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Landscape Architect, Professor both at the Polytechnic Institute of Portalegre and at the University of Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro, who holds a Ph.D. in Urban Planning, focusing the relevance of industrial heritage not only in urban planning procedures but also in the design process. Since he graduated he has published several peer reviewed papers at the national and international levels and he has been a guest researcher and lecturer both at Michigan State University (USA), and at University of Toronto (Canada) where he has developed part of his Ph.D. research with the Financial support from the Portuguese Foundation for Science and Technology (Ph.D. grant). Additionally, during his academic career he concluded also the post-graduation program in Smart Growth and Strategic Land Use Decision Making.

On recent years I had teach in several courses in different Universities, both at Ph.D and Master levels including the University of Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro – Portugal, Letterkenny Institute of Technology – Ireland, the University of Algarve – Portugal, The University of Santiago de Compostela and Ryerson University – Canada, mainly regarding the fields of landscape architecture, urban and environmental planning, sustainable development, and the sociocultural and economic reconversion of depressed areas in shrinking cities.

Counting with several peer review published papers, he is researcher on several financed research projects focusing different investigation domains such as urban planning and urban redevelopment, urban heritage (including the redevelopment and reuse of industrial and military facilities) the use of urban planning as a tool for achieving sustainable development, (Ouguela, assessing the past, envisioning the future; TUD COST Action – TU0602 – Land Management and Urban Dynamics); project assessment and analysis at several different levels (TUD ACTION TU 1003 - MEGAPROJECT: The Effective Design and Delivery of Megaprojects in the European Union); TUD COST Action TU1206 SUB-URBAN - A European network to improve understanding and use of the ground beneath our cities; Landscape and heritage reclamation

(Project R18 – Redevelopment of the historical equestrian facilities of the Military Museum of Elvas – The largest defensive military facility – classified by UNESCO as World Heritage site); and The redevelopment of low density rural areas considering the reuse of vernacular heritage (revitalization of low density rural areas in the Algarve – co-financed by the communitarian programs Leader+ e Interreg III).

He is head professor and coordinator of several courses related both to environmental and urban planning, landscape analysis, architectural design, and urban design studio, both at IPP and UTAD. Additionally, he cooperates in several research/development groups, as it is the case of the Office of Entrepreneurship and Employment, a structure whose objective is to support entrepreneurship while fostering the entrepreneurial spirit of the academic community of the Polytechnic Institute of Portalegre, and the Office of E-learning, whose activities intent to implement new academic/cooperative visions related to teaching procedures and methods.

At the organizational level he is responsible for the scientific committee of ENOVE +, a event developed annually by IPP, with the aim to highlight and promote employment and entrepreneurship not only at the academic level, but also at the local and regional ones. Additionally, he is the coordinator of the Major in Agronomy and the Master of Planning and Assessment of Green Spaces at the Agrarian School of Elvas. Considering other academic/scientific activities it is important to refer that he is a guest reviewer for the Urban Planning Department of the American Society of Mine Reclamation and for the Journal of Fine Studio Arts, that he has been involved in the organization of several research meetings as is the case of the 4th International Conference on Energy, Environment, Ecosystems and Sustainable Development (EEESD 08), the 1st WSEAS International Conference on Landscape Architecture, and the 3rd WSEAS International Conference on Urban Rehabilitation and Sustainability (URES '10) among others.

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