



## stayCERENA – June 2025

### May in a nutshell



- May 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> 2025 | The fourth [CERENA Annual Meeting '25](#) took place at Foz do Arelho.
- May 13<sup>th</sup> 2025 | The CERENA Seminar by Dr. Romain David “[All About Ears!](#)” was attended by more than 15 curious from different areas and departments.
- May 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 2025 | The Workshop Where Science and Technology Meet Art was a success, and a moment of interaction and **internal communication** in the institution. [Read more.](#)
- May 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 | ISRM Workshop on Soft Rocks took place at FEUP.
- May 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 | The second CERENA Workshop on Equipment in Research ([X-Ray Diffraction and X-Ray Fluorescence](#)) took place at Instituto Superior Técnico.
- May 20<sup>th</sup> 2025 | [Telma Henriques](#) represented CERENA and IST-ID in the Horizon Europe Cluster 2 Coordinators’ Meeting. [Read more.](#)

- May 20<sup>th</sup> 2025 | [Miguel Gomes](#) represented CERENA in Pint of Science Braga, to talk about his research on droughts in Southern Portugal. The session [O que os olhos não vêem... mas a terra sente](#) filled the Pelle Bar in Braga City Center, and attendees asked a lot of questions.
- May 29<sup>th</sup> 2025 | CERENA Seminar by [Roberta Lobarinhas](#) “Vulnerability of Portuguese natural stone to high temperatures”
- June 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> 2025 | The Congress of the Portuguese Materials Society [MATERIAIS 2025](#) took place at Instituto Superior Técnico.







*Activities of the month of May*

## Annual Meeting 2025



Our annual 3-day meeting took place in Foz do Arelho on the second week of May. Around fifty members between staff, researchers and PhD students participated. The event combined strategic discussions, such as evaluating the centre's performance in light of the FCT evaluation, and planning for the next five years. Amongst team-building activities, presentations on funding opportunities, interactive sessions to improve communication, and creative workshops to define CERENA's identity, the meeting fostered collaboration, reflection, and a renewed sense of unity. [Read more.](#)

## User defined keywords in members' page



Our [ever-changing website](#) is improving, *slowly but surely*. There is now a possibility to add your pronouns and areas of expertise, in form of standardized keywords. We invite you to fill those fields: enter in your profile page and follow the instructions in the image below.

*“Why are keywords important?”* The member page on our website is designed to help our community connect and collaborate more effectively. Keywords allow members to quickly identify others working in specific research areas within CERENA, to spark potential collaborations across different disciplines. By using the **keyword filter**, you can easily sort members by their areas of expertise.

*“Why are pronouns important?”* They make the work environment more inclusive. Using the correct pronouns in the workplace is a powerful way to show respect and support for colleagues' identities. It helps create an inclusive environment where everyone feels seen, valued, and safe to be themselves. [Read more here.](#)



The screenshot shows the CERENA website interface. On the left, there is a user profile form for 'Luã Monteiro Guimarães Nunes'. The 'Pronouns' dropdown is set to '- None -'. The 'Keywords' section has a button labeled 'Choose some options'. On the right, there is a banner for 'OUR PEOPLE' and a list of members. A red arrow points from the 'Choose some options' button to the 'Keywords' dropdown menu, which is open and shows a list of keywords including 'Eco-innovative materials'.

## Good practice for acknowledgements

The rule for the affiliation is (adapted to each personal case): **CERENA, Instituto Superior Técnico, Universidade de Lisboa, Av. Rovisco Pais, 1049-001 Lisbon, Portugal.**

The rule for acknowledgments is: The authors gratefully acknowledge the support of the CERENA (**FCT-UID/04028/2025**). When the analysis are carried out by the CT Scan of CERENA's [Multi-Scale Imaging Laboratory](#), the acknowledgement should include the lab facility.

## Dates to diary



- June 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> 2025 | [MATERIAIS 2025](#) - Congress of the Portuguese Materials Society
- June 6<sup>th</sup> 2025 | DER Seminar *Spatial Data Sciences ...Think Spatually About Your Data Science Problems*. More info [here](#).
- June 17<sup>th</sup> 2025 | CERENA Workshop Equipment in Research: Gas Adsorbtion. More info [here](#).
- June 26<sup>th</sup> 2025 | CERENA Seminar by [Bárbara Fonseca](#) “**Abandoned mines in Portugal: toxic elements and environmental damage**”. More info [here](#).
- June 30<sup>th</sup> 2025 | Mining Engineering Symposium @FEUP – Mining the Future: Innovation, Technology, and Sustainability. More info [here](#).

## Pre-Award Section


### MSCA Postdoctoral Fellowships 2025 – Call Open!

The **MSCA-PF 2025 call** is now open! This is a great chance to **host an excellent postdoctoral researcher** and boost your group's international profile.

We strongly encourage our community to **act as host institutions** and to **publicise their availability to supervise applicants**—via websites, social media, EURAXESS, and professional networks.


Fellowships fund 12–24 months of research in Europe (or up to 36 months for Global PFs), covering salary, research, and institutional costs.

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 **ERC UPDATES:** The ERC has announced this week [here](#) key updates for the 2026–2027 calls. While the application structure remains broadly unchanged, significant changes are being introduced:

#### **Application Format Changes (2026):**

- The former *Extended Synopsis* becomes **Part I**, focusing solely on the *idea, state-of-the-art, objectives, and research strategy* (max. 5 pages).
- **Part II** now captures the *methodology, implementation, risk assessment, and budget justification*, **with new page limits (7 pages for StG/CoG/AdG; 10 for SyG)**.
- **Feasibility** will be assessed **only at Step 2**, so should be detailed exclusively in Part II.

 **Evaluation Process, remains the same:** Step 1 evaluates Part I and the CV/Track Record & Step 2 covers the full proposal including feasibility, resources, and time commitment.

#### **Additional Funding Opportunities:**

- Relocation support of up to **€2 million** for researchers outside Europe (StG/CoG/AdG).
- From 2026, **personnel costs** are eligible under additional funding.

#### **New Funding Instrument (2026):**

- A **7-year grant scheme** is under development as part of the [Choose Europe for Science](#) initiative. More details are expected by end of 2025.

#### **(IMPORTANT) Updated Eligibility Windows (2027)**

- **Starting Grant:** 0–10 years post-PhD.
- **Consolidator Grant:** 5–15 years post-PhD.
- Extensions for gender-based violence and parental leave will be formally recognized.
- All current policies for the extension of the eligibility periods will remain in force.

If you are interested in applying to an ERC Grant in the upcoming years, please contact the PA office for more details

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#### Useful links:

 Pre-Award [SharePoint](#): here you can learn more about funding, get involved in networking events, and connect to other relevant stakeholders.

 CERENA [Restricted Area](#): here you can find forms, regulations, institutional graphical material and tips.

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