

# APREN | who we are and what we do!



**APREN** Associação  
de Energias  
Renováveis

# who we are

APREN - Portuguese Renewable Energy Association, is a non-profit Association, founded in October 1988, with the mission of coordinating and representing the common interests of its Members and promoting renewable energies amongst all stakeholders in the energy sector and civil society.

The Members from APREN are natural or legal persons who: are authorized to produce electricity from renewable sources (Producer Member); develop on a professional level the activity of manufacturing and/or installing electricity generation equipment or auxiliaries from renewable energy sources (Industrial Member); develop on a professional basis the activity of providing consultancy services, and of a technical nature, in particular engineering, financial or legal, related to the generation of electricity from renewable energy sources, and which can unequivocally contribute in a relevant way to the purposes of APREN (Services Member); that have electricity generation units from renewable sources intended for self-consumption and, in the alternative, the injection of electricity into the grid (Prosumer Member, the power of this Member category is limited to the maximum value of 5 MW); and any natural person who, for services or benefits important to the Association, deserves a distinction of merit, approved at the General Assembly, due to their professional and/or academic activities, in the promotion of the object of APREN (Merit Member).

## Mission

Coordination and representation of the common interests of members in the promotion of Renewable Energies in the electricity generation sector.

## Vision

Promotion, profit taking and valorization of national renewable resources for electricity generation, through coordination and ongoing dialogue with the Government, Ministries within the area and their bodies, as well as with key stakeholders and civil society.

## Values

Cooperation, Integrity, Commitment, Transparency, Accountability and Sustainability.

# What we do

The Association works in partnership with official bodies and other national and international counterparts, participating in the development of energy policies for Portugal. It promotes the use and enhancement of renewable resources for electricity production and their contribution to the decarbonisation of the economy and the energy transition, a topic considered urgent and central by the European Commission.

It favours ongoing coordination and contact with the Portuguese Government, Ministries within the area and their bodies, as well as dialogue with key national stakeholders concerned with renewable electricity production and civil society representatives.

The Association has a strong involvement at Community level, integrating European research, development and innovation projects, which enable the monitoring of European energy policy and the evolution of the sector in the other Member States.

All the advocacy work of the sector always has the important input and direct collaboration of the Members, aiming to reflect their views and concerns, in order to have a single voice with the official entities, stakeholders and the general public.

The Association also develops several periodic and one-off activities to promote renewable energies and support its Members, such as conferences, workshops, specialised training and digital and print publications.

Motivated by its mission and social responsibility, APREN is also dedicated to promoting the energy and environmental literacy of citizens, with a view to raising awareness of the importance of renewable energies in the energy transition.

# axes of action

## advocacy and representation

Close monitoring of national and European strategies, policies and regulations;

Development of strategic positions in priority areas through Working Groups and permanent dialogue with the members;

Response to public sector consultations and specific opinions on legislative changes or barriers in the energy sector;

Cooperation and strategic partnership with national associations to strengthen positions;

Cooperation and partnership with European Associations in the promotion and development of renewable energies and the creation of a strategic and favourable framework for the sector;

Permanent interaction with the legal authorities and the official institutions operating the renewable electricity sector in Portugal.

## market intelligence and studies

Information and analysis of data on the energy sector in Portugal that allow monitoring and understanding the state of the art of the sector;

Dissemination and information to Members and civil society about the state of the art of the sector in Portugal;

Conducting technical analyses, providing more information on other topics, such as the market and the impact and benefits of renewable sources in the electricity system, environment and national economy.



Preparation and dissemination of content, analysis of informative and appropriate data to the needs of members.



Improve and optimize the existing database to create validation methodologies and optimized data collection mechanisms, making the database more user-friendly.



Cooperation and dialogue with official entities (DGEG, REN, ERSE and OMIP) to ensure data collection and validation of methodologies.



Benchmarking of analyses of other entities and partners to improve the information provided for.

knowledge and excellence

Promotion of targeted and specialised training actions for priority areas of the Energy Transition;

Establishment of cooperation protocols and knowledge sharing with the academy;

Identification of new national and international strategic partners, and maintenance, updating and strengthening of existing partnerships;

Dissemination of civil society engagement actions and active contribution to greater energy literacy;

Promotion of knowledge and merit of APREN professionals.

brand prominence

Promoting Energy Literacy in a transversal way;

Positioning APREN as an Industry Excellence Association;

Support of initiatives of Members and partners;

Increased of APREN's brand prominence.

key areas for renewable energy development

Life Extension and Repowering, what's the strategy?;

Access to the Public Service Electrical Network (RESP), premises and solutions;

Implementation of the Directive and Regulation of the Internal Electricity Market;

Promoting the potential of small scale in Portugal;

Renewable hydrogen as the engine of indirect electrification;

The need for Storage: its role in system flexibility and market penetration solutions;

Grid expansion for accommodation of more renewable electricity;

The importance of Digitisation for the energy transition;

End of life cycle of generators and its components, recycling strategy and final destination in Portugal;

Permitting and its simplification;

Official entities and their ability to respond to national strategies;

PPAs and aggregation in Portugal;

Electrification at the heart of the energy transition: mobility and energy efficiency.

# some of our initiatives

## Yearbook

Annual publication with general information on the sector and on the electro-producer centres of APREN Members. It is published in hardcopy and [digital format](#).

## Renewable Electricity Brochure in Portugal - A Handful of Facts

Annually edited leaflet containing some of the main economic and statistical indicators for renewable electricity production in Portugal in recent years. It also explains, in a simple way, the different possibilities of generating electricity from renewable sources.

## Renewable Electricity in Review

Annual publication, which brings together the main macroeconomic and environmental indicators of the renewable energy sector, for the year.

## Digital newsletter

Monthly publication that brings together the most important moments of the current month. It includes the most remarkable news (from the work of the association to the sector itself); the latest legislative news; the most relevant publications for the sector (national and international); future events and a space dedicated to one of the Members, for discussion of specific topics.

## Geographic Map of Renewable Power Plants

Map available in [printed](#) and [digital](#) (dynamic) formats, which presents all renewable electro-producing centres in Portugal and their location. It is the result of a collaboration between APREN and INEGI, within the scope of the project "e2p".

## Wind Index

[Quarterly report](#) which aims to quantify the fluctuations of electricity from wind power plants, by geographical areas, around an average value. The preparation of this index is made by MEGAJOULE, as part of a partnership with APREN.

## Renewable Electricity Bulletin

[Monthly newsletter](#), which characterizes the behaviour of the renewable electricity sector each month, focusing, amongst others, on the relevant technical aspects of the behaviour of the renewable electricity system and the analysis of the generation and evolution of markets and interconnections.

## Advocacy Report

A regular document, which conveys the situation of the main themes being discussed and which have had developments at both national and Community levels. It also summarises the main activities of the Industry Advocacy Association during the period to which it refers.

## Portugal Renewable Energy Summit

The Annual Conference of APREN is an unavoidable milestone in the renewable energy sector in Portugal. The event is a space for reflection on trends in the research, development, integration and organization of electricity markets and the various sources and forms of production, bringing together at the same event the main national and international figures of the world of renewable electricity.

## APREN and the Universities

Round table cycles held in different national higher education institutions to celebrate thematic days related to renewable energy sources.

## APREN Award

[Annual initiative](#) created in 2015, that intends to distinguish and disseminate academic dissertations carried out in Portuguese institutions of Higher Education, related to renewable electricity.

- 🌐 Access to inside information about the sector, as well as technical reports, studies, legal opinions, databases and other information exclusive to APREN Members;
- 🌐 Possibility to participate in the definition of the strategy for the sector and in European projects;
- 🌐 Access to technical and legal advice, with the possibility of integration Working Groups on the most pressing issues in the sector;
- 🌐 Receiving daily alerts with the industry's top press reports;
- 🌐 Receiving alerts on new industry-relevant legislation and informative emails on the main topics on which the Association is working;
- 🌐 Inclusion and reception of the Yearbook of APREN, with general information on all electroproducing centers registered in the Association;
- 🌐 Access to reduced prices when registering for events held by APREN or by entities with whom the Association has partnerships;
- 🌐 Increased visibility and negotiating strength of the sector by strengthening APREN's representativeness;
- 🌐 Support in promoting communication activities of Members through direct support in the realization of events.



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become a  
member



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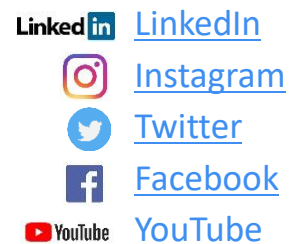
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