

CHRISTELLE DOMINGOS



Christelle Domingos is the Executive Director of Inovcluster since 2022, a cluster that works as a networking platform for the agrifood sector in the Centro region of Portugal, reinforcing innovation, internationalisation, and the transfer of knowledge and technology activities for SMEs. She promotes InovCluster internationally through the participation in international clustering events and platforms, for example the European Cluster Collaboration Platform.

With experience in managing and promoting business incubators, she is a consultant, trainer, and mentor for several entrepreneurship projects. She is involved in several national and international cooperation projects, for example: INTERREG

POCTEP, INTERREG ATLANTIC, COSME, and Horizon 2020. Together with 20 other European partners, they submitted an application to Horizon 2030 to support the implementation of the mission "A Soil Deal for Europe." This application, called LABS4SOIL, will implement eight soil health living labs. These Living Labs will be located across Europe in areas threatened with soil degradation and where existing initiatives have already emerged from local end-users (land managers, i.e., farmers, foresters, urban land managers), innovators, and researchers. Christelle is part of the team responsible for developing a roadmap for the decarbonisation of the agri-food industry in Portugal. In addition, she is contributing to the creation of a MOOC for the creation of a new professional profile: the by-products and waste valuation in the agri-food sector expert. This course is already online and free, and it is recognised all over Europe.

PATRÍCIA COELHO



Patricia holds a PhD in Biomedicine from the University of Extremadura, Spain, a MSc in Socio-Organizational Intervention in Healthcare from the University of Évora, Portugal. She is a Professor at the Dr. Lopes Dias School of Health of the Castelo Branco Polytechnic University, Portugal.

Since October 2021, she is a City Councillor in the municipality of Castelo Branco, overseeing the areas of Agrofood, Education, Youth, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Smart Cities, Health, and Equality.

She is the president of the InovCluster – Agroindustrial Cluster Association of the Center, and is a member of the board of directors of CATAA - Associação Centro de Apoio Tecnológico Agro Alimentar.

She has been involved in several projects linked to enhancing the local economy of the North and Center regions of Portugal. For example:

Compete 2020 - I9Factory – training and motivating young entrepreneurs to create new business in knowledge-intensive sectors and cultural and creative industries, with the goal of strengthening the local economy of low-density territories. **Horizon Europe Project - Fusilli** – project to support the participant pan-European cities (and their peri-urban areas) with the aim to address the challenges of the food system transformation.

As a researcher, she has also been involved in many important health related projects in Portugal.