

## Portugal Section

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### Section Vitality

**Elections:** The last Section elections were in November 2023. The new ExCom started its mandate in January 2024. The date of the next election is planned for August-October 2025.

**ExCom Meetings:** ExCom meets at least once per month, but we usually meet bi-monthly; Each member of ExCom has a specific set of subjects to follow up, e.g. communication and students committees; chapters; affinity groups; financial issues (treasurer); industry; education and professional activities. We hold two extended meetings (with chapters and affinity group chairs) per year, normally one in Jan/Feb and another in Jun/Jul.

List of ExCom meetings (between February 7th and October 4th, 2024):

- meeting #16
  - Date: 26.09.2024
- meeting #17
  - Date: 09.10.2024
- meeting #18
  - Date: 23.10.2024
- meeting #19
  - Date: 06.11.2024
- meeting #20
  - Date: 20.11.2024
- meeting #21
  - Date: 04.12.2024
- meeting #22
  - Date: 18.12.2024
- meeting #1
  - Date: 08.01.2025
- meeting #2
  - Date: 22.01.2025
- meeting #3
  - Date: 05.02.2025
- meeting #4
  - Date: 19.02.2025
- meeting #5
  - Date: 05.03.2025
- meeting #6
  - Date: 19.03.2025

Activities carried out to retain and recruit members and the results obtained (between October 2024 and March 2025):

- IEEE Leadership Camp (October 18-20, 2024)



- IEEE Engineering Day (November 15, 2024)  
<https://engineeringday.ieee-pt.org/2024/index.html>



- IEEE Portugal Outstanding M.Sc. Thesis



### Students

Current status of the Student Branches:

- Active: IPVC, IPCA, UMinho, UPorto, ISEP, UAveiro, UCoimbra, IPL, ISEL, IST, ISCTE, FCT-UNova
- Non-active: UBI, IPCB, IPVC, UTAD
- Newly formed: none
- Dissolved: UAlg and IPBragança

### Affinity Groups

#### List of Affinity Groups

- YPs, LMAG, and WiE
- SB AGs: WiE-IST, WiE-UC, WiE-UP, WiE-UM, WIE-ISCTE, WiE-UA, WIE-ISEP

#### Chapters

The activities supported by the chapters included the organization of international conferences, the organization of lectures and keynote presentations in several Portuguese educational and non-educational institutions, and technical-scientific workshops dedicated to specific topics. The chapters are involved in joint activities with the societies, including organizing talks involving Distinguished Lecturers.

Currently, 14 in 16 Section Chapters are active. We already planned an elections calendar for all chapters, which was communicated to all chapters at the beginning of 2024.

The SB Chapters are listed as follows.

Instituto Superior de Engenharia de Lisboa, EMB18
Instituto Superior Tecnico, C16
Instituto Superior Tecnico, EMB18
Instituto Superior Tecnico, IA34
Instituto Superior Tecnico, RA24
ISCTE University Inst of Lisbon, PT, C16
ISCTE University Inst of Lisbon, IM09
ISCTE University Inst of Lisbon, RA24
Universidade de Aveiro, CAS04
Universidade de Aveiro, MTT17
Universidade de Coimbra, EMB18
Universidade de Coimbra, PE31
Universidade do Porto, C16
Universidade do Porto, EMB18
Universidade do Porto, PE31
Universidade do Porto, RA24
Universidade do Porto, AES10
University of Lisbon, GRS29

#### Industry

Regarding the relations with the Industry, we promote the establishment of several MoUs with companies. The MoUs include several types of cooperation, including technical activities with students, YPs, and members, and participating in several activities organized by the Section (e.g. Engineering Day, MSc/PhD Awards, LBM, Leadership Camp, etc.).

#### Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Currently, approximately 18% of the Portugal Section members are female. The Section is now working closely with WIE to leverage its' activities and attract more female members.

#### Activities since the last report

The Section organizes several activities as described in the “Section Vitality” section. Some of the activities of special interest included

- Outstanding MSc Thesis Award 2024

- LEadership Camp (October 2024)
- IEEE Portugal Engineering Day (November 2024)
- Excom meetings every 2 weeks
- Student Branch meetings every month
- Organization of multiple seminars under the initiative “Engenharia em Discussão”

Besides the listed activities, the Section has improved the new website (<https://ieeee-pt.org/>), social media, and the newsletter, where our activities are promoted apart from other helpful information for our OUs and additional information to our members (e.g. past Executive Committers and a list of the Section Awards over the years). The IEEE Portugal Section Communications Team has been very active in disseminating and promoting IEEE Portugal Section activities in various forums and social networks.

### **Planned activities**

At this moment several activities are in progress, several to be fulfilled before the end of 2025, notably:

- Leadership Camp 2025 - 2-day hybrid student event that will occur in Porto, on October 18-20, 2024.
- Outstanding MSc and PhD Thesis Award (the call will be open in July).
- IEEE Portugal Engineering Day - a full-day hybrid event planned for November 2025.
- Launch of the initiative “Meet our Fellows”.

### **How Region 8 can be of help to your Section, members, and activities**

R8 could promote remote regional hackathons with industrial mentors. This could also be an add-value initiative for IEEE students and young professionals members.

### **Any other issues of interest**

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