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ReFOOD4North's 1st Forum & Meeting with the Advisory Board

The meeting took place at Quinta do Paço, in Vila Real.

 July 16-17, 2026
 Quinta do Paço, Vila Real

The meeting was a dedicated working session focused on monitoring the project, allowing for an assessment of the activities carried out and reflection on the next steps for ReFOOD4North.

The meeting took place on the eve of the 1st ReFood4North Forum, reinforcing the **importance of collaboration and dialogue** for the development of the project and for the **promotion of more sustainable food systems**.

Learn all about it [here](#). 





CIÊNCIA VIVA 2026

CITAB researchers have organised a range of activities to help the youngest visitors explore our laboratories. This is a different way to spend your summer.

More information [here](#)!



SUSTAINABLE TOURISM AND TERRITORIAL GOVERNANCE

On 29 September 2026, the "Sustainable Tourism and Territorial Governance: From National Strategy to Local Action (PT-ES)" webinar will take place online.

👉 Learn more about the webinar [here](#).



CITAB RESEARCHERS PARTICIPATE IN ENCONTROS'26

Our participation in this event reinforces the Centre's commitment to knowledge sharing, the promotion of science, and engagement with the community.

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

SUSTAINABLE AGRIFOOD PRODUCTION 2026! 🌱

6th Session of the Seminar series

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

👤 José Cruz, from CITAB (UTAD), with "Risk assessment of heavy precipitation events in Portugal";

👤 João Pedro Marques from GreenUPorto (UPorto), discussed the topic: "Beyond the sensory booth: food consumption contexts and immersive technologies in sensory and consumer science";

The Inov4Agro Guest Researcher was Ângelo Luís (CITAB). The theme of his presentation was: "Development of new active and intelligent food packaging materials".



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SCHEDULE

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#6 Seminar PhD Students & Scholarship Researchers

14H00

CITAB | Invited
Researcher Ângelo Luís

14H30

CITAB | José Cruz

14H50

GreenUPorto | João
Pedro Marques

Get to know...

ELIANA MONTEIRO

“My scientific activity focuses on the study of sustainable strategies for vineyard protection, with a particular emphasis on the control of diseases such as downy mildew and powdery mildew, which represent significant challenges for viticulture exacerbated by climate change.

My work aims to reduce reliance on synthetic fungicides by evaluating new compounds and formulations, based on elicitor molecules that activate the grapevine’s defense mechanisms. This approach is aligned with the goals of the European Green Deal, which promotes the reduction of chemical pesticide use, addressing the growing need for more sustainable and effective solutions for the wine sector.”

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Learn about the work of our Integrated Members.



TERESA FREITAS

“As part of my PhD (2021–2024), I assessed the impact of climate change on crops of national importance, namely chestnut and almond trees in mainland Portugal, to understand how changes in climate patterns affect their productivity and distribution. In parallel, I participated in studies applied to olive groves and vineyards, maintaining the same scientific framework.

I am currently involved in the PIMA project, coordinated by LEFT (UTAD), where I carry out ecological studies, with a particular focus on the relationship between climate and species distribution. Among the most recent studies, I highlight research on marsh gentian and the blue butterfly, both important indicators of ecosystem health.”

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Press/Media/Clipping:



PÚBLICO POSITION PAPER

Entitled "Investing in agri-food science means ensuring food security", this highlights the importance of "strengthening science and innovation in agriculture, forestry and the agri-food sector".

👉 Read it [here](#).



SCIENCE AND INNOVATION 2026 CONFERENCE

The proposal 'Agri-food in Portugal: Science & Innovation, pillars of Security and Sovereignty' was presented, contributing to the discussion on the strategic role of research and innovation in strengthening the national agri-food sector.

👉 An event to remember [here](#).



ANA BARROS PRESENTS THE EU-GIFT EUROPEAN ALLIANCE

During the interview, she explained that EU-GIFT brings together seven universities from seven European countries with the aim of strengthening international cooperation in various fields.

👉 Know more about it [here](#).



LIVING SOILL AT SERRALVES BIOBLITZ '26

The seminar "Decarbonisation and Environmental Sustainability in the Wine Sector" took place as part of the Strengths4WineChain project, bringing together researchers and experts to discuss the sustainability of the wine sector.

👉 Take a look [here](#).



ANOTHER GOLD MEDAL AWARDED!

Porca de Murça Olive Oil, developed within the [HEARTCHEST project](#), has been awarded at the EVO IOOC Italy 2025, one of the world's most prestigious international competitions dedicated to extra virgin olive oils and flavoured olive oils.

👉 Keep reading it [here](#).



CIÊNCIA VIVA: FARMWEEK

[Ana Fausting](#) welcomed three secondary school students for an immersive experience in the field of Animal Science and Technology through the "Farm Week" initiative held as part of the Young People in Science During the Holidays 2026 programme, promoted by Ciência Viva.

👉 Know more about it [here](#).

Take a look...

July Information Session:

Subject:

- **Conservation agriculture: the farmers' perspective** ([Webinar](#) | [Training Session](#))
- **Efficient use of irrigation water in times of scarcity** ([Webinar](#))

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.