2024. An economist and university professor, he has a distinguished career in public policy. His work focuses on modernizing the education system and promoting scientific research and innovation.

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CIAC-PLDIS IPSantarém Members

Media Communication: Andreia Teles Vieira; Dário Rodrigues; Maria Cunha; Paulo Branco; Adriana Silva; Ana Torres; Cristina Novo; Evan Kapros; José Basto Soares; Maria Koutsombogera; Patrícia Pereira; Rui Robalo; Stefan Dreisiebner

Social Inclusion: Ana da Silva; Corina Dragan; Gabriela Neagu; Ida Cortini; Inês Matias; Rosa Oliveira; Vincenzo Scalcione.

Computer Sciences: Filipe Madeira; António Santos; Artur Marques; José António Figueiredo; Maurício Dias; Adriano Cruz; Ana Catarina Cruz; António Godinho; Corina-Maria Ciobanu; Fernando Bento; Filipe Cardoso; Ioannis Tavantzis; João Laland; Jorge González; Jorge Leiria Pires; Natasa Koceska; Paris Cleanthous; Pedro Ramos Brandão; Sérgio Pinto; Vasilis Giannoglou.

Literacy & Vocational Training: Isabel Piscalho; Susana Colaço; Francieli Maria de Lima; Jaqueline Fátima Roman; Marta Uva; Natalia Truszkowska

DESIGN AND MULTIMEDIA EXPERTS



Renata Pintor, Digital Designer, Digital Literacy and Social Inclusion Hub Executive Secretary

Juliana Semanas, Project Manager, Multimedia Expert

Diogo Algarvio, Web Developer & Designer

EXPERTS AUDIOVISUAL STAFF - CTEC



Inês Matias, Rosa Oliveira, Rui Lopes

Educational Technologies; Video; Multimedia Educational Communication

15:30 - 16:00

HEI_AIR: WELCOME YOU! RESEARCH HUB ON DIGITAL LITERACY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION
(CIAC-PLDIS IPSANTARÉM)

João Moutão President of Santarém Polytechnic University

George Camacho Director of the Education School

Joao Leite City Mayor

António Fidalgo ISTECLisboa

Inês Gouveia Metared Portugal Member

Tomás Jimenez Metared Ibero-Americana Coordinator

Joaquim Godinho Metared Portugal Coordinator

Bruno Silva CIAC-UALg Coordinator

Moderator: Luisa Carvalho Vice-President of IPSetúbal

16:00 – 16:15

AGREEMENTS

International Intensive AIR AFRICA Lab

CIAC-PLDIS IPSantarém (João Moutão; Bruno Silva)

ISTECLisboa (António Fidalgo)

ISFIC_Moçambique (Arminda Janfar; Rodrigues Fazenda)

Master's Degree in Responsible and Applied Artificial Intelligence

CIAC-PLDIS IPSantarém (João Moutão)

ISTECLisboa (António Fidalgo)

UPC_Perú (Jorge Bossio)

ISFIC_Moçambique (Arminda Janfar)

ANPRI (Fernanda Ledesma)

AI Skills for Labor Market Google.org Training Course CIAC-PLDIS IPSantarém

CIAC-PLDIS IPSantarém (João Moutão; Maria Potes Barbas)

ISTECLisboa (António Fidalgo)

Inco-group (Michelle Carrizosa e Dorine Allan)

ACINNET WITH ISTECL

Moderators: Manuela do Rosário President Secretary IPSantarém; **Carlos Carneira** ISTECLisboa

16:15- 17:00

INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS

Tomás Jimenez and Joaquim Godinho METARED TIC

Helder Pereira ACINNET

João Samartinho RIAL

Juan Perez Miranda Vicerrector of Internationalization, Francisco de Vitoria University

Moderator: Filipe Madeira CIAC-PLDIS IPSantarém Sub Coordinator

17:00 - 21:00

AI Research SUMMIT DINNER SECRET PLACE Quinta da Lagoalva WINNERY ENVIRONMENT

10:00 – 10:45

IMPLEMENTATION OF ERA POLICY AGENDA - IMPROVING THE ARTICULATION BETWEEN R&I AND HIGHER EDUCATION

The Innovative Role of European Universities Alliances in the European Higher Education Area

Beatrix Busse Foreu4ALL Coordinator (ONLINE)

PRACTICES: AI RESPONSIBLE RESEARCH THE FUTURE NOW!

Luís João Head of Public Sector Google Cloud Portugal

Moderator: João Teixeira Leite Santarém Mayor

10:45– 11:30

University Education & Research in the AI Era

Luciano Saso UNICA Secretary General

Digital Transformation: Challenges in AI

Miguel Castro Neto NovaIMS

Innovation in AI Research

Nuria Oliver Director ELLIS Foundation Alicante

Responsible GenAI

Paulo Dimas Coordinator of the Responsible AI

Moderator: Maria Potes Barbas Pro President for Innovation, Women in ICT Coordinator MetaRedTIC Portugal, Foreu4all ACE2EU representative

11:30 - 13:00

AI IN HIGHER EDUCATION: ENVIRONMENT, SOCIAL CHANGE, IMPACTS

Responsible AI in Research

Jorge Bossio UPC, Peru

Stratos Stylianidis Greece

Accountability, Aspiration and AI Research

Stine Lomborg Center for Tracking and Society

Moderator: Vítor Nogueira Pro-Rector (Évora University)

13:00 – 14:30 METARED, VERFISUM INTERACTIVE LUNCH

14:30 – 15:00

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE

Financial Challenges

Weronika Gaweda Horizon Europe Programme Committee Expert Cluster 4, Poland

AI Program for Students

Michelle Carrizosa | Dorine Allan Inco-group

15:00 –17:00

CIAC-PLDIS IPSANTARÉM STEERING RESEARCH GROUPS

PANEL 1 - Media Communication (Lead by Andreia Teles Vieira)

Andreia Vieira; Dário Rodrigues; Maria Cunha; Maria Potes Barbas; Paulo Branco; Adriana Silva; Ana Torres; Cristina Novo; Evan Kapros; José Basto Soares; Maria Koutsombogera; Patrícia Pereira; Rui Robalo; Stefan Dreisiebner

PANEL 2 - Social Inclusion (Led by Ana da Silva)

Ana da Silva; Corina Dragan; Gabriela Neagu; Ida Cortini; Inês Matias; Juan Perez – Miranda Castillo; Maria Potes Barbas; Rosa Oliveira; Vincenzo Scalcione

PANEL 3 - Computer Sciences (Led by Filipe Madeira)

António Santos; Artur Marques; Filipe Madeira; João Samartinho; José António Figueiredo; Maurício Dias; Adriano Cruz; Ana Catarina Cruz; António Godinho; Corina-Maria Ciobanu; Fernando Bento; Filipe Cardoso; Ioannis Tavantzis; Joao Lalandia; Jorge González; Jorge Leiria Pires; Natasa Koceska; Paris Cleanthous; Pedro Ramos Brandão; Sérgio Pinto; Vasilis Giannoglou

PANEL 4 - Literacy and Vocational Training (Led by Neusa Branco)

Isabel Piscalho; Neusa Branco; Susana Colaço; Francieli Maria de Lima; Jaqueline Fátima Roman; Marta Uva; Natalia Truszkowska

17:00 –17:30

AIRESEARCH SUMMIT REMARKS

Andreia Teles Vieira Ciac-PLDIS IPSantarém Integrated Member

Helena Canhão, Secretary of State Science and Innovation