

10 March 2026

→ 09:00	Registration		● Check-In
→ 09:30	Opening Ceremony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Secretary of State for the Environment João Manuel Esteves ● Mayor of Guimarães Ricardo Araújo ● Chair of the Board of Directors of CVR Cândida Vilarinho 	● Auditorium
→ 10:00	European Green Capital 2026 Presentation	● Isabel Loureiro	● Auditorium
→ 10:15	Global Challenges of Sustainable Development	● Jorge Moreira da Silva	● Auditorium
→ 10:30	Plenary Session I Global Sustainability Challenges: The Case of Portugal	● João Pedro Soeiro Matos Fernandes	● Auditorium
→ 11:00	Coffee-Break 10 Exhibitor Stations		● Hall
→ 11:45	Plenary Session II Green Technologies and Industrial Transition	● Rosa Vásquez Espinoza	● Auditorium
→ 12:15	Roundtable Discussion "Industry, Science and Leadership: Shaping Sustainable Competitiveness"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● João Reis → Moderator ● Graça Borges → Super Bock ● Manuel Sottomayor Bastos → Coca-Cola ● Raúl Figueiro → Universidade do Minho ● Luísa Magalhães → Smart Waste Portugal ● Vítor Abreu → Grupo Endutex ● Eduardo Soares → Amorim Cork Solutions 	● Auditorium
→ 13:00	Lunch		● Hall
→ 15:00	Tour of Scientific Institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CVR ● PIEP ● Laboratório da Paisagem 	
→ 18:00	Final		



Teatro Jordão - Avenida D. Afonso Henriques 321, 4810-431 Guimarães

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↗ European Green Capital 2026 Presentation

Isabel Loureiro

Isabel Loureiro is a Guest Professor at the School of Engineering of the University of Minho and a sustainability and innovation consultant. A 2020 MIT Climate Change Fellow, she has coordinated major public and private sector projects, including serving as General Coordinator of Guimarães 2030 — Mission Structure for Sustainable Development. Her work focuses on sustainable business strategies, systemic thinking, and building organizational resilience for a low-carbon society.

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↗ Global Challenges of Sustainable Development

Jorge Moreira da Silva

Jorge Moreira da Silva is the United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UNOPS. He previously served as Director of Development Co-operation at the OECD and as Portugal's Minister for Environment, Spatial Planning and Energy. He is a former academic and policy leader with extensive experience in sustainability, climate policy, and international development.

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↗ Plenary Session I — Global Sustainability Challenges: The Case of Portugal

João Pedro Soeiro Matos Fernandes

João Pedro Matos Fernandes is a civil engineer and former Portuguese Minister for the Environment and Energy Transition. He has held senior leadership roles in port authorities, water utilities, and transport infrastructure, and has taught at several universities in Portugal and abroad. His career combines public policy, environmental governance, and infrastructure management.

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↗ Plenary Session II — Green Technologies and Industrial Transition

Rosa Vásquez Espinoza

Founder and Executive Director of Amazon Research Internacional, co-Founder of Purple Corn Creative Science, recipient of the 2020 American Chemical Society CAS Leadership Award & the 2019 National Geographic Early Career Award.

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Graça Borges

Graça Borges is Director of Communication, Institutional Relations, and Sustainability at Super Bock Group since 2020. With over 30 years of experience in the agri-food sector, she has held senior commercial and leadership roles across international markets and serves on several boards related to sustainability, waste management, and social inclusion. She holds a degree in International Relations from the University of Minho and postgraduate training in sustainability and executive education from Católica Business School, INSEAD, and IMD.

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Manuel Sottomayor Bastos

Manuel Sottomayor Bastos, is Portugal’s Sustainability Manager at COCA-COLA EUROPACIFIC PARTNERS, one of the world’s leading consumer goods companies. He brings over 8 years of expertise in leading impactful ESG initiatives and his commitment to environmental and social responsibility is fostered by his active engagement with NGOs and industry workgroups. Manuel holds a master’s degree in business management by the School of Economics and Management of the University of Porto (FEP). Beyond his professional pursuits, Manuel finds joy in gardening bonsais and listening to Ornatos Violeta.

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Raúl Figueiro

Raúl Figueiro is Pro-Rector for Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Knowledge Transfer at the University of Minho, Portugal, where he is also a Full Professor and Senior Researcher. His expertise focuses on advanced materials and structures, including smart, nano, composite, and multiscale systems. He is the Founder and Head of FIBRENAMICS — Institute of Innovation on Fiber-based Materials and Composites. With more than 250 peer-reviewed journal publications, 40 patents, and an h-index of 56, he is ranked among the world’s top 2% most influential scientists. He has coordinated numerous national and international research projects, supervised over 25 PhD and postdoctoral researchers, and founded several university spin-offs. Prof. Figueiro is also the chair of major international conferences, a founder of the World Association of Natural Fibers Research, and an expert evaluator for multiple national and international funding agencies, including the European Commission and NATO.

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Luísa Magalhães

Luísa Magalhães holds a degree in Environmental Engineering from the Catholic University of Portugal and a Master’s degree in Environmental Diagnostics from Cranfield University (UK). She has extensive experience in innovation, urban waste management, and environmental policy, having worked with the Portuguese Innovation Agency, the Lisbon City Council, and Lisboa E-Nova. Since 2016, she has served as Executive Director of the Smart Waste Portugal Association.

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Vítor Abreu

Vítor Manuel da Cunha Abreu is a Mechanical Engineering graduate from University College London and holds an MBA from United States International University. He joined the Endutex Group in 1981, became a member of the Board of Directors in 1987, and has served as CEO since 1990. Throughout his career, he has led the Group’s industrial internationalization, the implementation of one of Portugal’s first cogeneration projects, and the creation of logistics and distribution companies across Europe and the United States. He also oversaw major corporate restructuring, industrial expansion in Brazil, and the development of innovative textile coating lines with global relevance. In addition, he promoted diversification initiatives, including the hospitality sector and the revitalization of industrial assets into business parks.

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Eduardo Soares

Eduardo Soares is Director of Innovation and Business Development and a member of the Executive Board at Amorim Cork Solutions. He holds a BSc (2006) in Metallurgical and Materials Engineering and a PhD (2011) in Materials Science and Engineering from FEUP, as well as an MBA (2016) from Porto Business School. His professional background spans materials engineering and, more recently, management, with experience in surface coatings, ceramics, foundry, heat treatment, and polymeric materials. His work is strongly focused on circularity, life cycle assessment, and the carbon footprint of materials and production processes. He has also been a lecturer at FEUP and currently leads teams dedicated to the development of cork-based composite materials for applications in aerospace, mobility, sealing, and construction, while overseeing product quality, systems, and sustainability.