



PROGRAMME

08:30-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:15 Opening Session

Sandra Paiva, CBMA, School of Sciences, University of Minho – Conference Chair
 José González Méijome, President of the School of Sciences, University of Minho
 Pedro Arezes, Rector of the University of Minho
 Representative of AICEP - Portuguese Trade & Investment Agency
 Representative of the Secretary of State for Science and Innovation (*to be confirmed*)

09:15-10:30 Session I - Compliance, Information Security and Protection of Sensitive Knowledge

Invited Lecture Supported by the MIT

Greg Moffatt, MIT - *"Research and Innovation Security as an Institutional Responsibility: Compliance, Information Security and Sensitive Knowledge Protection"*

CHAIRS: Alexandre Ferreira da Silva, Co-Director of MIT Portugal Program & Raúl Figueiro, Pro-Rector for Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Knowledge Transfer, University of Minho

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-11:45 Practical Session I - Identifying Sensitive Knowledge and Institutional Risk Points

Greg Moffatt, MIT & Greg Goldsmith, Faculty of Sciences, University of Lisbon/Chapman University

Guided case study for universities, research centres and R&D companies: participants identify sensitive data, knowledge, technologies, infrastructures, compliance concerns and initial mitigation measures.

11:45-12:45 Session II - Partner Due Diligence, Export Control, Sanctions and Responsible International Collaboration

Invited Speaker Supported by the U.S. Embassy in Lisbon

Bethany Nelson, Princeton University - *"Partner Due Diligence, Sensitive Technologies and Responsible Knowledge Transfer in International Collaborations"*

CHAIRS: Tom Niblock, U.S. Embassy Rome & Alexandra Stein, Economic Officer, U.S. Embassy Lisbon

12:45-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:00 Practical Session II - Due diligence case study

Bethany Nelson, Princeton University

Group exercise: assessment of a hypothetical collaboration involving a university, an R&D company and an international partner. Output: a short due diligence note with a justified recommendation.

15:00-16:00 Session III - Supply-Chain Security, Procurement and Operational Risk in Research and Development

Pedro Petiz, TEKEVER & Chaitali Desai, University of Bristol

"Procurement, supplier and operational risks in research and innovation environments"

CHAIRS: Hugo Marques, Head of Economic and Political Affairs, British Embassy Lisbon & António Aroso Aerospace and Defence Manager at AICEP - Portuguese Trade & Investment Agency

16:00-16:15 Coffee break

16:15-17:15 Practical Session III – Models for Building a Research & Innovation Security Community and Establishing a Research & Innovation Security Office at Faculty, Research/Technological Centre or R&D Company Level

Invited Speaker supported by the British Embassy in Lisbon

Chaitali Desai, University of Bristol

Applied design exercise: participants explore different models for establishing a Research Security Office at the level of a faculty, research/technological centre or R&D company, considering possible mandates, governance structures, staffing, reporting lines, interfaces with compliance, IT, legal and technology transfer, as well as first-year priorities and potential implementation roadmaps.

CHAIRS: Mariana Bexiga, Centre for Biotechnology and Fine Chemistry, Universidade Católica Portuguesa & Hugo Marques, Head of Economic and Political Affairs, British Embassy Lisbon

17:15-18:00 Integrated Exercise - From Research Collaboration to Risk-Mitigation Plan

Participants integrate the perspectives of the day: compliance and information security; partner due diligence and knowledge transfer; supply-chain, procurement and operational risk.

CHAIRS: Bethany Nelson, Princeton University, Chaitali Desai, University of Bristol, Greg Moffatt, MIT & Greg Goldsmith, Faculty of Sciences, University of Lisbon/Chapman University

18:00-18:40 Group Reports and Expert Feedback

Short group presentations followed by comments from the invited speakers.

Towards practical internal guidelines for research and innovation security: proportionality, openness, academic freedom, company engagement and next steps for implementation.

18:40-19:00 Closing Session

Sandra Paiva & José González Méijome, Microcredential Coordinators

António Salgado, Vice-Rector for Research and Science Policy, University of Minho

ABOUT THE MICROCREDENTIAL

Coordinators: Sandra Paiva, José González Méijome (School of Sciences, University of Minho)

Credits: 2 ECTS

Main component: Intensive in-person conference on 22 October 2026, with expert lectures, case studies and practical exercises.

Format: B-learning

Online component: Flexible asynchronous activities and 2 hours of synchronous online sessions, over a course of two weeks.

Audience: Professionals and advanced trainees from universities, research centres, technological and innovation centres, interface units, R&D companies, municipalities, public bodies, funding organisations and research-support structures, including:

Researchers • Faculty • PhD students • Postdoctoral researchers • Research security officers • Research and project managers • Knowledge transfer and innovation professionals • International relations professionals • Data protection • Cybersecurity • Compliance • Ethics and integrity • Intellectual property • Institutional governance • Government and institutional stakeholders

Scientific Advisory Board: Bethany Nelson (Princeton University), Chris Buckland (University of Cranfield), Greg Moffatt (MIT), Peter Hanenberg (UCP), Sandra Paiva (UMinho), with the cooperation of Serviço de Informações de Segurança (SIS) (Portugal).

Enrolment (required)

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