

# Call for Applications

## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUSTAINABLE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY

June 30-July 1, 2026, IPCA, Barcelos, Portugal

[www.apdr.pt/congresso/2026/academy.html](http://www.apdr.pt/congresso/2026/academy.html)

**Deadline: 15 March 2026**

Places are limited to 25 Participants

**APPLY NOW**

### About the Academy

The Academy is a two-day format, just before the 2026 APDR conference (2-3 July) at the Polytechnic University of Cávado and Ave, Barcelos (included in the registration fee), including: outstanding Lecturers, presentations by participants, and a field visit.

During the Sustainable Regional Development Academy, the participants will:

- Develop a collaborative research project based on the case study of Águas do Norte, S.A.
- Understand the specifics of wastewater treatment and the supply chain value in the water sector.
- Identify problems related to the decarbonisation of wastewater treatment plants, considering different perspectives (e.g., economic, financial, social, and environmental).
- Design a strategic plan proposal aimed at solving the problem of decarbonisation of wastewater treatment plants.
- Present and discuss the proposed solution to the identified problem.

