

# Encontro Ciência 2023

## Science and Ocean beyond the horizon



The Encontro Ciência is the largest science event in Portugal and aims to contribute to the promotion of a broad debate on the main topics and challenges of the scientific agenda, stimulating participation and interaction between researchers, sector and the general public in a large forum, awaited every year with expectation by the scientific community. It is promoted by the Foundation for Science and Technology, in collaboration with Ciência Viva, with the institutional support of the Government through the Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education, as well as the Parliamentary Committee on Education and Science.

For the first time in 2023, it was organized in a decentralized way (from Lisbon to Aveiro) and focused on a single theme. The University of Aveiro agreed to receive at the Campus of Santiago the Encontro Ciência 2023 on July 5, 6 and 7, under the theme "Science and Ocean beyond the horizon".

During the three days of the meeting, plenary sessions were organized, with themes as diverse as climate, sea economy or food,

and the parallel thematic sessions that focused on topics such as blue, circular and sustainable economy, biotechnology, renewable energy, health, among many other topics. More than 260 speakers included names such as Emanuel Gonçalves of the Oceano Azul Foundation, Eva Calvo of the Institute of Marine Sciences, Spyros Kouvelis of the Institute for Sustainable Development of the European Public Law Organisation, Joana Xavier, from CIIMAR and Estrela Matilde, from Fundação Príncipe. On July 6, there was also a session, especially aimed at the city's public, with the exhibition of an award-winning documentary on research and rescue of marine species, followed by a lecture entitled "From the bottom of the sea to the bottom of the plate!" by researchers Ana Hilário and Ricardo Calado, from CESAM – Centre for Environmental and Sea Studies.

With about 3.300 entries, almost 2.000 participants were registered in the plenary and thematic sessions, with 260 speakers, 40 demonstrations and a set of 950 posters, which proved to be very positive for a first decentralized Encontro Ciência.