

In this edition:



Workshop "Feeding Portugal"

CITAB helped organise this initiative as part of a joint effort to define national research and innovation priorities in these areas.

The event brought together more than 150 participants (in person) and was followed online by more than 50.

Academics and researchers, students, producers and representatives from companies, associations and public administration bodies took part in this consultation with the aim of further developing a strategic proposal for agri-food and agroforestry research and innovation in our country.

👉 Follow the progress of this event [here!](#) 

Biosfera w/ CITAB

Professor João Santos and researcher Lia Dinis had the opportunity to discuss the impact of climate change on vineyards and the sustainable mitigation strategies that are being developed and studied. 🍇

European Researchers' Night 2026

CITAB welcomed schools from across the city and families! They came to explore our research, our projects, and our teams!

Thank you all for your participation!

From Practice to Policy

During the session, LivingSoiLL presented practical experiences from Iberian Living Labs showcasing how co-creation is driving sustainable soil management in Mediterranean permanent cropping systems.



I-REWATER PROJECT'S PILOT TRIAL

The event includes an **awareness-raising and knowledge-sharing session**, followed by a **visit to the pilot trial in Mirandela**, where the strategies and technologies used will be presented, along with the results being achieved under real-world conditions.

More information [here](#)!



25TH ECOLOGY MEETING

This edition aims to establish itself as a space for meeting, reflection, and sharing among researchers, teachers, students, professionals, and others interested in the various areas of Ecology.

👉 Learn more [here](#).



THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF RORAIMA VISITS UTAD

CITAB took part in the institutional visit, which aimed to strengthen and deepen cooperation between the two institutions.

The delegation also had the opportunity to visit the River and Terrestrial Ecology Laboratory, the Phytochemicals Laboratory and the KitchenLab.

More details [here](#)!

SUSTAINABLE AGRIFOOD PRODUCTION 2026! 🌱

7th Session of the Seminar series

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

👤 Ricardo Santos, from CITAB (UTAD), with “UV-C Light as a Sustainable Tool for Disease Control: A Multiscale Evaluation of Physiological, Metabolomic and Ecological Responses in Vineyards”;

👤 Filipa Sousa from GreenUPorto (UPorto), discussed the topic: “Preparing Chestnut Trees for a Changing Climate: the role of mycorrhization and stress priming”;

The Inov4Agro Guest Researcher was Artur Ribeiro (GreenUPorto). The theme of his presentation was: “Sustainable Protein-Based Systems for Bioactive Compound Encapsulation: From Recombinant Proteins to Keratin Valorisation”.



SEP 16

EVENT SCHEDULE

#7 Seminar PhD Students & Scholarship Researchers

14H30

CITAB | Invited
Researcher **Artur Ribeiro**

15H00

CITAB | Ricardo Santos

15H20

GreenUPorto | Filipa
Sousa

Get to know...

ANA FARIA

“I’ve been working with anaerobic digestion and dark fermentation processes, exploring strategies to enhance methane production and improve the treatment and valorisation of residual streams. My research group focuses on applied research on biogas production and upgrading, power-to-methane technology, and low-carbon energy production.

I have been involved in several Portugal2030 and Horizon Europe projects and I am experienced in proposal writing at both levels and in managing national projects. Since February 2024, she has been affiliated with the research centre CITAB (UTAD).”

Keep reading [here!](#)



Learn about the work of our Integrated Members.



CARLA RAGONEZI

“My research is motivated by an interest in natural systems and their application to challenges related to agricultural sustainability and climate change. My international experience, between Brazil and Portugal, has contributed to an integrative and collaborative scientific perspective.

Currently, I coordinate the [isUP-AgrO project](#), aimed at strengthening ISOPlexis capabilities in the context of sustainable agriculture and food technology research, within an institution located in an outermost region (Madeira, Portugal), with specific challenges and opportunities within the European framework.”

Learn more [here!](#)

Press/Media/Clipping:



CITAB FEATURED ON CANAL N, W/ ANA NOVO BARROS

Our researcher has authored an article exploring the potential of vineyard and grape harvest by-products and the new opportunities for their valorisation that may arise through science and the circular economy.

👉 An article to read [here](#).



CITAB FEATURED IN THE JORNAL DE NOTÍCIAS (JN)

[Carlos Afonso Teixeira](#) was interviewed by JN, where he discussed the differences in water, sanitation and waste service charges between local authorities.

👉 Read it [here](#).



WEBINAR | SUSTAINABLE TOURISM AND TERRITORIAL GOVERNANCE

📅 29 September 2026 | 🌐 Online

The CRUSOE network is organising an online event dedicated to reflection and discussion on sustainable tourism and territorial governance.

👉 Know more about it [here](#).



WATER AS A STRUCTURING ELEMENT OF THE TERRITORY

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](#).



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION PORTUGAL - CHINA

The two countries will run the International Scientific and Technological Cooperation on Bioactive Components and Health Effects of Functional Foods for three years. The Portuguese coordination is led by our researcher [Ana Barros](#).

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



CITAB & THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF MARANHÃO

UTAD welcomed a delegation from the Federal University of Maranhão for an institutional visit, on a day marked by the sharing of experiences and the strengthening of cooperation between the two institutions. 🤝🌱

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

Opinion Articles:



Take a look...

September Information Session:

Subject:

- **Finding opportunities and submitting a proposal in Horizon Europe** ([Horizon Implementation Day](#))

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.