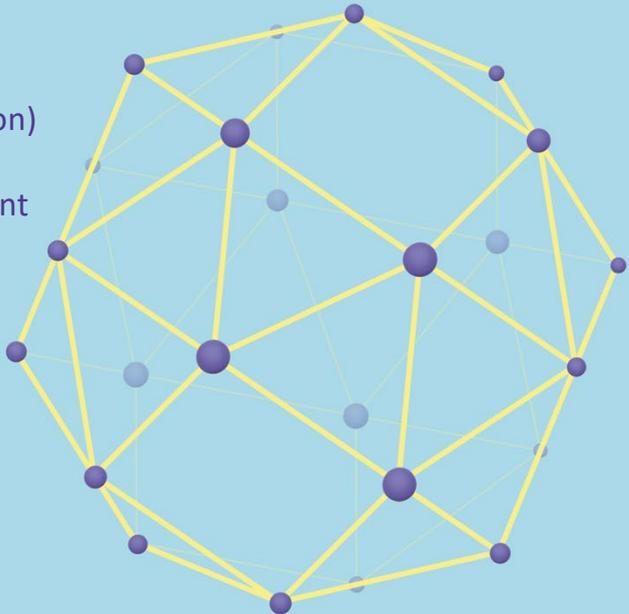


Agenda

Evidence-Informed Policymaking for the Twin Transition

Thalia Theatre (Lisbon)
19 March 2026
Portugal Kick-Off Event



SUPPORTING EVIDENCE-INFORMED POLICYMAKING FOR THE TWIN TRANSITION

Project Overview

Portugal has strengthened its efforts to embed scientific evidence into the design, implementation and evaluation of public policies. Recent progress includes stronger strategic planning, improved knowledge governance mechanisms and closer cooperation between public administration and the scientific community.

Yet persistent challenges—fragmented responsibilities, limited institutionalised science advice structures and insufficient coordination between academia, policymakers and society—continue to hinder the systematic use of evidence in policymaking, reflecting the European Commission’s broader diagnosis of institutional gaps across several Member States.

To address these issues, Portugal participates in the multi country reform project “Supporting Evidence Informed Policymaking for the Twin Transition” (EIPM 2.0), alongside Austria, Cyprus, France, Ireland, Poland and Spain. Funded by SG REFORM and implemented by the Joint Research Centre (JRC), the 30 month initiative begins in Fall 2025 and aims to reinforce institutional foundations for evidence informed policymaking and strengthen readiness for the green and digital transitions.

In Portugal, implementation involves five direct beneficiaries: PLANAPP (national coordinator), ARTE and DGEPA (policy expertise), CLA (scientific capacity) and CES (multi-stakeholder engagement). Together, they aim to improve policy quality and strengthen Portugal’s ability to lead the twin transition.

Portugal’s national kick-off event, held on 19 March 2026, brings together policymakers, researchers, European institutions and civil-society representatives to assess priorities, share experiences and deepen mutual learning.

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19 March 2026 | Thalia Theatre, Lisbon

09:00-09:30 **Welcome and Registration**

09:30-10:00 **Opening Session**

Speakers:

- Paulo Magro da Luz, Secretary of State for Government Simplification
- Jolita Butkevičienė, Director, Joint Research Centre, Innovation in Science and Policymaking (JRC.S)
- Kjartan Bjornsson, Head of Unit, SG REFORM, European Commission (*video*)

10:00-10:30 **The state of the art of Science for Policy in Europe and Portugal: An introduction to the Technical Support Instrument on evidence-informed policymaking**

Speakers:

- David Mair, Head of Unit, JRC, Science for Democracy and Evidence-Informed Policymaking
- Pedro Saraiva, Director, PLANAPP

¹ The event schedule is subject to change.

10:30-11:15

The Portuguese ecosystem: The importance of the evidence-informed policymaking in building good public policies for better societies

Speakers:

- Susana Escária, Agência para o Clima, I. P.
- Helena Moniz, Researcher -Policy Brief | BridgeAI: Boosting Regulatory Implementation with Data-driven insights, Global expertise, and Ethics for AI
- Teresa Ferreira, Executive Committee Member, Council of Associated Laboratories (CLA)

Moderator: Cláudia Barroso, Head of the Digital Regulatory Policy Team, ARTE

11:15-11:30

Coffee break

11:30-12:00

Evidence-informed Policymaking Ecosystems in Europe – Insights and Good Practices from EU Member States and the European Commission

Speakers:

- Sofia Otero, Oficina C; Fundación Española para la Ciencia y la Tecnología (FECYT)
- Léana Colgan, Policy Officer, SG REFORM, European Commission

Moderator: Margarida Rodrigues, Director-General, DGEPA

12:00-12:45

Strategic Vision of the Portuguese Government for Collaboration Between Public Administration, the Scientific System and Civil Society

Speakers:

- Alexandre Homem Cristo, Secretary of State for Education
- Paulo Magro da Luz, Secretary of State for Government Simplification

Moderator: Miguel Poiars Maduro, Dean and VdA Chair in Digital Governance at Católica Global School of Law

12:45 – 13:00

Closing Session

Speakers:

- Teresa Ferreira, Executive Committee Member, Council of Associated Laboratories (CLA)
- Luís Pais Antunes, President, Economic and Social Council (CES)

13:00-14:30

Networking lunch

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