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# **A WORD FROM THE RECTOR**



“Looking for ways to generate energy without compromising the quality of life of the next generations is one of the important challenges faced by today’s global society. The future will be based on economic models that respect a rational balance between energy production and sustainable development and guarantee access to reliable and environmentally friendly energy sources.

The Energy area is therefore a priority for the University of Aveiro, both in terms of education and research. As an area of utmost importance for Humanity and one of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Objectives, it is a highly interdisciplinary and cross-cutting area of study that enables collaboration between the various Departments and Research Units of the University and the interaction with a wide variety of local, regional and European entities.”