

ISEG has been educating leaders of thought and action since 1911. Today, at a time when society recognises the importance of good economic management more than ever, we are here to build solutions: ISEG - 112 years of a School of Firsts ISEG: the first Portuguese university to be recognised as an "Age-friendly University"

With a proportion of the population aged 65 and over of almost 24%, Portugal falls into the category of a superaged nation. The demographic transformation we are experiencing brings numerous challenges and opportunities. As well as needing to adapt, universities are in a privileged position to influence the formation of an inclusive society that promotes collaboration between the different generations. By being the first Portuguese higher education institution to be recognised as an "Age-friendly University" (AfU), ISEG is becoming a benchmark in the drive to create conditions conducive to a long life of participation in both academia and society as a whole.

The global network of "Age-friendly" universities is a result of Dublin City University's initiative in 2012. Since then, many universities have enthusiastically adhered to its 10 Principles and now it's ISEG's turn. There are now more than 100 of us worldwide.

The name "Age-friendly University" carries two messages. Firstly, it recognises the attention that ISEG already pays to the inclusion of people of all ages, as well as to issues related with an ageing population. Secondly, it marks a commitment to improving and expanding those practices that make ISEG attractive to older people – including students, faculty, non-faculty staff, and the wider community – with the objective to use its resources to create a more inclusive society.

Paula Albuquerque ISEG professor

In preparing its application for membership of the network, the Committee took stock of what evidence it could present as ongoing "Age-friendly" initiatives and was surprised by the significant number it found. The framework of "plurality and the guarantee of intellectual and scientific freedom, respect for ethics, social responsibility and sustainable development" guaranteed in ISEG's mission statement is certainly not unrelated to this observation. One of the advantages of joining this movement lies in the creation of a structure that brings together dispersed activities and also in the School gaining awareness and self-knowledge.

Being accepted as a member of AfU is not a starting point, but rather one of departure. If we are to progress in building the university of the future and the society that we want, then we need many voices and hands. We have an exciting road ahead of us and everyone is welcome. The whole School is invited to reflect on ways of getting involved and are asked to suggest concrete proposals. Anyone wishing to obtain more detailed information or who wishes to send suggestions should do so by sending a message either to afu@iseg.ulisboa.pt or to one of the members of the AfU ISEG committee (Paula Albuquerque, Filomena Ferreira, Elsa Fontainha, and Jorge Gomes).

Stay tuned for more developments as we embark on this journey together!

In today's issue, we highlight Universidade de Lisboa's increase in the Sustainability QS ranking for 2024 at the national level, the new episode of the "Uncomplicating Sustainable Finance" podcast with Maria Netto Schneider, the 4th Practical Workshop of the ISEG Mini-Forest, the Antena 2 Concert with soprano Filipa Portela and pianist Pedro Costa, and also the news in the Students and Alumni sections.

The following are cited in this number: Clara Raposo, Francisco Louçã, João Duque, João Pereira dos Santos, Paulo Macedo, Paulo Trigo Pereira and Sandra Maximiano.



The legacy of António Costa's governance

>> Pensioners? Francisco Louçã points out that the State is "simply paying what it owes".	Expresso see more >
>> João Duque says that if it hadn't been for the studies and alternatives requested by António Costa in recent years, work on Lisbon's new airport would have already started in Alcochete.	Expresso see more >
>> In Expresso, Francisco Louçã comments on António Costa's interview with TVI - where the Prime Minister said that the absolute majority "was a problem".	Expresso see more >
>> In the "Expresso 50 Years" debate on the challenges for Almada and the country, João Duque considered that it's important to decentralise and create new economic centres.	See more >
>> João Pereira dos Santos argues that only with better data can better public housing policies be defined.	negocios.pt
>> An opinion piece by Paulo Trigo Pereira – "The Constitutional Coup d'état without guile (I)".	OBSERVADOR See more >
>> Paulo Macedo commented that he doesn't believe that interest rates will fall in the first quarter. at the "Encontros Fora da Caixa" conference on "looking ahead to 2024",	Human Resources See more >
>> The government appointed Sandra Maximiano to the presidency of ANACOM.	24 see more >
>> Sandra Maximiano says that it is "very difficult not to have a pessimistic outlook" for 2024.	DIĂRIO de Noticias entre >

>> Clara Raposo is part of the examination panel for the Luís Patrão Scholarship, which was recently launched by the government to support students and leaders in the tourism sector, in honour of the first president of Turismo de Portugal.



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>> João Duque comments on António Costa's legacy and helps take stock of eight years of PS governments on TSF Forum.

>> Clara Raposo spoke about her professional career in a

round table discussion at the 2023 Executive of the Year



What's Up @ ISEG

Awards.

ISEG ULisboa goes up in the Sustainability QS ranking for 2024



The 2nd Edition of the QS Sustainability ranking was released on the **5th December**. First published in 2022, the Quacquarelli Symonds World University Rankings: Sustainability is based on six indicators, three of which are associated with Social Impact, with the other three being associated with Environmental Impact.

In the ranking for 2024, Universidade de Lisboa moved up one position in the national table, from third place (behind Universidade do Porto and Universidade de Coimbra) to second place (behind the Universidade de Coimbra).

Universidade de Lisboa was ranked number 217 in a table comprising more than 1,400 higher education institutions evaluated worldwide.

The ranking can be consulted **HERE**.



Maria Netto Schneider, executive director of the Instituto Clima e Sociedade, is the guest speaker for the second episode of the second season of the "Uncomplicating Sustainable Finance" podcast, a partnership between JE, ISEG's Centre for Sustainable Finance, and the British Embassy in Lisbon.

"The Role of Development Banks in the Transition to Sustainable Finance" is the topic of this episode in which this expert will explore the role of development banks and international agencies in promoting new models of sustainable finance.

Listen to this and other episodes on **Spotify**.

ISEG mini-forest I 4th Practical Workshop



This is what we know from the previous workshops:

- We now know the Miyawaki method of urban mini-forests;
- We took soil samples for analysis;
- We weeded out invasive exotic plants;
- We pruned the species that will remain in the space;
- We collected all the rubbish;
- We mapped out the space;
- We created the design of the mini-forest.

Now it's time to clear the land to mark out the design and carry out the planting!

Tomorrow, on the **14th December, Thursday, at 13.00, we'll meet on campus next to the Library** to weed out any remaining invasive species and prepare the space for marking out the paths and clearings. **These steps are very important and are carried out before the planting. Join us. We're going to need as many hands as possible!**

To take part, all you need to do is register here or contact researcher Oriana Rainho Brás orianarb@socius.iseg.ulisboa.pt.

Antena 2 Concert, with soprano Filipa Portela and pianist Pedro Costa



On the **21st December**, ISEG will host soprano **Filipa Portela** and pianist **Pedro Costa** for an Antena 2 Concert which aims to reflect on the experience of women and their role in the world to date, emonstrating many of their facets.

The session starts at **19.00** in ISEG's CGD Auditorium (Quelhas, 2nd Floor).

See the programme **HERE**.

Free entry.

Student news

ISEG Young Economics Society | "Uma dose de Economia" podcast, #11 - Jornal ECO

In the 11th episode of the podcast where ISEG students discuss current economic affairs, the history and future of NFTs is debated.

Available HERE.

The podcast is the result of a partnership between **ECO** and **ISEG Young Economics Society**.

Alumni in the Spotlight

Article | "To be or not to be (resilient), that's Fiona"

With a PhD in 'Monetary Economics and Macroeconomic Stabilisation and Monetary Policy in Cape Verde' from ISEG, **Carlos Rocha** writes about leadership in "**Link to Leaders**".

"As humans, we must continue to learn, whether from animals or from artificial intelligence".





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