

## WELCOME BACK!

A Fresh Start After Summer – Let's  
Dive into a New Scientific Season.



We hope you had a restful and inspiring summer. As we begin a new academic and scientific cycle, we are thrilled to share upcoming events and recent achievements from our community. Let's make this season one of innovation, collaboration and discovery.

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## CERENA will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2026 – Join us in the celebrations

This academic year marks a special milestone: in 2026, CERENA celebrates its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

To honour this occasion, we will host a variety of events throughout the year – including seminars, informal gatherings, and moments of reflection and sharing.

These events will allow us to look back on our journey, celebrate our achievements, and envision the future. We count on each of you to help make this anniversary a joyful and memorable celebration.

Let's celebrate together!

### Key Dates & Events – September Highlights

- **25<sup>th</sup> September** – CERENA Seminar, 13:00, IST (Central Building) – Room C13 / FEUP – Room F405

Title: The Modern Mining Engineering Transformations (I)

Speakers: Professor Amílcar Soares (IST) and Eng<sup>o</sup> António Salvador (Chartered Engineering, Qualified Person)

- **26<sup>th</sup> September** – European Researchers' Night 2025, at the MUHNAC-ULisboa – <https://www.ulisboa.pt/evento/noite-europeia-dos-investigadores-2025>



# Pre-Award

## Welcome Joana to the Team



In case you missed it, our newest Pre-Award team member, [Joana Barrelas](#), joined us in July. Joana is an architect, holding a Master's in Construction and Rehabilitation and a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from Instituto Superior Técnico. She brings over a decade of experience in architectural practice, having contributed to several public building projects distinguished in national competitions – most recently the Students' Residence Ventura Terra, developed in co-authorship with CVDB Arquitetos and Rodolfo Reis. Her academic background includes research on building durability and sustainability, particularly in the context of climate change. Joana is now transitioning into research management, motivated to learn and grow in this field. She will strengthen the Pre-Award office's strategy and capabilities to provide broader and better support to our researchers. She is already actively involved in proposals and looks forward to collaborating with many of you.

You can find Joana at office 2.I.07, Mining Building and her e-mail address is [joana.barrelas@tecnico.ulisboa.pt](mailto:joana.barrelas@tecnico.ulisboa.pt).

## New Researchers: Let Us Know Early

Attention researchers! Let us know when a **postdoc reaches you out before joining CERENA**, please inform the **Pre-Award office** as soon as possible.

Early awareness allows us to:

- Identify relevant **individual funding opportunities** (e.g., MSCA-PF, CEEC Ind).
- Provide **timely guidance** on eligibility and upcoming deadlines.
- Support researchers from the beginning of their integration, ensuring no opportunities are missed.

This simple step strengthens both the **individual researcher's prospects** and the **overall competitiveness** of our community.

## Looking Ahead: FP10 and Drafts for 2026-2027

Discussions on FP10 (the successor to Horizon Europe) are ongoing, alongside the preparation of the 2026-2027 Work Programme drafts.

Researchers interested in providing early feedback and helping shape the upcoming drafts can do so through the **Grupo Nacional de Apoio à Discussão (GNAD)** registration platform 🖱️ [here](#). This is an opportunity to ensure your research priorities are represented in the next programming cycle and to receive early information on the Workprogramme drafts.

SharePoint: [Pre Award](#) – You can learn more about funding, get involved in networking events, and connect to other relevant stakeholders.



# Restricted Area

A quick reminder on how to access the restricted area of the CERENA website.

1. Aceder ao site: <https://www.cerena.pt> e fazer login.

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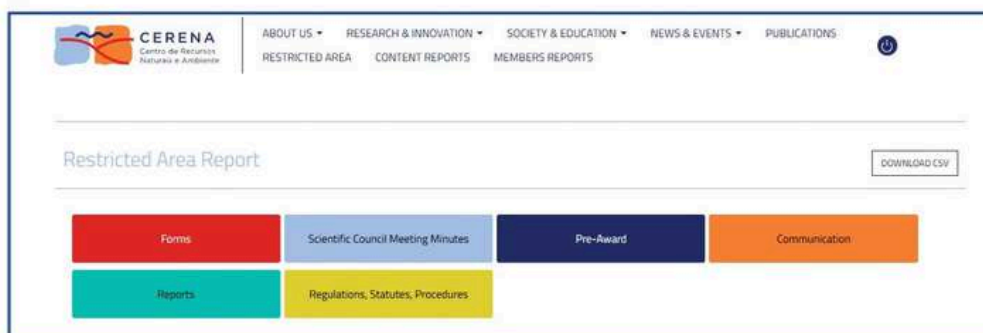


2. Fazer o login com o e-mail e a respetiva password. Se não tiver ou se não se lembrar da Password, selecionar "Create a new one here".

Login using your e-mail account and password. If you do not remember or have your password, select "Create a new one here".

3. Selecionar "RESTRICTED AREA".

Select "RESTRICTED AREA".



**Note:** Here you can find all the information you need for reference and completion. To access the Forms, please make sure you are **logged into Microsoft Forms** with your institutional account. If you are not logged in, you may not be able to open the forms correctly.

It's again that time of the year when we ask you to **inform us about our productivity (patents, outreach activities and theses)**. Please **fill in the forms** regarding the **yearly indicators before the end of the year**.



## New Members

During July and August, CERENA welcomed some new collaborators who are now contributing to ongoing research projects:

### From FEUP:

Francisca Kamila Amancio, who join us a postdoctoral researcher, is working on Project REESource.

Simão Pedro Martins, a Master's student, is working on Project REESource.

Nelson Fernandes, a Master's student, is working on Project ValorWaste.

Pedro Silva, a Master's student, is working on Project ValorWaste.

### From IST:

João Almeida Galvão, MSc, is working on Project TRAINEE.

Inês Coelho, a Master's student, is working on Project SUS.STARCH.

Raquel Pereira, a Master's student, is working on Project SUS.STARCH.

Maria Olival Sousa, a Master's student, is working on Project SUS.STARCH.

Laura Sofia Ferreira, a Master's student, is working on Project SUS.STARCH.

Joana Pereira, MSc, is working on Project SHAPPE.

Luciana Silva, who join us a postdoctoral researcher, is working on Project Corkbind.

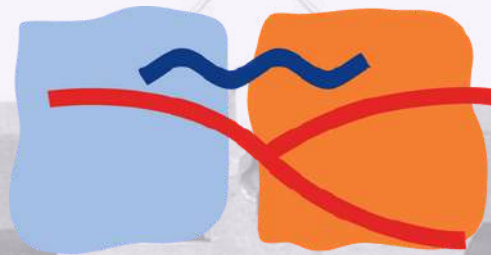
**Note:** Dear researchers, we kindly ask all of you to inform Telma Henriques ([telma.henriques@tecnico.ulisboa.pt](mailto:telma.henriques@tecnico.ulisboa.pt)), whenever a new member joins their team – whether a student, postdoctoral researcher, or any other collaborator. This allows us to properly register them as part of CERENA.

## What's Coming Next – October Preview

- **27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October** – PhD Open Days 2025, at the Técnico Innovation Center (TIC).
- **30<sup>th</sup> October** – CERENA Seminar, 12:30, IST – Room C13 / FEUP – Room F405.  
Title: To be confirm.  
Speakers: To be confirm.



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