Section/Subsection Name   **Reporting Officer Name**

Section Vitality

Section Elections:

- The last Section elections were held in November 2023.

- The new ExCom began its mandate in January 2024.

- The next elections are planned for November 2025.

- As of October 1st, 2025, the nominations period has concluded, and the petition period is currently ongoing.

- Our Section follows the practice of having a Vice-Chair or another ExCom officer advance to become the Section Chair.

ExCom Meetings:

- The Section ExCom has met regularly throughout 2024 and 2025 to plan, review, and coordinate activities.

- Meeting dates:

  - meeting #7, date: 05.04.2025
  - meeting #8, date: 30.04.2025
  - meeting #9, date: 14.05.2025
  - meeting #10, date: 28.05.2025
  - meeting #11, date: 11.06.2025
  - meeting #12, date: 02.07.2025
  - meeting #13, date: 16.07.2025
  - meeting #14, date: 03.09.2025
  - meeting #15, date: 17.09.2025
  - meeting #16, date: 01.10.2025

Membership Retention and Recruitment Activities:

- We have promoted targeted campaigns to attract and engage members, including:

  - Outreach to students and young professionals.

  - Member appreciation events.

  - Technical talks and professional development workshops.

  - Social/networking gatherings to strengthen the sense of community.

  - Campaigns highlighting the benefits of IEEE membership.

- These initiatives have helped maintain strong member engagement and contributed to both retention and recruitment.

Students

List of Student Branches (SB) in your Section, the newly formed or dissolved SBs, if any since the last meeting reporting. List the student meetings held and Section activities addressed to Students and Young Professionals.

Current status of the Student Branches:

- Active: IPVC, IPCA, UMinho, UPorto, ISEP, UAveiro, UCoimbra, IPL, ISEL, IST, ISCTE, FCT-UNova

- Non-active: UBI, IPCB, UTAD

- Newly formed: none

- Dissolved: none

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 organizing international conferences, hosting lectures and keynote presentations at several Portuguese educational and non-educational institutions, and conducting 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 elections are currently underway, and the elected officers will begin their term on January 1, 2026.

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.).

Publicity outreach

- The Portugal Section actively uses its official social media channels (LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram) to promote events, announce opportunities, and highlight member achievements.

- Social media campaigns are run for major IEEE events such as IEEE Engineering Day, student branch activities, and technical conferences, ensuring strong visibility across the community.

- Posts are regularly used to welcome new members, share success stories of volunteers, and announce award recognitions, helping to foster a sense of belonging.

- Interactive content (photo galleries, short videos) is used to increase engagement and reach younger audiences, especially students and young professionals.

- Through consistent posting and targeted campaigns, social media has become one of the Section's primary tools for recruitment and retention, providing visibility to both ongoing activities and long-term benefits of IEEE membership.

Activities since the last report

Some of the activities of special interest included:

- Excom meetings every 2 weeks
- Student Branch meetings every month
- Organization of multiple seminars under the initiative "Engenharia em Discussão"
- Organization of the webinar series "Meet Our Fellows"

Planned activities

- Leadership Camp 2025 - 3-day hybrid student event that will occur in Coimbra and Aveiro, on October 17-19, 2025.
- Outstanding MSc and PhD Thesis Award (the call closed on September 15, 2025).
- IEEE Portugal Engineering Day - a full-day hybrid event planned for November 21, 2025.
- Multiple webinars under 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 professional members.

Any other issues of interest

None.