

IX NEW SPACE ATLANTIC SUMMIT



24 – 25 JUNE 2026

TÉCNICO INNOVATION CENTER

Instituto Superior Técnico, Lisboa

The Architecture of Power: Geopolitics in the Second Era of Space Exploration

AGENDA

DAY 1 – 24 JUNE

14:30 OPENING SESSION

Ricardo Conde, President of the Portuguese Space Agency

Rogério Colaço, President of the Instituto Superior Técnico

Fernando Alexandre, Minister for Education, Science and Innovation (tbc)

15:00 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Robert de Groot, Vice-President of the European Investment Bank (tbc)

15:30 FOUR PILLARS OF THE SPACE ECONOMY: SCIENCE, INNOVATION, INDUSTRY AND DEFENCE

João Barros, President of AI2

José Neves, President of AED Cluster Portugal

Major José Viana, Division of Innovation and Organisational Transformation (EMFA)

Yasser Omar, President of PQI

Moderator: Ricardo Conde

16:15 COFFEE BREAK

16:45 SPACE EXPLORATION: WHAT ROLE FOR PORTUGAL?

Cristóvão Sousa, Director of Research and Development at GIMM CARE

Fausto Pinto, Director of the Centre for Space Medicine Studies

Luís Portela, President of the Bial Foundation (tbc)

Virgílio Bento, President of Sword Health

Moderator: Hugo André Costa

DAY 2 – 25 JUNE

09:30 **OPENING SESSION (TO BE CONFIRMED)**

09:45 **THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ATLANTIC IN EUROPE**

José M. Bollieiro, President of the Regional Government of the Azores

Hélder Sousa Silva, Member of the European Parliament

Moderator: Ricardo Conde

10:15 **THE ATLANTIC CONSTELLATION – A CONSTELLATION FOR EUROPE**

Emir Sirage, Director-General, NewSpace Portuga

10:25 **TECHNOLOGY AS A NEW INSTRUMENT OF POWER**

Arlindo Oliveira, President, INESC

Major-General João Vieira Borges, Geopolitical Expert

Lieutenant-General Rafael Martins, Geopolitical Expert

Moderator: Ana Santos Pinto, Assistant Professor, NOVA FCSH

11:10 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:45 **ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION: FROM INCUBATION TO MARKET**

Joana Mendonça, ESA BIC Tagus+ Coordinator

Jorge Pimenta, ESA BIC Centro+ Coordinator

Stephan Morais, President of APCRI – Portuguese Venture Capital Association

Moderator: Joan Alabart, Portuguese Space Agency

12:30 **NEXTGEN - PROJECT PRESENTATIONS**

Space and non-space innovation projects submitted by young Portuguese students.

12:50 **LUNCH AT YOUR LEISURE**

15:00 **SPACE MADE IN PORTUGAL – INTEGRATION AND OPERATIONS BY AED**

Bruno Carvalho, Director, Atlantic Space Consortium

Francisco Vilhena da Cunha, CEO, Geosat

Ivo Vieira, CEO, Lusospace

Pedro Costa, Head of the Space Operations Centre (FAP)

Tiago Rebelo, Head of R&D and Innovation, Open Cosmos

Moderator: Rui Santos, AED Cluster Portugal

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15:45 FROM TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITY TO MARKET PLAYERS

Olfa Ayadi, NOVA SBE

Vera Dejahum, NOVA SBE

Moderator: Pedro Penedos, Project Manager and Space Economy Consultant, NOVA SB

16:15 COFFEE BREAK

16:45 LEADING THROUGH KNOWLEDGE: PORTUGAL AND THE ESA SCIENCE PROGRAMME

Carole Mundell, ESA Director of Science

Nuno C. Santos, Full Professor, Institute of Astrophysics and Space Sciences/FCUP

17:30 CLOSING SESSION

Fernando Alexandre, Minister for Education, Science and Innovation (tbc)

