

# DIGITAL MINDS, human hearts

INNOTECs Study Visit & General Assembly

**Aveiro, 17–19 May**



## study visit

**Host:** AEVA | Escola Profissional de Aveiro **Theme:** Digital Minds, Human Hearts **Location:** Aveiro, Portugal

### 17 May – Sunday: Arrival

18:30 – Welcome drink & informal networking (@Hotel As Américas)

### 18 May – Monday: Main Conference Day (AEVA-EPA)

08:45 – Registration & coffee

09:15 – Welcome session (AEVA Director & INNOTECs President)

09:30 – INNOTECs General Assembly

10:30 – Coffee & networking

11:00 – Cultural moment & Official Opening Conference

11:20 – Debate & Q&A Panel:

#### **VET in Europe – Achievements, Impact, and What Comes Next**

Vasco santos<sup>1</sup> and David Carvalhão<sup>2</sup>. Moderator: André costa<sup>3</sup>

13:30 – Lunch

### 14:15–16:45 – Parallel Workshops

[1] Inclusive Pathways – Personal tutorship & emotional literacy (AEVA-EPA model)<sup>4</sup>

[2] Digital Competences & School of Tomorrow – Erasmus+ for inclusion

**Emanuel Fernandes (Erasmus+ National Agency - Head of Unit - IT External Systems)**

**Sofia Carruço (Erasmus+ National Agency – Senior Project Officer)**

[3] Gamification & Engagement – “Play to Include”

**António Durão (Founder and CEO @Code.up; Game Design Teacher)**

16:45 – Summary of key findings (rapporteurs)

17:00 – End of Day 1

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20:00 – Social dinner (Sal Poente Restaurant)

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### 19 May – Tuesday: Practice, Innovation & Local Industry

09:00 – Welcome & recap

09:30 – INNOTECS Members' Pitches

10:30 – Coffee break

11:00 – INNOTECS Members' Thematic Roundtables

12:30 – Closing Session: Conclusions and Farewell Remarks

13:00 – Lunch

14:30 – Visit to PCI Creative Science Park (by bus)

**Showcasing innovation links between education, research & industry**

## notes

[1] Professor at the Instituto Politécnico de Tomar, with extensive experience in European VET cooperation. Expert in EQAVET quality assurance frameworks and evaluator for A3ES – Agência de Avaliação e Acreditação do Ensino Superior. Actively involved in Erasmus+ projects, contributing to innovation and quality development in vocational education and training across Europe.

[2] Artificial Intelligence specialist, innovator and technology creator. Holder of multiple patents, with a strong background in applied AI solutions and digital transformation. His work bridges research, entrepreneurship and practical innovation, contributing to the development of cutting-edge technological systems.

[3] Professor at ISLA Gaia and the Universidade de Aveiro. Researcher and expert in Artificial Intelligence, with experience in applied research, digital innovation and AI integration in education and industry contexts.

[4] Workshop facilitator to be confirmed