

**APREN Award 2023:
Academic award in the area of renewables
returns with new features**

*MEP Maria da Graça Carvalho is the new President of the APREN Award Jury,
which has been expanded and now includes seven professors
from various universities in the country.
The award will also have its own ceremony in February 2024.*



The [APREN Award](#), an initiative from [APREN – Portuguese Renewable Energy Association](#), is back, to award the best academic master's and doctoral dissertations in the field of renewable energy. Founded in 2015, the award returns with a renewed and more comprehensive jury, and a dedicated event.

The jury is now chaired by **Maria da Graça Carvalho**. The MEP and Full Professor at Instituto Superior Técnico will be accompanied by six other university professors from various branches of Energy and Renewables: **Jorge Maia Alves** (FCUL – Faculdade de Ciências da Universidade de Lisboa), **Edgar Fernandes** and **Pedro Carvalho** (IST – Instituto Superior Técnico); **Patrícia Fortes** and **Sofia G. Simões** (FCT – Faculdade de Ciências e Tecnologia da Universidade Nova de Lisboa), and **Bernardo Silva** (FEUP – Faculdade de Engenharia da Universidade do Porto).

The Jury will analyse the theses and will announce its verdict in a ceremony on 2nd February 2024. Until now, the APREN Award was presented at APREN's annual conference, the Portugal Renewable Energy Summit (this year to be held on the 29th and 30th of November). The growing interest in the sector, the increase in its area of coverage and the desire to strengthen ties with the academic universe, dictated the creation of a specific event for this initiative.

As in previous editions, the theme of the academic dissertations, which may be written in Portuguese or English, must be related to direct and indirect electrification based on renewable resources, namely in the areas of their production, distribution, management and regulation, market and consumption, covering scientific, technological, financial, economic and other aspects that promote decarbonization in a sustainable way.

The choice of papers will consider the potential and relevance of the theme, the technical and scientific robustness, but also the quality of the document, the presentation submitted and the oral presentation to which the candidates will be submitted in a final phase.

The prize for the best PhD thesis is €2,000. The author of the second best thesis receives €1,000. The winning master's thesis has an associated prize of €1,500 and the second best dissertation will give access to a value of €750.

Since 2015, APREN has distinguished the best dissertations on topics related to the sector, promoting the creation of knowledge on issues related to the energy transition. Over the last few years, several dozen academic theses in the area of renewables have been distinguished.

The applications are open and can be accessed at the [site of APREN](#), where the [regulation](#) of the award is published.

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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.