



**Instituto Politécnico
de Viana do Castelo**

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The Viana do Castelo Polytechnic Institute (IPVC) was founded in 1980. Is a regional institution, whose aims are a qualified human, cultural, scientific, technical and professional training, to carry out necessary research to accomplish its mission and to cooperate with the regional community of Alto-Minho, particularly with its productive and entrepreneurial sectors. The IPVC is made up of six Schools offering undergraduate and postgraduate degree courses, these last very often in collaboration with national and international polytechnics and universities. Also promotes Master courses and specialization courses.

The IPVC is a community of students and qualified professionals, located in the northwest of Portugal, aware that the progress of society ensures the harmonious development of persons and their performance. Joined together in the same mission: to create, manage and disseminate knowledge and culture, through processes of education/learning, research, transfer of technology and knowledge.

The IPVC has implemented its existence on the regional, national and international levels. The evolution of this process is based, on two fronts: firstly through the continuous search for quality of training and, secondly, into its involvement in projects in several areas as a tool for building links with the natural partners and other national and international institutions.

The Office of Technology, Innovation and Knowledge Transfer (OTIC) and the International Office (GMCI) are the most visible face of the enormous effort that is the IPVC is developing for the embodiment of business and regional community into an international level. Since its foundation, IPVC has participated in the development of research projects and provide services to the community as a way to continue its mission. Thus, several national projects and international cooperation, in which the IPVC is/was involved: LLP - Erasmus; Erasmus Mundus; Equal; Interreg; PO North; Rainbow; Prodep; Focus; European Science Foundation; Leonardo da Vinci. Creating synergies by the concerted action of both internal (students, staff and teachers) and external communities, will be the attitude-brand of the institution.



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IPVC Quality Management System is internationally certified in accordance with ISO 9001:2000, at the following processes: Education - Undergraduate Courses level, R&D activities and their Supporting Processes.

In the Alto Minho region, the IPVC is at the forefront of collaborative research with the public and private sectors. The Centro Europeu de Dieta Atlântica (European Centre of the Atlantic Diet) was created and soon other projects will follow, namely in the fields of technological innovation and maritime resources. The IPVC has protocols with 111 educational international institutions as part of the various European student and staff exchange programmes (Erasmus, Erasmus Mundus, Comenius, Leonardo da Vinci).

On the Viana do Castelo town campus, the IPVC provides a range of facilities, including four residences, six refectories, 4 bars, a 320-seat library and a cultural and Sports Centre. All six schools making up the IPVC are covered by a wireless internet network, currently with 102 Access Points.

The most important day in the IPVC's calendar is May 15th, Institute Day, which forms part of Graduation Week. This is when students receive their diplomas and different events are held throughout the week to celebrate the occasion in style.

VIANA DO CASTELO, Portugal



Viana do Castelo lies in beautiful scenery, between the estuary of the River Lima and the sea and nestling against the Santa Luzia hill.

Crossed by winding streets and picturesque squares, its many mansions, monuments and small palaces recall the importance it gained in the 15th century as a fishing centre and providing ships, sailors and navigators for the Portuguese maritime discoveries of the 16th century.

The city is like a living museum, with countless monuments and mansions of different periods and styles. But it is also the capital of the rich Minho folklore, with an important handicrafts industry and animated festivals



