

## News in Portugal

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### Works on the 25 de Abril bridge start today

The construction works for the 25 de Abril bridge will be awarded to Infraestruturas de Portugal (IP) and works are scheduled to begin today, lasting for two years. The contract was awarded on 20 September for a sum of 12.6 million euros to the consortium made up of Somague, SMM - Sociedade de Montagens Metalomecânicas and STAP - Repair, Consolidation and Modification of Structures.

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

### Number of unemployed is less than half than recorded during the crisis

The number of unemployed registered in employment centers was 334,900 in November, less than half of what was registered in September 2013 during the economic crisis, the Employment and Vocational Training Institute (IEFP) announced today. The total number of unemployed in November fell by 17.2% compared to the same period last year (minus 69.7 thousand people), but rose 0.2% compared to the previous month (656 more unemployed people). The monthly rise is "usual at this time of year," explains the Ministry of Labor, Solidarity and Social Security, adding that "in 24 of the last 30 years unemployment increased between October and November, with an average monthly variation of 1%".

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### Thirteen Portuguese wines win international awards

The 2019 edition of the International Wine Challenge awarded 13 Portuguese wines from the Mainland wine cellar, which is the most influential international competition in the sector worldwide.

The wine "Coutada Velha Signature Regional Tinto Alentejano, 2017", produced by Monte da Ravasqueira from the Aragonês, Trincadeira and Cabernet Sauvignon grapes, won the gold medal, having been one of the only two Portuguese reds awarded this distinction.

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## Portugal achieves "historical maximum" in fishing opportunities

Portugal has achieved an increase of the 131 thousand tons in the fishing possibilities to 2019, which represents "a new historical maximum" since there is a record of catch capacities, said the Minister of the Sea, Ana Paula Vitorino. "We have very good news for Portugal, for our fishermen and fishing owners, with a 24% increase in total catches, reaching 131,000 tonnes," said the minister, at the end of the Council of Fisheries Ministers, marked, as usual, by a business marathon. In terms of figures, the fishing quotas allocated to Portugal for the next year represent, added the minister, an increase of 35 million euros compared to 2018, allowing to reach "an overall value of around 220 million euros". These 131,000 tonnes, she said, "is a new record high," pledging to meet the goal of maximum sustainable yield of stocks by 2020.

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