

## **APREN officially participates in the creation of a Training Center for the Energy Transition**

*The initiative is part of APREN's commitment to contribute to a fair and effective energy transition, focusing on training and requalification of professionals for new challenges.*

[APREN - Portuguese Renewable Energy Association](#) will take part in the creation of the Training Centre for the Energy Transition. The initiative, launched by the Government, aims to boost vocational training in energy and also has the involvement of the IEFP (Institute of Employment and Vocational Training) and ADENE (Energy Agency).

The three entities had already signed a memorandum of understanding in 2022, but the protocol for the creation of the center will be formally signed this Friday, January 20, in Vila Nova de Santo André (Santiago do Cacém), the locality of the center.

"Renewable energies bring many opportunities for investment and job creation, associated with meeting the goals of energy transition and climate action. They also require the technical, professional, and technological training of human resources in these areas", emphasizes the President of the Direction of APREN, Pedro Amaral Jorge.

"That is why we are a very enthusiastic ally involved in this project. The promotion of qualified human resources for the sector is also an APREN goal. We advocate a fair energy transition, that doesn't leave anyone behind," he said.

In recent years, it has been shown that the adoption of ambitious policies linked to energy transition and decarbonisation are directly related to economic growth and job creation. In this sense, this center (named CTE - Training Center for the Energy Transition), aims to contribute to a transformation that adds value to the country, generating a potential wage appreciation.

In fact, there are several plans and roadmaps that mention the importance of green job creation, including the Roadmap for Carbon Neutrality 2050, the National Energy and Climate Plan 2030, the National Hydrogen Plan, the Long-Term Strategy for Building Renewal, the Digital Transition Action Plan, and the Green Paper on Future Work.

It will also be an opportunity to focus on the retraining and (re-qualification of the most affected workers), promoting the transition to a low-carbon economy and employment with quality, in line with future challenges.

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#### About APREN



The [Portuguese Renewable Energy Association \(APREN\)](#) is a non-profit association founded in October 1988. Its mission is to coordinate and represent the common interests of its members, promoting renewables energies in the electricity field. APREN works closely with the government and other official entities, both on a national and international levels. It participates actively in the definition of energy and environmental policies, valuing natural resources for electricity production, namely hydric, wind, solar, geothermal, biomass, biogas, and urban solid waste.