

News in Portugal

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A weekly summary of the headline news from Portugal in English, every Wednesday.

Portugal wants to more than double renewable electricity production by 2030

Portugal wants to more than double the production of renewable electricity by 2030, with growth being made mainly through solar, which will represent a quarter of the renewable generation, according to the National Energy-Climate 2030 Plan.

According to the 2030 National Energy-Climate Plan (PNEC) presented today at the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation in Lisbon, renewable energy will represent 80% of electricity consumption in Portugal in 2030, with an increase in installed capacity of up to 28.8 GW, which compares with 11.8 GW in 2015.

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Capoulas Santos shows caution against drought situation in Portugal

The Minister of Agriculture does not hide any concern about the drought situation in Portugal that is in the weak drought level, namely in the south of the country. Questioned this afternoon in Brussels, Capoulas Santos said he expects the situation to change in February, but admits he already feels some negative effects. According to the IPMA, continental Portugal was at the end of December in a weak meteorological drought south of the Tagus due to the low values of precipitation registered in that month, classified as hot and very dry. This month the situation may get worse.

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Spanish Post Offices want to enter portuguese market

The Spanish Post Office announced that its primary strategy for 2019 is towards international growth, mainly Portugal, and for the southwest of Asia, in order to increase its revenues and to be profitable.

"The strategy and willingness of the company is to quickly create an efficient parcel distribution network throughout the Iberian Peninsula," the official source of the Post said.

The one that is considered the largest Spanish public company intends to start a "new stage of growth at an international level" and "improve its revenues to be profitable," said the President of the Post, Juan Manuel Serrano, in a distributed press release on Tuesday.

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Lack of staff in SEF and British consular network may complicate life in Portugal

The Government submitted on 17 January a detailed "Preparation and Contingency Plan for the Departure of the United Kingdom from the European Union [EU]". A document evaluating the impact of Brexit in Portugal on citizens' lives and economic activity and which lists the preparation and measures to be taken both at EU level and at national level. But things can be complicated by the lack of human resources at the SEF and the consular network in the UK.

The plan provides for the reinforcement of the human, material and technological resources of the SEF and the British consular network to facilitate entry and exit processes at national borders and expedite consular processes, whose workload is expected to increase significantly, especially in the case of a Brexit without agreement. A reinforcement also promised by the Secretary of State for Portuguese Communities, José Luís Carneiro, recently in Parliament for the scenario without agreement.

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