

News in Portugal

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

Nurses mark national strike for 8 March

The Portuguese Union of Nurses Association (ASPE) is going to decree a national strike for 8 March, to allow the participation of professionals in a march in honor of nurses that is scheduled for Lisbon. The ASPE indicates that the "white march" of nursing homage is not being organized by the unions, but decided to move forward to mark a day of general strike "to facilitate the participation of all nurses" in the parade. The march has also been publicised through social networks by the National Movement of Nurses, who say that these professionals "remain focused" on "demonstrating the true role of nurses as a key agent in the pursuit of quality health care for all."

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

Portugal is "half way" on the rankings table for gender equality in business

Portugal outperforms Spain and Italy in the gender balance in companies, but is "far away" from northern Europe and the US, although executive commissions with women are shown to generate 40 percent higher returns, a study revealed. According to the findings of a McKinsey & Company study on female representation in leadership positions in companies - to be presented today in Carcavelos during the Leading Together initiative at the New School of Business and Economics and advanced to the Lusa agency by the consultant partner Maria João Ribeirinho - the situation "has seen progress" in Portugal, which is "in the midst of the world", but appears "in the tail of Europe" in terms of the presence of women in the management bodies of large companies.

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Juan Guaidó appoints his representative in Portugal

Juan Guaidó appointed representatives in the 15 European countries that recognized him as Acting President of Venezuela. Maduro calls him a "clown" and challenges him to call elections.

The interim President of Venezuela appointed José Rafael Cotte on Tuesday as his representative in Portugal. The ambassador of Caracas listed in the diplomatic corps accredited in Portugal is Lucas Rincón Romero, who presented credentials on October 24, 2006. At the Maduro government support session held on February 1 at the Casa do Alentejo in Lisbon, Romero said that "Venezuela is being attacked on all sides by governments that believe they are masters of the world." He assured that there are "Luso-Venezuelans

who give their lives for the revolution" and recalled that "7% of the members of the Armed Forces are of Portuguese origin": "One must be careful because when the bombs begin to fall, they will not fall just on top of the Chavistas or the pure Venezuelans. "

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Northern Portugal most exposed to the impact of Brexit

More than half of Portuguese exports to the United Kingdom are made up of companies in the north of the country, with pharmaceuticals, for example, having a 27% exposure compared to what is the fourth largest external market in the region. The North, which remains the most important exporting region in Portugal, is the one to lose most with the divorce between the United Kingdom and the European Union (EU), a process that is expected to cause a deterioration in international trade in goods between the two parties. More than half (50.7% by 2017) of our country's exports to the UK market are the responsibility of companies based in the North, warns a study by the Northern Regional Development and Coordination Commission (CCDRN).

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