

1. DATE OF THE NEWS

September 2020 – Centre for Social Studies – Coimbra

2. TITLE OF THE NEWS

Atlantic Social Lab online Workshop debates social innovation

3. TEXT OF THE NEWS

Inspired by the Atlantic Social Lab project, co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) through the INTERREG Atlantic Area Cooperation Program (EAPA_246/2016), the 25th APDR workshop Social Innovation Towards Sustainability: Embracing Contemporary Challenges for Regional Development aims to discuss the state of the art of social innovation and the contemporary challenge for sustainability. The workshop is organised by APDR – Portuguese Association for Regional Development and CES - Centre for Social Studies of the University of Coimbra, with the support of CinTurs - Research Centre for Tourism, Sustainability and Well-Being of the University of Algarve.

The workshop was originally organised to take place on 16th April 2020 at the Faculty of Economics, University of Algarve (Faro, Portugal) but was postponed. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the event is held online, in a webinar format version, starting from the 28th of September until the 2nd of October 2020.

The first day of the workshop is dedicated to the opening session while from the 29th of September to the 1st of October, the presentation and discussion of the main themes will take place. The topics of discussion, among others, regard social innovation, micro-scale innovation, transformative innovation, sustainability transitions and community-based sustainability projects. These topics are divided into five main categories that correspond to parallel sessions. Namely, the subjects are classified into the following sections: i) tourism and territorial renewal; ii) spaces for sustainable social innovation; iii) learning for social innovation; iv) social innovation and communities; and v) regional dynamics. The last day of the workshop integrates a focus group discussion about “The Transformative Potential of Social Innovation for Regional Development”. This focus group is developed by the Atlantic Social Lab project team and it is intended to be a participatory session whose objective is to promote a multi-level and multi-sectoral discussion on the importance of social innovation for regional development. It will count with the presence of different organisations that have a pivotal role in the economic and social development of the Algarve region, including winners of the Partnerships for the Impact of the Portugal Inovação Social (Portugal Social Innovation) contest. Some final considerations will then close the event, making space for reflection.

The participation is free. Confer details at:

<https://ces.uc.pt/en/agenda-noticias/agenda-de-eventos/2020/social-innovation-towards-sustainability-embracing/programme>

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