

APREN's annual renewables conference gathers sector experts in Lisbon

Portugal Renewable Energy Summit returns to Culturgest, in Lisbon, on the 29th and 30th of November, with debate panels dedicated to the most relevant European and national themes for the renewable electricity sector



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[APREN – The Portuguese Renewable Energy Association](#) is promoting reflection on challenges for the future in what regards renewables again. The next edition of the Portugal Renewable Energy Summit, an event with an history of more than 10 years, will take place next November 29 and 30 in Lisbon, and will bring together the main national and international personalities in the sector.

Some of the speakers confirmed for this year's edition are:

- Álvaro Brandão Pinto (TotalEnergies Portugal, CEO)
- Carlos Pereira (E-Redes, Executive Board Member)
- Carlos Jordão Coelho (Greenvolt, Executive Director)
- Christian Zinglersen (ACER, Director)
- Concepción Sánchez Pérez (REE, General Manager System Operation)
- Damian Cortinas (ENTSO-E, Chair of the Board)
- David Rivera (Iberdrola Portugal, CEO)
- Diogo Leal de Faria (EDP, Executive Board Member)
- Georgios Papadimitriou (Galp, COO Renewables, New Businesses & Innovation)
- Giles Dickson (WindEurope, CEO)
- Javier Villalba (CORIO, Senior Vice President New Markets)
- João Conceição (REN, COO)
- Joaquim Nunes de Almeida (União Europeia - DG GROW, Director)
- Jorge Vasconcelos (NEWES, Chairman)
- José Donoso (UNEF, Diretor-Geral)
- José Pinheiro (Ocean Winds, Country Manager for Southern Europe)
- Juan Virgilio Márquez (AEE, General Director)
- Luís Pinho (Hexelia Portugal, Country Director)
- Maria da Graça Carvalho (MEP)
- Naomi Baker (Energy UK, Senior Policy Officer)

- Nicolas González Casares (MEP)
- Pedro Norton (Finerge, CEO)
- Rafael Elvira (NEMO Committee, Chairman)
- Rui Maia (Ventient Energy, COO)
- Rui Pimenta (AdEP, CEO)
- Walburga Hemetsberger (SolarPower Europe, CEO)

The conference starts on Thursday, November 29th, with a focus on **“The role of the TSO (Transmission Network Operator) in the Energy Transition and the Challenges of Regulation”**. The debate will feature the participation of Christian Zinglensen, director of ACER; Damian Cortinas, Chair of the Board of ENTSO-E; João Conceição, COO of REN; and Concepción Sánchez, General Director of Operations at REE. The panel will be moderated by Pedro Carvalho, full professor at Instituto Superior Técnico.

Shortly after, **“The impact of the NZIA on the Energy Transition: what future for the European Renewable Energy industry”** will be discussed. The debate will be deepened with the contribution of Constantine Levoyannis, director of EU affairs at NEL Hydrogen; Giles Dickson, CEO of WindEurope; Joaquim Nunes de Almeida, director at GROW at the European Commission, and Walburga Hemetsberger, CEO of SolarPower Europe.

In the early afternoon of the first day of the conference, **“The Delegated Hydrogen Act and the competitive advantage of the Iberian Peninsula”** will be highlighted. Around the table, for the debate moderated by João Marques Mendes, partner at PLMJ, will sit Ana Barillas, Iberian, and Latin American director at Aurora Energy Research, who will also make a presentation; Ana Quelhas, Director of Hydrogen at EDP Renewables; Christian Pho Duc, CTO at Smartenergy, and Galp's Hydrogen Director, Sérgio Goulart Machado.

Soon after, attention will be focused on the theme of **“Flexibility, the path to stabilization of the electricity market”**. The debate will feature Carlos Pereira, member of the executive board of E-Redes; Carlos Jordão Coelho, Executive Director of Greenvolt; Diogo Leal de Faria, Executive Board Member at EDP and Naomi Baker from Energy UK, who will do an initial presentation on the topic.

“Iberian Renewables” will also be at the centre of discussion. AFRY's Principal Consultant, Ignacio Cobo, will make a presentation on the topic, which will be discussed by the director general of UNEF, José Donoso, the director general of AEE, Juan Virgilio Márquez and APREN's CEO, Pedro Amaral Jorge .

Portugal has assumed the ambition of achieving, in the national maritime space, an installed offshore wind energy capacity of 10 gigawatts by 2030. With this goal as a backdrop, on the second day of the conference, **“Offshore Wind in Portugal”** will be discussed. Two presentations are planned for the start of the panel: the first will be given by Gisela Tavares dos Santos, from INEGI, and the second will have the participation of Nova SBE researcher, João Duarte.

The debate will feature Alvaro de Miguel, from RWE; Anne Marit Hansen, from Equinor; Javier Villalba from CORIO; José Partida, from Repsol, and José Pinheiro, from Ocean Winds. Moderation will be ensured by Bruno Azevedo Rodrigues, partner at Abreu Advogados.

During the morning, a reflection will be made on the **“Challenges of today's electricity production centers”** with Afonso Coelho, from Lightsource BP; António Farracho, from Saeta Yield; Manuel Silva, from Aquila Clean Energy and Maria João Pedreira, from Acciona. Susana Serôdio, Head of Policy and Market Intelligence at APREN, will moderate the session.

In the afternoon **“The Design of the European Electricity Market”** will be at the centre of discussion. The analysis will feature contributions from MEP Maria da Graça Carvalho, MEP Nicolas González Casares and Rafael Elvira, CEO of the NEMO Committee. Moderation will be overseen by NEWES CEO, Jorge Vasconcelos.



The following debate panel will be the **“Challenges of self-consumption and Energy Communities”**. DGEG's Director of Electric Energy Services, Filipe Pinto, will make an initial presentation. The debate will follow with Ana Rita Antunes, Coordinator of Coopérnico; Francisco Ramos Pinto, Executive Director of Resul; José Basílio Simões, Vice Chairman and Co-Founder of Cleanwatts; Luís Pinho, Director of Helixia Portugal and Rui Pimenta, CEO of AdEP (the Oporto Energy Agency). Expresso journalist Miguel Prado will moderate the session.

The last panel of the conference will be dedicated to the theme: **“The major European and national challenges for renewables”**. APREN's CEO, Pedro Amaral Jorge, will make an initial presentation and moderate the debate that will feature Álvaro Brandão Pinto, CEO of TotalEnergies Portugal; David Rivera, CEO of Iberdrola Portugal; Georgios Papadimitriou, COO Galp; Pedro Norton, CEO of Finerge and Rui Maia, COO of Ventient Energy.

This big gathering of the renewables sector brings together the biggest players in the sector once again. “The development of renewables is crucial for Portugal to make its contribution to the energy transition that Europe is promoting. This strategy will contribute to energy independence and security and, consequently, to ensure fairer electricity prices for families and businesses”, highlights Pedro Amaral Jorge.

Full program is available [here](#).

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About APREN:



[The Portuguese Renewable Energy Association](#) (APREN) is a non-profit association founded in October 1988. Its mission is to coordinate and represent the common interests of its members, promoting renewables energies in the electricity field.

APREN works closely with the government and other official entities, both on a national and international levels. It participates actively in the definition of energy and environmental policies, valuing natural resources for electricity production, namely hydric, wind, solar, geothermal, biomass, biogas, and urban solid waste.