

News in Portugal

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

Mega health and research project welcomes national services in Loulé

The creation of a National Seroteca, where they will be small samples of blood serum, the transfer of the National Bank of Umbilical Cord Cells, from Porto to the Algarve, and the creation of a Center for the Promotion of Health Care for Tourism. These will be just a few of the strengths of the ABC Loulé Health Research Center and the Active Life Center, health, innovation, research and training centers to be created in 2021 in Loulé and Vilamoura.

The project was presented this Saturday, May 4, as part of the 10-year ceremony of the Integrated Master's Degree in Medicine at the University of Algarve (UAlg), at Cine-Teatro Louletano, but the first steps had already been taken in 2018.

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

"Absolute parliamentary defeat" and "budget move": the Portuguese political crisis seen by the international press

António Costa's resignation threat did not go unnoticed by cross-border media. In the midst of praising the stability shown by the prime minister, there is a warning that Portugal may have early elections and see the end of the "contraption".

The threat of dismissal of António Costa following the approval by the opposition as a whole on Thursday in Parliament of the complete unfreezing of teachers' time of service was echoed in the international press, with several bodies highlighting the possibility of Portugal registering a scenario of early legislative elections.

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Degree in Portugal is worth less and less in salary

Having a university degree still allows for a higher salary, but the importance of a bachelor's degree weighs less and less to reach higher pay levels. And Portugal was the country of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) where the most value was lost between 2006 and 2016.

In ten years, the salary premium of those who graduated from a young person with a secondary education fell by 22.8 percentage points. That is, the advantage of having a college course shrank in just a decade, when the trend was for an increasing pay gap between those who attended university and those who were not beyond the 12th grade. It is the biggest loss among the 32 OECD member countries.

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Portugal has the largest reduction of CO2 emissions in the European Union

Portugal had the largest (-9%) reduction of carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions in the European Union and more than three times the European average (-2.5%) in 2018 compared to the previous year, according to data released by Eurostat. EU Statistical Office figures show a 2.5% reduction in CO2 emissions from fossil fuel combustion in the EU, with Portugal leading the table, with a 9% decline from 2017 to 2018.

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