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PROGRAM

**Interregional Governance,
Cohesion and Sustainability:
Overcoming Territorial Inequalities
for a Balanced Future**

Welcome to the 33rd APDR Congress

APDR and the Local Organising Committee wish you a pleasant and inspiring participation!

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Topic

Umbrella Topic

“Interregional Governance, Cohesion and Sustainability: Overcoming Territorial Inequalities for a Balanced Future”

The theme “Interregional Governance, Cohesion and Sustainability: Overcoming Territorial Inequalities for a Balanced Future” underscores the growing importance of collaborative frameworks that promote equitable and sustainable development across regions. In the face of persistent territorial disparities, effective interregional governance emerges as a key mechanism for fostering cohesion, resilience, and shared prosperity. By integrating economic, environmental, social, and cultural dimensions, this approach seeks to ensure that sustainability is achieved not only within individual regions but also across territorial boundaries, paving the way toward a more balanced and inclusive future.

General Topics

- RS01 – Regional Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Ecosystems
- RS02 – Interregional Sustainability Strategies
- RS03 – Natural Environment, Resources and Rural Development
- RS04 – Demographic Challenges, Culture, Migrations and Integration
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- RS09 – Social Innovation, Integration, Poverty, and Gentrification
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- RS14 – Territorial Responsible Marketing
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- RS16 – Digital Transformation and Territorial Competitiveness
- RS17 – Circular Regions and Cities
- RS18 – Fiscal and Regional Policies

Special Sessions’ Topics

SS01 - Between adaptation and climate injustice: intersectional readings of the territory

Beatrice Lorenz Fontolan, Jorge Gonçalves (Chair) & Sílvia Jorge

SS02 - Thermalism and Wellness Tourism for Sustainable and Inclusive Territorial Development

Joana A. Quintela (Chair), Dália Liberato (Co-chair), Pedro Liberato & Joaquim Antunes

SS03 - Collaborative Laboratories towards sustainability transitions responses

Joana Dias (Chair) & Guilherme Saad

SS04 - Drivers of Sustainable Agribusiness for Cohesive, Equitable, and Balanced Territories

Ana Marta-Costa (Chair) & Maria Raquel Lucas

SS05- From local production to tourism development: Gastronomy as driver in low-density territories

Susana Rachão (Chair), Goretti Silva (Chair) & M^a Carmen Pardo López (Chair)

SS06 - Labour Market Transitions in the Digital and Green Economy: Regional Vulnerabilities and Pathways

Teresa Farinha & Andrea Conte

SS07 - Sustainable Tax Governance for the Development of Cities

Tânia Cristina Azevedo (Chair), Ana Arromba Dinis & Fátima David

SS08 - Creative Rural Villages: Innovation, Culture and Territorial Development

Maria Lúcia Pato (Chair) & Ana Mafalda Matias

SS09 - Historical perspectives on contemporary regional development and territorial cohesion

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Francisco Cabrera-Gallardo (Chair) & Paula Reis

SS10 - Territorial inequalities and sustainability by the lens of Economic Geography

Fernanda Sperotto, Hélder Santos, Iván Tartaruga (Chair) & Luís Carvalho

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Lara Santos, Laurentina Vareiro (Chair) & Bruno Sousa

SS12 - Digital Inclusion and Socio-Economic Inequalities in the Context of E-Commerce Expansion and International Trade Dynamics

Renata Pisarek-Bartoszewska

SS13 - A Local Public Finance Perspective on Regional Development: Fiscal Autonomy, Transparency and Accountability

Soraia Gonçalves (Chair), Eva Maria Miranda, Laurentina Vareiro & Raquel Mendes

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SS15 - Rural Entrepreneurship and Territorial Cohesion

Maria Lúcia Pato

SS16 - Twin transition for regional futures: digital innovation, sustainability and policy design

Celeste Varum, (Chair), João Almeida & Filipe Sampaio Rodrigues

SS17 - Sustainable Tourism and Regional Development: Environmental Impacts, Challenges, and Policy Responses

Helena Albuquerque (Chair), Makhabbat Ramazanova & Isabel Paiva

Committees

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Organization and Support



Congress Venue

The 2026 APDR Congress will be hosted at the [Polytechnic University of Cávado and Ave \(IPCA\)](#) in the Barcelos campus.



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Vila Frescaíña S. Martinho, 4750-810 Barcelos

Access to Wi-fi

TBA

Instructions to Chairs and Presenters

1. Sessions will last 1:30 hours, except for Parallel session 3, which is 1 hour. Please stick to the times shown in the program. If you have a no-show, please use the time for a discussion of the preceding paper(s) or for a recess. Do not shift papers to fill voids, as individuals may want to attend a particular paper.
2. The majority of sessions have 5 papers. **Each presenter is allocated 10 minutes, followed by 5 minutes of discussion.**
3. Please hold each individual to the time available. If a speaker continues after time has expired, please let her/him know that time has expired. The audience and the other speakers will respect and support your decision.

We recall that the duties of a Session Chair are the following:

- To promote compliance with schedules and the fair distribution of time available for all communications; and
- To manage the debate time.

Paperless conference

APDR is committed to acting sustainably and environmentally responsibly in as many ways as possible. To achieve this, the APDR has implemented several actions to reduce its environmental impact on its events, namely, by promoting a paperless conference.

Paperless practices

- The APDR no longer prints an abstract book or extended program book. These can now all be found online on the conference's website.
- The APDR no longer prints certificates to be given at the congress. Thus, the digital certificates will be sent by email to each participant.
- The APDR Congress will no longer use plastic badge holders, eliminating a significant source of waste.

Programme Overview

Thursday, 2 July		Friday, 3 July	
Registration Desk [08:30]		Registration Desk [08:30]	
Opening Session [09:00 - 10:00]		Parallel Sessions 3 [09:00 - 10:00]	
Plenary Session I Keynote speech: Leo Paul Dana <i>Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Sub-Saharan Africa</i> Chair: Patrícia Gomes [10:00 - 11:00]		Welcome Speech Jean Barroca , Senhor Secretário de Estado Adjunto e da Energia [10:00 - 10:30]	
Literary Coffee Presentation of the book “ <i>Transição Tecno-Digital e Nova Economia Política</i> ” by António Covas [11:00 - 11:30]		Plenary Session II Keynote speech: Soumodip Sarkar <i>Artificial Intelligence and Regional Development</i> Chair: João Leitão [10:30 - 11:15]	
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Lunch [13:00 - 14:00]		Lunch [13:00 - 14:00]	
Round Table 1 <i>University Alliances for Circular Economy: Regional Strategies for Sustainable Development</i> Panellists: Peter de Boer, Willemien Veele & Bruno Costa Chair: Paula Tavares [14:00 - 15:00]		Plenary Session III Keynote speech: Luís Castilho Reinales <i>Territorial Cohesion and Interregional Development</i> Chair: Irene Portela [14:00 - 15:00]	
Literary Coffee Presentation of the book “ <i>O Sistema de Ensino Superior Português – Binário ou Unitário? Uma Análise e uma Visão</i> ” by Olímpio Castilho [15:00 - 15:30]		Literary Coffee Presentation of the book “ <i>Ensino Superior – da interioridade à Europa das Universidades</i> ” by João Carrega [15:00 - 15:30]	
Session “Meet the Editors and the Reviewers” Panellists: José Cadima Ribeiro, Andrea Caragliu, João Leitão, Rosella Nicolini Chair: Sónia Monteiro [15:30 - 16:30]		Parallel Sessions 5 [15:30 - 17:00]	
Parallel Sessions 2 [16:30 - 18:00]	Session “ <i>Em nome do interesse público: protecção contra catástrofes naturais e eventos sísmicos</i> ” by Rui Nuno Baleiras [16:30 - 18:00]	Forum: Instituições de Ensino Superior e Coesão Territorial Panellists: Ana Paula Duarte, Luís Loures, António Mendonça Chair: João Carrega [17:00 - 18:00]	
		Closing Session [18:00-18:30]	
Official Dinner [19:00-22:00]			

Overview of Parallel Sessions

Thursday, 2 July						
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PT	EN	PT	EN/PT	EN/PT	EN/PT	EN/PT
16:30-18:00 Parallel Sessions (2)						
RS01.2 – Regional Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Ecosystems	RS03 – Natural Environment, Resources and Rural Development	RS15 – Quantitative and Qualitative Methods in Regional Science	RS11.2 – Governance, Leadership and Regional Development	SS10 - Territorial inequalities and sustainability by the lens of Economic Geography	SS03 - Collaborative Laboratories towards sustainability transitions responses	SS09 - Historical perspectives on contemporary regional development and territorial cohesion
EN	EN/PT	PT	PT	EN/PT	EN	EN/ES
Friday, 3 July						
ROOM 6	ROOM 7	ROOM 8	ROOM 9	ROOM 10	ROOM 11	ROOM 12
09:00-10:00 Parallel Sessions (3)						
RS09 – Social Innovation, Integration, Poverty, and Gentrification	RS04 – Demographic Challenges, Culture, Migrations and Integration	RS05.1 – Education, Skills, Labour Markets and Regional Development	RS18 – Fiscal and Regional Policies	SS05- From local production to tourism development: Gastronomy as driver in low-density territories	SS16 - Twin transition for regional futures: digital innovation, sustainability and policy design	SS14 - Sustainable Practices and Climate Change Impacts: Challenges and Pathways for the Tourism Sector
EN/PT	EN/PT	EN	EN/PT	EN	EN	PT
11:30-13:00 Parallel Sessions (4)						
RS01.3 – Regional Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Ecosystems	RS10.1 – Territorial Cohesion and Inequalities	RS13.1– Tourism, culture, sports and sustainable development	RS05.2 – Education, Skills, Labour Markets and Regional Development	RS12 – Regional resilience, crises, and climate adaptation	SS17 - Sustainable Tourism and Regional Development: Environmental Impacts, Challenges, and Policy Responses	SS11 - Sustainability, Risk Management, and Community Resilience in Tourism Hotspots: Challenges for Cities and Regions
EN	EN/PT	EN	EN/PT	EN/PT	EN/PT	EN/PT
15:30-17:00 Parallel Sessions (5)						
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EN	PT	EN/PT	EN/PT	EN/PT	EN/PT	EN/PT

Daily program

Thursday, 2 July, 2026

OPENING SESSION

09:00 - 10:00 | Thursday, July 2, 2026

Room: Auditório Eng. António Tavares

Welcome Speeches



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Presidente da Câmara Municipal de Coimbra



Sandra Cunha

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Diretora da Escola Superior de Gestão (ESG) do IPCA



João Leitão

Presidente da APDR

PLENARY SESSION I

10:00 - 11:00 | Thursday, July 2, 2026

Room: Auditório Eng. António Tavares



Chair:

Patrícia Gomes

Diretora do Centro de Investigação em Contabilidade e Fiscalidade (CICF) do IPCA

Keynote speech:



Entrepreneurship, Innovation & Sub-Saharan Africa

Leo Paul Dana

Dalhousie University, Canada

LITERARY COFFEE

11:00 - 11:30 | Thursday, July 2, 2026

Transição Tecno-Digital e Nova Economia Política



by António Covas

Professor Catedrático da Faculdade de Economia da
Universidade do Algarve



PARALLEL SESSIONS 1

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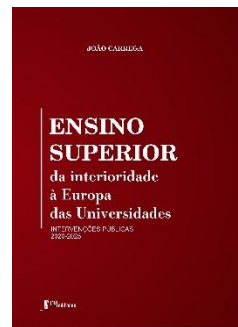
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