



OBSERVATÓRIO DOS
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Summary presentation



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OBSERVATORY OF DIGITAL ECOSYSTEMS AND INFRASTRUCTURES



The new Observatory brings together Experts in the areas of Systems Engineering, Communications, Submarine Cables, Cybersecurity and Cyber Defence, Artificial Intelligence, Security, Safety and National Defence.

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Its main goal is to generate and disseminate specialized knowledge about Digital Ecosystems and Infrastructures, in Portugal and globally.

Portugal has had, since October 2, 2024, the Observatory of Digital Ecosystems and Infrastructures (OEID), through which, according to its founders, it intends to be a new specialized and internationally recognized interlocutor in this global ecosystem, given that Portugal has been gradually acquiring a growing geostrategic and geopolitical relevance in global communication and information management networks.

The public presentation of the Observatory took place on October 2 and 3 2024, integrated in the International Conference "Atlantic Convergence" in Lisbon. During the event, global experts and visionaries travelled to Portugal to think and discuss how to shape, protect and improve the future of transatlantic digital ecosystems and infrastructures, where Portugal plays a prominent global role.

Portugal has its territory distributed across two different Continental Shelves and the Atlantic Ocean has a unique importance for Portugal. The Portuguese Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) is one of the largest in Europe. Due to its centrality, Portugal assumes a geostrategic relevance between Continents, adding high value in the connectivity of global communications networks.

"With a clear vision of the present, but also with its eyes in the future, the Observatory intends to promote and enhance the opportunities that Portugal holds in the context of Digital Ecosystems and Infrastructures", explains the President Luís Bernardino, Army Officer and Teacher at the Autonomous University of Lisbon (UAL), and specialist in matters of Defence and International Security.

The Observatory of Digital Ecosystems and Infrastructures was born from the will of a group of Citizens interested in the theme of digital ecosystems who share a common vision about the geostrategic and geopolitical relevance of Portugal in the World, and believe that through the free exercise of citizenship, they provide contributions to public policies, with companies and society in general, both nationally and internationally.

At the founding core of the Observatory, are different specialists with knowledge in the most diverse areas, covering the areas of Engineering, Law, Management, Economics, Security and Defence, Intelligence, R&D, among others areas.

In the coming years, the Observatory intends to collaborate with Governmental entities, Academic entities and Public and Private entities to define security and prevention policies for Digital Ecosystems and Infrastructures in Portugal and thus contribute to a better public understanding of national and global digital infrastructures and Portugal's role in the world of digital connectivity. One of our main objectives is to achieve a level of sustainability, relevance and technical and scientific prestige, recognized by different entities, through the free exercise of citizenship of all members of the Observatory as well as through contributions that become relevant to the geostrategic and geopolitical thinking around the positioning of Portugal in the global network of digital communications.

The Observatory of Digital Ecosystems and Infrastructures also intends to organize and be represented at events, seminars and conferences on topics related to Digital Ecosystems and Infrastructures, and other associated critical infrastructures, and integrate other private and public entities, national and international, as well as other national specialists who can add value to the Observatory of Digital Ecosystems and Infrastructures and its intended purposes.

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