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ACTIVITY AND RESULTS IN 2020

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from knowledge generation to science-based innovation

ACTIVITY REPORT 2020





POLICY PRIORITIES IN 2020

- Full coverage of the knowledge value chain
- Excellence in research, talent development, and innovation
- Integration and multi-disciplinarity
- Scale, density, and critical mass
- International visibility and presence
- Ethics, social responsibility, and diversity and inclusion

HIGHLIGHTS IN 2020 FACING THE PANDEMIC

PROTECT

- Protection and support for INESC TEC Community Members
 - Adoption of telework with exception of essential services, on a rotating basis
 - Dissemination of guidelines and support tools; reinforcement of the central support infrastructures
 - Regular communication; training; support lines
- Activity maintenance
 - Strengthened communication with partners
 - Activity monitoring and rescheduling



HIGHLIGHTS IN 2020 FACING THE PANDEMIC

• REACT AND IMPACT

- Immediate mobilisation and participation in multiple initiatives with national and international partners
 - Production of protective visors (UPorto)
 - Field ventilator PNEUMA (ARS-Norte)
 - Study "Diaries of a Pandemic", CoronaSurveys
 - RADAR Robot, CXR_AI4COVID-19, COVID_3PRINT Initiative
 - LIG@R, CAIRUS, THOR, VITALPROVID
 - Psicovida Application
 - STAYAWAY COVID Application (Ministry of Health)



HIGHLIGHTS IN 2020

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SCIENCE WITH IMPACT

- One of the Top 5 Portuguese organisations in net contribution and participation in H2020 competitive research funding (36% funding → European)
- One of the Top 5 national entities in patent applications submitted to the European Patent Office (EPO) (fourth consecutive year)
- Continued investment in laboratory infrastructures
 - Improvements in the Energy and Sea laboratories
 - Launch of the iiLab (Industry and Innovation Lab) extension project in P.Porto's PORTIC premises (3.3 M€)

Managed science model

- TEC4Clusters workshop; progressive redefinition of the concept of Cluster
- Recruitment of researchers for key strategic areas (31)



- Internal initiatives
 - 2^{nd} edition of the Internal Seed Projects \rightarrow 5 new R&D exploratory projects
 - Virtual meeting with the new Scientific Advisory Board

Internationalisation

- Creation of the International Relations Service
- Full operation of INESC Brussels Hub
- Consolidation of INESC P&D Brasil with new Associates
- Coordination of the UT Austin Portugal Program
- Intensified participation in 3 KIC (EIT Manufacturing, EIT Raw Materials and EIT Digital)
- Active participation in 15+ International Associations

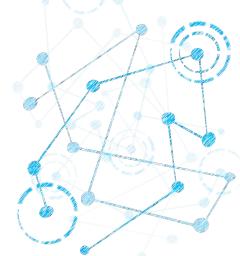


Calls of strategic importance

- Application to the renewal of the Associate Laboratory title
 - Classification of Excellent and title renewed for 10 years (results disclosed in 2021)
- Strong participation in FCT, ANI and H2020 calls anticipating bridging period between funding programmes
- FAI/FEE Call Deucalion Green Supercomputer

Contributions for public policy

- Part of the Working Group to simplify R&D Projects
- Active involvement in 9 CoLABs



Openness to society

- New magazine "INESC TEC Science & Society"
- Adoption of hybrid format or rescheduling of events 35th Anniversary and Autumn Forum
- Highest media presence in the last 20 years

Structural initiatives

- Proposal of a Code of Ethics
- Matured work in conflict of interest management, diversity and inclusion, social responsibility and data protection

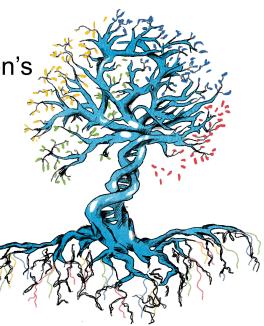


Support structure

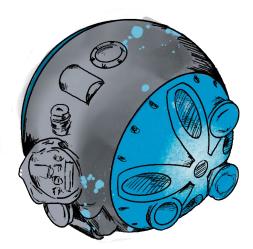
- Development of a new model for Human Resources management
- New INESC TEC Grants Regulation
- Reinforcement of the Funding Opportunities Office and of the institution's information systems

Infrastructures

- Construction of the TEC4Sea research vessel
- Launch of adaptation works in PORTIC for the iiLab's expansion

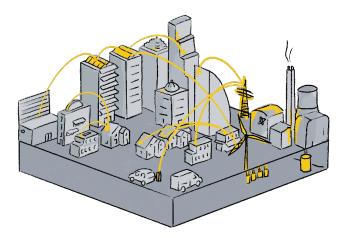


MAIN S&T ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2020 (NIS)



- Optical graphene microphone, membranes in optical fibres for acoustic or pressure sensing
- **Parallel Implementation of K-Means Algorithm on FPGA** to optimise the system's processing time, enabling the edge intelligence concept
- Uncertainty-aware deep learning-based approach for computer-aided diagnosis and grading
- Multi-sensor system for underwater docking operations that combines short-range acoustic positioning with visual perception

MAIN S&T ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2020 (PE)



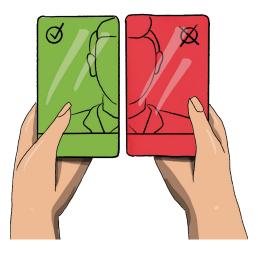
- Design and implementation of the second generation of a home energy management system (HEMS), capable of determining the flexibility within a household
- First prototype (P2PChain) of a local market platform for energy trading based on Ethereum blockchain technology with an innovative post-delivery local energy market design
- Data-driven methodology to predict distribution lines (overhead and subterranean) failure location in HV and MV networks operated by E-REDES
- Development of a methodology to monetise the benefits of the investments in the distribution system concerning the security of supply, the quality of service, the distribution losses and operational efficiency

MAIN S&T ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2020 (ISE)



- Production Planning and Scheduling. A real time scheduling engine integrated with an IIoT platform to monitor, detect and evaluate disturbances on plan execution, and suggest corrective measures
- Mathematical Programming-based heuristics. Approaches applied on emerging topics related to urban logistics (in particular "last mile")
- Navigation, Localisation and Coordination of Mobile Robots. A novel open-source Path Planning solution Aware of Robot's Centre of Mass for Steep Slope Vineyards
- Service Design. Co-creation and launch of the ServCollab, a global initiative of service researchers to improve well-being

MAIN S&T ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2020 (CS)



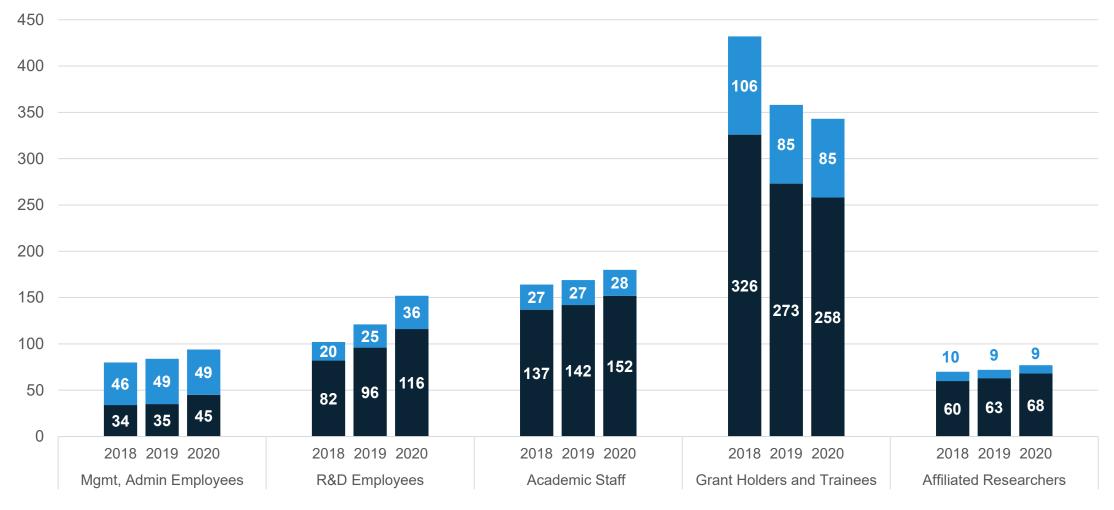
- Design and development of STAYAWAY COVID, contribution to the protocol underlying the Apple/Google Exposure Notification service and Huawei's Contact Shield
- Co-chairing of the Portuguese node of the Research Data Alliance (RDA) and involvement in the European Network of Excellence on Artificial Intelligence
- Theoretical groundwork deemed referential to the **Immersive Learning Research Network** (ILRN) and multiple contributions on the impact of multisensory stimuli in virtual environments
- Summer School on Machine Learning and Big Data with Quantum Computing that brought together about 2 000 participants (in collaboration with UPorto, P.Porto e INESC TEC)



COMPUTER

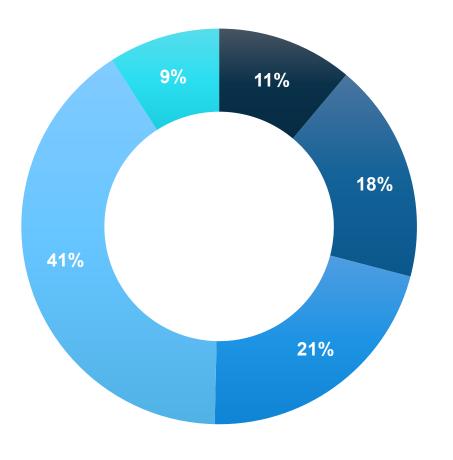
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ALIGNMENT WITH PUBLIC POLICIES ON HUMAN RESOURCES IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY



■Men ■Women

STRENGTHENING CAREERS IN R&D

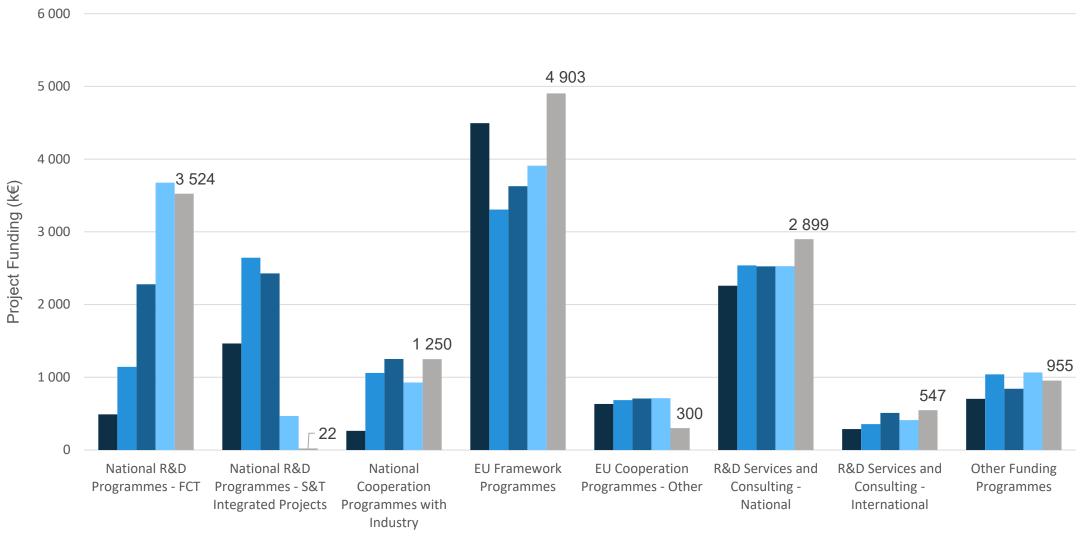


Increase of 26% in R&D Employees

Integrated HR 24% Women > 25 Nationalities > 70 Foreign Researchers

MGMT, ADMIN EMPLOYEES R&D EMPLOYEES ACADEMIC STAFF GRANT HOLDERS AND TRAINEES AFFILIATED RESEARCHERS

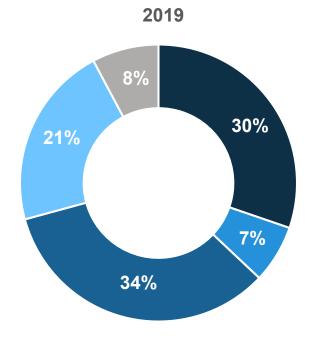
GROWTH AND FLEXIBILITY FACING FUNDING CYCLES



■2016 ■2017 ■2018 ■2019 ■2020

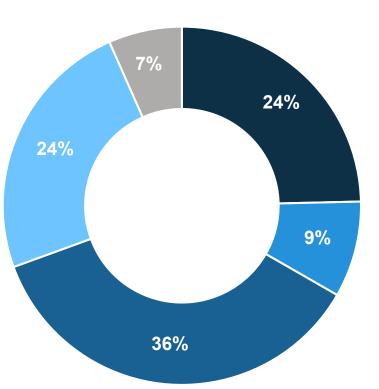
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DIVERSIFICATION AND SUSTAINABILITY



NATIONAL R&D PROGRAMMES NATIONAL COOPERATION **PROGRAMMES WITH INDUSTRY EU PROGRAMMES R&D SERVICES**

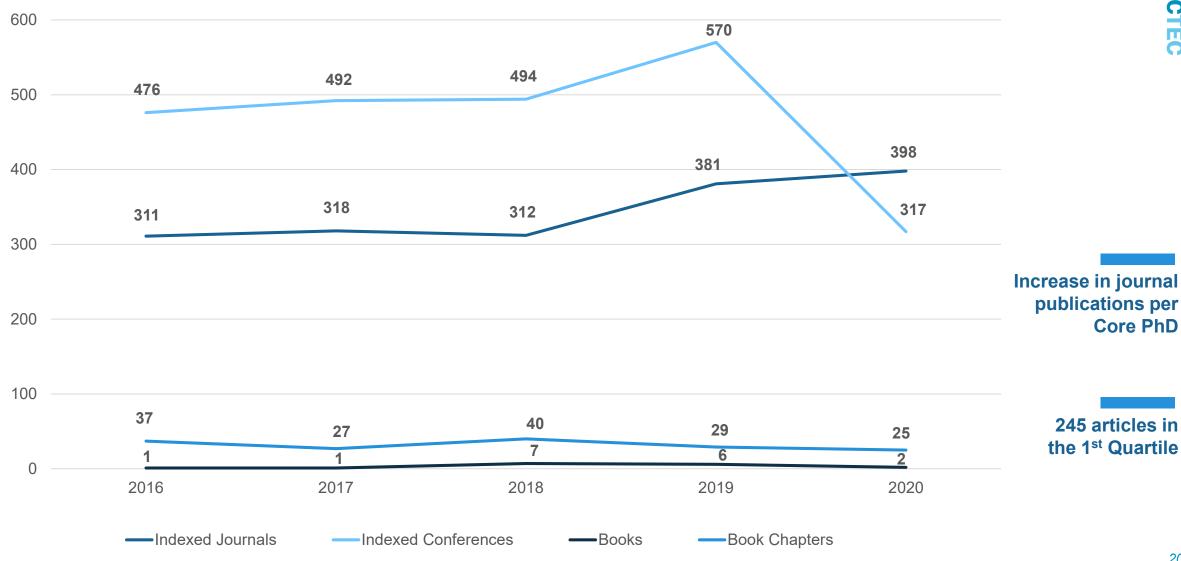
OTHER FUNDING PROGRAMMES



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STRATEGIC FOCUS ON JOURNALS AND THE PANDEMIC EFFECT ON CONFERENCES



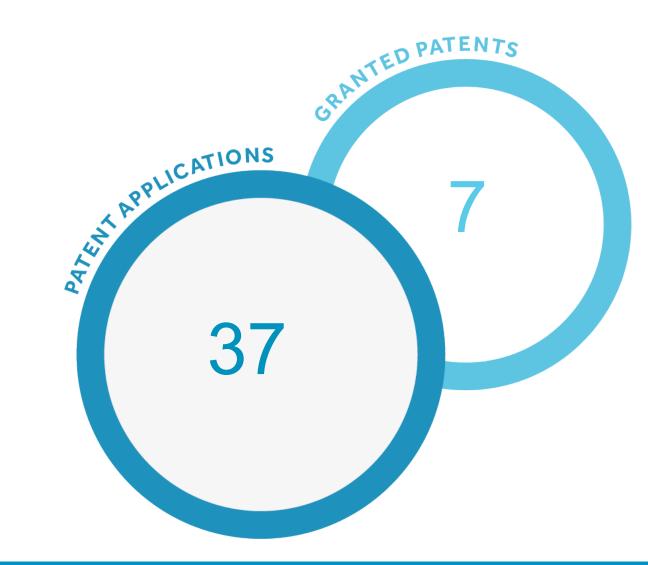
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SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTION AND ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY

Indicators		СТМ	САР	CRAS	CBER	CPES	CESE	CRIIS	CEGI	CITE	CSIG	LIAAD	CRACS	HASLAB
Publications	Indexed Articles in Journals / FTE	1.0	1.0	0.4	1.8	2.8	0.8	1.4	0.9	1.8	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.4
	Indexed Publications / FTE	1.9	1.1	0.7	3.0	4.0	1.7	2.8	1.4	2.7	2.0	1.6	2.1	1.4
Activity in Projects	Total Funding (k€) / FTE	45.4	32.1	56.8	19.7	67.9	48.7	37.9	27.0	37.3	29.9	18.9	12.4	36.9
Projects	Total Margin (k€) / FTE	3.3	0.1	0.6	-5.5	7.1	0.1	1.5	0.1	5.3	-1.8	2.7	3.7	3.7

WINESCTEC

MATURITY IN THE PROTECTION OF KNOWLEDGE



7 first priority filings (new inventions) 30 applications (internationalisation)

Head of SAL appointed new ambassador of the European IP Helpdesk in Portugal

COOPERATION WITH THE ASSOCIATES

Area	Discrimination	UP-FEUP	UP-FCUP	UP-FEP	P.PORTO-ISEP	UM	UTAD
Involvement of	Core researcher	77	29	10	15	16	19
Academic Staff	Affiliated researcher	24	2	2	6	7	11
Scientific	Articles in indexed journals	209	46	19	8	9	37
Publications	Articles in indexed conferences	123	44	7	12	22	39
	National programmes	47	11	3	7	5	5
Activity	EU programmes	38	16	6	20	2	7
in Projects	R&D services	63	13	6	10	10	4
	Others	10	1	3	2	3	3
	Postdoc grant holders	15	7	2	1	4	2
Postgraduate Qualification	PhD grant holders	50	22	5	2	6	8
	Research grant holders	80	25	5	16	7	5
Theses and dissertations	Completed master's dissertations	334	48	85	43	28	
supervised (submitted in HEI)	Ongoing PhD theses	141	76	14		4	28

ECONOMIC & FINANCIAL INDICATORS 2020



2019 VS 2020 RESULTS

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EXPENSES (€)	2019	2020	Variation	Δ%
External supplies and services	5 214 403	4 642 909	-571 494	-11.0%
Personnel costs	11 137 442	12 196 967	1 059 524	9.5%
Other expenses and losses	591 794	418 392	-173 403	-29.3%
Provisions, depreciation and impairment losses	952 941	927 214	-25 727	-2.7%
	17 896 581	18 185 482	288 901	1.6%
Financial expenses and losses	41 906	42 965	1 059	2.5%
	17 938 487	18 228 447	289 960	1.6%

INCOME (€)	2019	2020	Variation	Δ%
Sales and services rendered	3 300 301	3 644 369	344 068	10.4%
European programmes	4 742 651	5 302 765	560 114	11.8%
National programmes	9 436 861	9 101 051	-335 810	-3.6%
Other income and gains	483 191	199 543	-283 648	-58.7%
	17 963 004	18 247 728	284 724	1.6%
Financial income	3 490	7 091	3 601	103.2%
	17 966 494	18 254 819	288 325	1.6%
Operating results	66 423	62 247	-4 176	-6.3%
Net financial results	-38 416	-35 874	2 542	6.6%
Net income	28 007	26 373	-1 634	-5.8%

