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PhD Student's Day | Recap w/ CITAB & CQVR

We highlight the event organised on 19 June.

Designed for PhD students and aimed at disseminating knowledge, the main objective was to foster collaboration and mutual support amongst colleagues.

With topics such as Technological Entrepreneurship and Artificial Intelligence, the guest speakers and the Directors of the PhD programmes involved in the event discussed how these issues can contribute to research.

👉 Take a look [here!](#) 





SE4S PROJECT: APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!

Deadline for applications: **June 30, 2026**, at 11:59 p.m. CET for 16 MSCA (Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions) postdoctoral research fellowships, including **one position allocated to UTAD**.

More information [here!](#)



EUROPEAN RESEARCHERS' NIGHT 2026

CITAB is joining this initiative, encouraging its researchers to organise dynamic, participatory science communication activities tailored to different target audiences.

👉 Learn more [here](#).



INOVA4AGRO IN PAÍS POSITIVO

País Positivo has published an extensive and detailed report on the [Inov4Agro](#) Associated Laboratory, a collaboration between CITAB and GreenUPorto.

Everything you need to know [here!](#)

SUSTAINABLE AGRIFOOD PRODUCTION 2026! 🌱

5th Session of the Seminar series

In this session, the usual two PhD student papers were presented:

👤 Agostinha Marques, from CITAB (UTAD), with “Efficiency and Yield: How Sustainable Practices Shape Co-operative Winegrowers’ Production”;

👤 Cristiana Paiva from GreenUPorto (UPorto), discussed the topic: “Phytoremediation potential of native plant species for improving soil health in vineyards with high levels of arsenic and copper”;

The Inov4Agro Guest Researcher was Tânia Caetano (GreenUPorto). The theme of her presentation was: “Microbial functions across ecosystems: From bioactivity and resistance to soil health in agrifood systems.”



JUNE 17

EVENT SCHEDULE

www.inov4agro.pt

#5 Seminar PhD Students & Scholarship Researchers

14H00

GreenUPorto | Invited
Researcher **Tânia Caetano**

14H30

CITAB |
Agostinha Marques

14H50

GreenUPorto |
Cristiana Paiva

Get to know...

ANDRÉ FONSECA

“I have been actively involved in several national and European research projects, contributing to the application of scientific knowledge in support of climate adaptation strategies and the sustainable management of natural resources.

This includes participation in territorial planning, climate risk assessment, and watershed management initiatives, where hydro-climatic modelling supports evidence-based decision-making and public policies. Integrated within multidisciplinary teams at CITAB/UTAD, my activity also encompasses the supervision of undergraduate, master’s, and doctoral students, as well as the promotion of advanced training and knowledge transfer activities.”

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Learn about the work of our Integrated Members.



ELIANA MONTEIRO

“Currently, I am an integrated member of CITAB and participate in the subproject “New designed molecules to control critical pests and diseases and biocontrol of vineyard pests” of the “Vine & Wine Portugal” project, where I collaborate directly with stakeholders in plant protection.

My work combines field trials with laboratory analyses, including gene expression studies, evaluation of physiological and biochemical parameters, and characterisation of the grapevine microbiome. This multidisciplinary approach allows for a better understanding of the grapevine’s response mechanisms to elicitors and contributes to the development of innovative solutions (...).”

Learn more [here!](#)

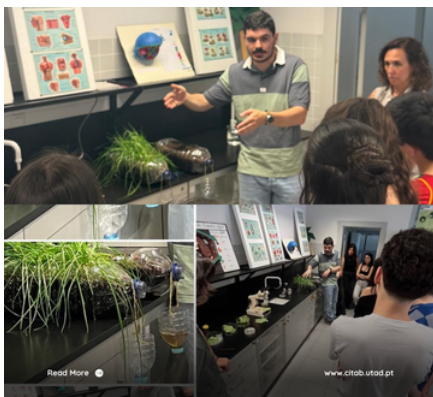
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90 SEGUNDOS DE CIÊNCIA, W/ RUPESH SINGH

Rupesh Singh, a researcher at CITAB, was a guest on Antena 1's programme "90 Segundos de Ciência". He's part of the ECONUTRI project, which studies the use of biochar nano-materials to improve soil and compost quality.

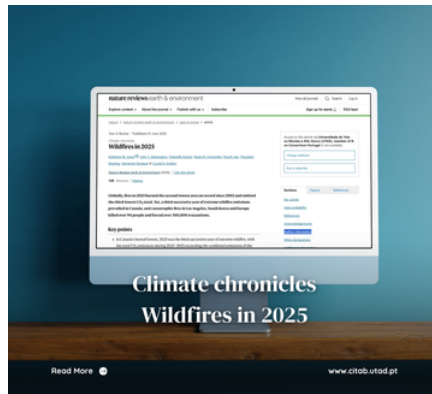
👉 Listen to it [here](#).



THE ENCHANTING WORLD OF PLANTS

The UTAD team, consisting of Lia Dinis, Sandra Pereira, Miguel Baltazar, and Ricardo Santos, visited the school with scientific materials and equipment, introducing students to laboratory practices typically conducted in a university setting.

👉 Take a look [here](#).



PAULO FERNANDES IN "NATURE REVIEWS EARTH & ENVIRONMENT"

Paulo Fernandes is co-author of an important article published in the prestigious journal "Nature Reviews Earth & Environment" (Impact Factor: 75). The paper forms part of the renowned "Climate Chronicles" series.

👉 An article to read [here](#).



UFM W/ ANA BARROS

CITAB researcher Ana Barros, project coordinator at UTAD, explains that the European alliance aims to capitalise on research carried out by universities in Germany, Spain, France, Hungary, Italy, Romania and Portugal.

👉 Listen to it [here](#).



SEMINAR | FOOD PRODUCTS FROM TERRA QUENTE

Held as part of the Year of Food 2026 cycle, the event was organised by the Associated Laboratory for Sustainability and Technology in Mountain Regions (LA-SusTEC) at the Polytechnic Institute of Bragança (IPB).

👉 Know more about it [here](#).

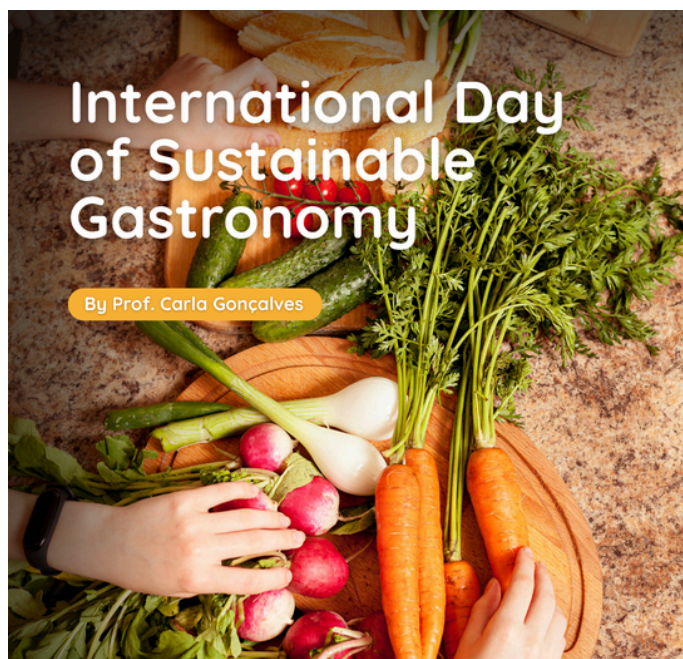


DECARBONISATION AND SUSTAINABILITY IN THE WINE SECTOR

The programme includes thematic panels, debates and a round-table discussion with researchers and experts from the wine and environmental sectors.

👉 Everything you need to know [here](#)!

Opinion Articles:



Take a look...

June Information Session:

Subject:

- **Conservation agriculture: the farmers' perspective** ([Document](#)/[Video](#))

In order to continue sharing information about projects, events, research, awards and other topics, we would like to ask **all CITAB members to share relevant information** with the Communications Office.