# GPS – Global Portuguese Scientists

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The GPS network – http://gps.pt – is a social media platform that aims to map Portuguese scientists working around the world, to promote the visibility of their research activities and to facilitate the communication between scientists and the Portuguese society.
This network is a partnership between Fundação Francisco Manuel dos Santos, Agência Nacional para a Cultura Científica e Tecnológica – Ciência Viva, Universidade de Aveiro e Altice Labs.

The platform was launched in November 2016 and already has more than 3000 registered users that include Portuguese scientists working abroad, scientists working in Portugal, and other professionals such as journalists.
The network is open to any Portuguese scientist. The user's profile is built upon a set of information regarding a summary, map locations related with research activities (institution, position and dates) and relevant links.
The social network component allows the members to exchange information and discuss any topic around a "general" community that is also organized in groups created by GPS scientists.

The GPS scientists map allows to look for locations where Portuguese scientists have been working in a specific time interval. Results can also be filtered by scientist name, country, scientific domain and location.

This network is also supported by Portuguese scientists' associations around the globe that explore the platform's community features to disseminate their work and to look for partnerships. These associations have their own community built inside the GPS network.
The network was built by reusing the core technology from SAPO Campus, a social network platform for education that has been developed since 2009 at CIC.Digital/DigiMedia and AlticeLabs@UA (former SAPOLabs@ua).

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