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# **A WORD FROM THE RECTOR**



Achieving a more inclusive, innovative, and sustainable society, and thus a more balanced, just, and prosperous one, is a challenge that requires the participation of everyone, in all sectors of society.

We are responsible for the future and we are all called upon to participate in the construction of participative models that value diversity, promote equal opportunities, stimulate creativity and the ability to create solutions for the challenges of our time, preserving the environment and using natural resources responsibly.

It is a global commitment, to which higher education institutions can contribute in two ways: through training, research, and innovation, crucial to the sustainable well-being of present and future generations; and by setting themselves up as models of good practice, marking society through example.

And these are, precisely, the commitments of the University of Aveiro.