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PORTALEGRE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY

The Portalegre Polytechnic University is a public Higher Education institution that includes 4 Faculties: the Faculty of Education and Social Sciences, the Faculty of Technology, Management and Design, the Faculty of Health in Portalegre and the Faculty of Biosciences in Elvas.

The activities of our Faculties are coordinated by the Central Services, being the Social Action Services (SAS) oriented to support the student, namely on issues related to food, accommodation, psychological support, sports and recreational activities.

The Portalegre Polytechnic University also has a technology-based incubator (BioBIP), a Research and Innovation Office (GII), an Entrepreneurship and Employment Office (GEE), Center for Languages and Cultures (CLiC) and an International Relations Office (GRI).

In order to be as close to the community and to contribute to its sustained development, it offers various services through its laboratories, partnerships, and support for applied research.

Above all, it seeks quality teaching, open to the international aspect, valuing the region and the people, more and more.

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A LIFETIME LEARNING EXPERIENCE WITH:



INNOVATIVE TEACHING & LEARNING PROCESSES



TOP LEVEL RESEARCH & INNOVATION PROJECTS



ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION



INNOVATIVE TEACHING & LEARNING PROCESSES

The Portalegre Polytechnic University offers quality teaching and differentiated training, covering a wide range of knowledge areas, distributed across 55 higher education programs, including Short Cycles, Bachelors, Masters and Post-Grad courses.

The offer is very broad, ranging from journalism and communication, to marketing and design, technologies, tourism, education and social sciences, management, computer science, health, agricultural and veterinary sciences, sports, among others.



TOP LEVEL RESEARCH & INNOVATION PROJECTS

PPU owns two research centres (VALORIZA and CARE) and manages a third (CIEQV).

VALORIZA (Research Centre for the Valorisation of Endogenous Resources) is a multidisciplinary Research Unit, strongly oriented towards three central themes, of energy and waste valorization and sustainable production and environment.

CARE (Centre for Research in Health and Social Sciences) another a multidisciplinary research unit whose mission and

strategic objectives are to promote the well-being of individuals and populations, from a sustainable development perspective, in low-density, peripheral and cross-border rural territories.

CIEQV (Quality of Life Research Centre) is a research centre of the Polytechnic University of Santarém, for which the PPU has a management pole. This is a centre aligned with the priorities of Horizon 2020 in relation to some of society's challenges, namely maintaining high standards of quality of life in different age groups and social contexts.

In addition to these three research centres, the university also integrates collaborative labs, as BIOREF (a CoLab for bioenergy and biorefinery technologies with a hub located in Portalegre); InnovPlantProtect (InPP), a CoLab to develop biobased innovative solutions to protect crops; the Circular Lab of Alentejo; the Competence Centre InovTechAgro; the Hydrogen Academy (a training academy in the field of hydrogen); and the Competitive Intelligence Centre located in Campo Maior.

These infrastructures enable us not only to run more than 50 financed research projects, but also to coordinate several H2020, H2030 and cost actions in different research domains.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The Entrepreneurship and Employment Office (GEE) is a transversal unit of the Portalegre Polytechnic University that coordinates the structures and activities related to the fields of Entrepreneurship and Employment, supporting the areas of Training and Professional Qualification, aiming to create and develop an entrepreneurial culture that contributes to facilitate the transformation of knowledge into business ideas, as well as the dissemination of innovative ideas and projects with potential to create wealth and regional development, making students dynamic in the search for new career opportunities and the

creation of their own jobs, in addition to helping to provide contacts, job/internship offers and support in applications, among other necessary tools and the consequent insertion in the labor market.

GEE is also responsible for the management of BioBIP - Bioenergy and Business Incubator of Portalegre, it is a structure dedicated to the incubation of companies, related to the training areas of the PPU; and for the activities of the Continuing Education Center (NFC), which aims to promote advanced courses and training activities both for students and professionals.



Teaching is enhanced by the action of our International Relations Office in charge of managing not only mobility projects for students, teaching and non-teaching staff and academic cooperation with foreign institutions, under the Erasmus+ Programme or other international programmes and actions, but also the integration of a lifetime learning experience for our international students.



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7 REASONS TO BE PROUD

#1 PROXIMITY

The word “proximity” is one of the most used by the Portalegre Polytechnic University and its students to describe the experience in this institution of higher education. There are several reasons that explain this choice.

Of all of them, we highlight the unity of the academic community, built by students from various areas and courses and the openness and availability of the professors.

#2 PRACTICAL & APPLIED TEACHING

Teaching students the “know-how” of various professions is one of the priorities assumed by the Portalegre Polytechnic University. As such, the bet on a practical teaching, carried out in laboratories with excellent equipment.

At the same time, the strategy of the institution is to create small classes, especially in what regards to practical classes, in order to facilitate the students’ learning.

#3 INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

In addition to one of the highest rates of foreign students, the Portalegre Polytechnic University develops efforts to enable its students international experience. This possibility can be guaranteed through the Erasmus+ program and the dozens of projects and partnership protocols signed with institutions from various parts of the globe. The International Relations Office supports students in finding the opportunities that best fit their profile and goals.

#4 SUSTAINABILITY

The theme of sustainability is a priority for the Portalegre Polytechnic University that, over the past few years, has stood out for the work done in this area. For this reason, all its educational offer is oriented towards the Sustainable Development Goals (ODS), showing students how they can, individually or collectively, build a better world. Students can also participate in various projects and actions in this area such as scientific investigations or literacy projects.

#5 INOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Relying on structures dedicated to the creation of knowledge in areas such as energy and sustainability (such as VALORIZA or CoLAB BIOREF), the Portalegre Polytechnic University offers its students the possibility to be involved at the forefront of innovation.

This possibility is also offered through the incubator of companies and projects integrated on campus - the BioBIP.

#6 GREAT QUALITY OF LIFE

Being a calm and safe city, Portalegre offers the conditions for an unforgettable academic experience. Also very important is the low cost of living, compared to other locations in the country, which allows students to overcome obstacles and financial concerns. And because quality of life is also measured by contact with nature, you can find in the region attractions such as the Serra de São Mamede Natural Park or the Montargil barrage.

#7 INCLUSION & DIVERSITY

There are several ways of materializing diversity at the Portalegre Polytechnic University. Thus, in its four schools many areas of knowledge coexist: from Education to Technology, Health or Agricultural Sciences. On the other hand, Portalegre Polytechnic University has one of the highest rates of international students in the country, resulting in a truly multicultural environment. Here, the Center for Languages and Cultures (CLIC) stands out as a structure that actively promotes this diversity.

