

News in Portugal

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

Portugal declares energy crisis as truckers' strike cuts fuel supplies

Portugal declared a national energy crisis as a strike by fuel-truck drivers entered its third day. The Portuguese Government implemented emergency measures to safeguard fuel supplies for critical services, such as ambulances and airports, placing security forces on standby to escort fuel tankers and supply drivers. These measures will prevail until the end of 21 April and António Costa, the Prime Minister, admits to enlarge the minimum services, while still trying to negotiate with the tanker driver union.

See the full Portuguese version of the story [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

Russia asks for information from Portugal on hacker Rui Pinto

The Russian authorities sent a letter rogatory to the Portuguese court for information on hacker Rui Pinto. The Attorney General's Office (PGR) confirmed to Lusa on Monday the reception of a "letter rogatory [legal instrument of cooperation between two countries] from the Russian Federation". Unlike the Belgian, French or Dutch authorities, who wish to collaborate with Rui Pinto to advance their investigations, particularly in cases of tax evasion, the Russian authorities accuse him of various offenses, according to the Portuguese media.

See the full Portuguese version of the story [here](#).

Portugal with the lowest inflation rate in the euro area

The annual rate of inflation in the euro zone declined in March to 1.4%, from 1.5% in February, with a tenth in Portugal falling to 0.8%, the lowest value in the European Union, reveals Eurostat. The data published today by the official statistics office of the European Union show that the rate of inflation in the single currency space declined slightly in March compared to February, but it registered the same value of March 2018. In the European Union as a whole, the annual inflation rate in March stood at 1.6%, stable in the month-on-month and year-on-year comparisons, since this was the value registered in both last February and March of last year.

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Portugal third greenest country in the world

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