Curriculum Vitae

[Figueira, Patrícia]

CURRENT POSITION

Name of company

Job position

Infraestruturas de Portugal (IP)

Head of Sustainability and Innovation

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Currently serving as Director of Sustainability and Innovation at Infraestruturas de Portugal (IP Group), I lead the strategic integration of sustainability and innovation across the organization. My role involves aligning the Group's strategies with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through a robust ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) framework. I am also responsible for ensuring the company's compliance with the European Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) and the European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS). I oversee the development and implementation of the Group's Research, Development, and Innovation (RDI) strategy, promoting a strong culture of innovation and managing key projects, partnerships, and funding initiatives.

Previously, as Project Manager at the Studies and Innovation Department (2018–2023), I focused on monitoring key mobility and societal trends to identify strategic challenges and opportunities for national infrastructure development. I was a member of the government-appointed working group on legislative frameworks for autonomous driving technologies and contributed to the methodological design of the National Investment Plan 2030.

In 2016, as Deputy to the Minister of the Sea, I worked on strategic development in the maritime-port sector, modernization and simplification of procedures, and the preparation of applications for European Commission funding.

Earlier in my career at REFER and RAVE (2006–2018), I was involved in demand studies and cost-benefit analyses to support strategic rail planning, investment decision-making, and applications for EU funding for the Portuguese rail network.

From 1997 to 2006, I served as an Assistant Professor at Instituto Superior Técnico and conducted research at the Center for Urban and Regional Systems (now part of CERIS), contributing to academic work in urban and transport systems.

EDUCATION AND TRAININGS:

2020: Innovation Management (32 hours), Nova School of Business and Economics.

2009: Railway Engineering Training Course (60 hours), FUNDEC, Instituto Superior Técnico (IST), University of Lisbon.

2003: Course on Data Analysis for Social and Environmental Sciences, Geo-Systems Center, Instituto Superior Técnico (IST), University of Lisbon

1998-2001: Master in Transports. Instituto Superior Técnico (IST), University of Lisbon. Dissertation Title: "Measuring Accessibility in a Regional Development Context - Regional Accessibility Changes in the Iberian Peninsula."

1998-2001: Graduated in Land Planning and Management Engineering. Instituto Superior Técnico (IST), University of Lisbon.

EXTRAS:

Several publications in the field of sustainable mobility and transport infrastructure address key topics such as corporate carbon footprint assessment, infrastructure data strategies, decarbonization initiatives aligned with international climate commitments, and future mobility challenges.