



# **Portugal's TAFTIE Chairmanship Programme 2020**

**BUILDING BRIDGES FOR THE FUTURE**





# Events



Dates



Meeting



Venues

20 February

**Expert Session 1**

Enabling and accelerating investment in innovation by exploring new ways of risk sharing

Porto

21 February

EWG Meeting and General Meeting 1

23 April

**TAFIE Academy Webinar: How to support innovation during the Coronavirus Pandemic?**

Online

24 April

EWG Meeting 2 and General Meeting 2

09 June

**Expert Session 2**

Driving innovation through public procurement – roles for innovation agencies

Online

08 June

Board Meeting 1 and General Meeting 3

17 September

**Expert Session 3**

**TAFIE Academy Webinar: Supporting Innovation through the Covid-19 Pandemic – Emerging Insights**

Online

18 September

EWG Meeting 3 and General Meeting 4

23 November

**Policy Forum**

**Synergy of Funds – Overcoming Challenges**

Online

24 November

Board Meeting 2 and General Meeting 5



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Capital  
**Lisbon**



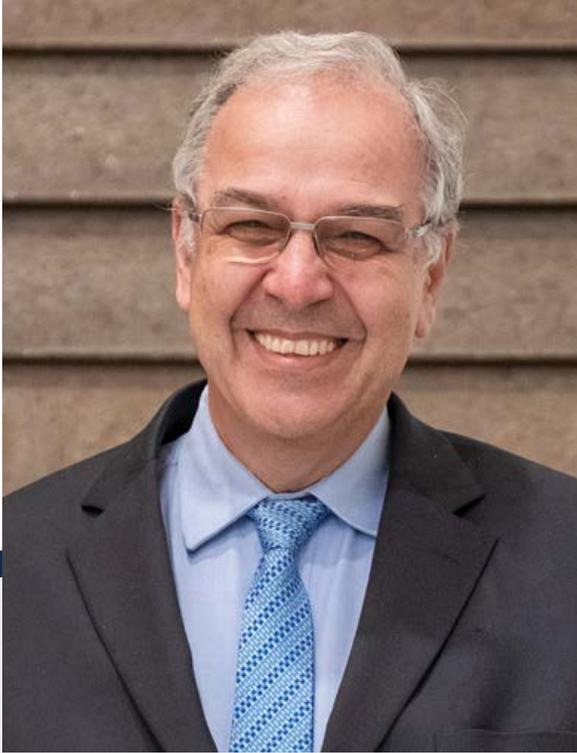
Geographical area  
**92 212 km<sup>2</sup>**



Population  
**10 150 000**



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## Eduardo Maldonado

**Our mission at ANI is to promote and support collaborative business R&D and innovation, both in the country and through international networks. Collaboration is in our DNA, as the way to unmistakably promote our Economy's competitiveness in global markets.**

ANI runs a series of funding programmes and an excellent tax incentive scheme that is much liked by industry. ANI also provides support services for capacity-building and knowledge valorization of the Portuguese innovation system. We also promote and support the participation of Portuguese researchers and institutions in the European R&I Framework Programmes (Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe), Eureka and other European networks and initiatives, and we are in charge of coordinating and monitoring the national Smart Specialisation Strategy as well as producing the national innovation indicators that we make available interactively in our website.

We joined TAFTIE in 2016 and we view TAFTIE as a source of best practices from our peers all over Europe and from its international partners, with a



## Collaboration is in our DNA

view to improving our performance and intervention at the service of Portuguese innovators. We also expect to capitalise on TAFTIE's membership as a quality label for designing and joining common initiatives with the European Commission and other international organisations.

We thank our TAFTIE partners for trusting us to Chair the Association in 2020, a turning point in the innovation support landscape as the new European Innovation Council is being implemented, with undoubted impacts on the operation of the European Innovation Agencies. We aim at facilitating these changes for all TAFTIE Agencies during 2020, **Building Bridges for the Future.**

Thus, in our Presidency, we shall make every effort to enable TAFTIE to meet the challenges in support of what their member agencies require, following upon the excellent efforts initiated by the previous Luxinnovation Presidency, and in close dialogue with the following Slovak Presidency. We shall try to bring along all our fellow TAFTIE members to jointly reinforce the internal cooperation within the Network and with our International Partners, by exploring new ways of working together and of fostering innovation ecosystems, and to better define TAFTIE's outreach goals and future activities. These are our main priorities for leading TAFTIE during 2020, towards an active forum of capable and involved innovation agencies in Europe, and I am sure that we will be able to count on the full engagement of all our partners in these undertakings!

*Eduardo Maldonado*



# TAFTIE IN FOUR PARAGRAPHS

**TAFTIE is the European association of leading national innovation agencies. Founded in 1992, it currently joins together 31 organisations from 28 European countries**

The association promotes exchange of best practices and identification of common interests and priorities among its members, for an improved implementation of national research & development and innovation (R&D&I) programmes, for the benefit of both their governments and beneficiaries.

It also enables them to collaborate at the European level by providing a valued forum that stimulates and promotes cooperation between members that want to tackle common challenges on R&D and innovation policies.

Every year, a TAFTIE member assumes the Presidency of the association. In 2020, it is up to ANI – the Portuguese National Innovation Agency, to manage the association's activities and events and continue promoting the collaboration between its members.

## Key figures of the Member organisations:

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Overall budget             | 39,000 M€ |
| Innovation-related budgets | 9,000M€   |
| Total staff                | 6,800     |

Source: [www.taftie.org](http://www.taftie.org)  
Data collected from 28 TAFTIE agencies between 2007 and 2018

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1 ANI Portugal

2 Bpifrance

3 Business Finland

4 CDTI Spain

5 DAIEG Denmark

6 ENEA Italy

7 Enterprise Estonia

8 Enterprise Ireland

9 FFG Austria

10 VLAIO Flanders

11 HAMAG-BICRO Croatia

12 Innosuisse

13 Innovate UK

14 Innovation Fund Serbia

15 Innovation Norway

16 Innoviris

17 ISERD Israel

18 Luxinnovation

19 MITA Lithuania

20 NKFIH Hungary

21 RVO Netherlands

22 PARP Poland

23 PtJ Juelich Germany

24 RANNIS Iceland

25 SIEA Slovakia

26 SPIRIT Slovenia

27 TACR - Czech Republic

28 The Research Council of Norway

29 TTGV Turkey

30 VDI/VDE-IT Germany

31 VINNOVA Sweden

### International Partners

FINEP | Brazil

KIAT | Korea

NEDO | Japan

NRC | Canada



Contribute to positioning Portugal in the group of highly innovative European Union countries



**ANI is the Portuguese National Innovation Agency**

Its mission is to promote knowledge transfer through greater and better collaboration and cooperation between industry/businesses and R&D institutions, thus contributing to the consolidation of the national innovation system and the strengthening of the national economy on global markets.



**ANI pursues a wide range of activities**

- + collaborative innovation and knowledge transfer
- + national participation in international R&D programmes and networks
- + technological entrepreneurship

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The Portuguese TAFTIE Chairmanship Team

## Executive Committee



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**Pedro Condé**  
*Treasurer, Executive Director of ANI*

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*International Promotion Director*

**Joana Ferreira**  
*Head of Communication*

**Teresa Antunes**  
*Legal Advisor of the Board of Directors*

**Nadine Teles**  
*International Promotion Programmes Manager*

**Sofia Bravo**  
*International Promotion Programmes Manager*

## ANI's 4 main areas of support



Funding



Knowledge  
Valorization



International  
Promotion



Monitoring  
and Evaluation

# Key priorities of the Portuguese Chairmanship

During Portugal's TAFTIE Chairmanship in 2020, ANI will do its best to take the network forward, following upon the path laid out by the previous Chairmanships.

Our Chairmanship will focus on 4 key priorities, which will serve as the basis for the organisation of the planned events, internal meetings and overall management of TAFTIE throughout the year:

- Promote internal cooperation between TAFTIE agencies
- Explore new ways for TAFTIE to cooperate internationally (incl. a stronger engagement and dialogue with our International Partners)
- Clarify TAFTIE's outreach objectives (incl. the relationship with other stakeholders, especially with the European Commission)
- Contribute to the development of innovation ecosystems with a better definition of the roles of innovation agencies

These 4 priorities embody 2 main goals:



Take the process of discussing and developing a medium/ long-term strategy for TAFTIE forward (based on the dialogue that started in 2019)



Knowledge capitalisation along the 5 events, to consolidate ideas for TAFTIE's future activities



october 2020