

# ICT 2015

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## **1. Why ICT2015 in Lisbon?**

ICT 2015 conference is one of the largest ICT-centred events in the world. It brings together more than 5000 ICT professionals. Lisbon is the ideal location for this event with a modern and attractive venue in a very exciting city.

In the title of the event, ICT stands for "Innovate, Connect, Transform" and Portugal represents very well the motto of the event. Portugal is also a modern and dynamic society, its ICT intensity is above average, as well as the integration of Digital technology by businesses. These data are very promising; especially if we consider that this country has faced a strong reduction of investment potential during the crisis.

Lisbon citizens will have the opportunity to see how the (near) future will look like. In Praça do Comércio a [robot](#) will welcome the visitors and guide them through the latest developments in digital technologies to discover how ICT can help independent living when getting old, or efficiently use resources like water and energy and also the last generation of robots, intelligent clothes and Graphene, the material of the future.

The best of Portuguese ICT results will be showcased in a dedicated [Portuguese village](#) at the **Centro de Congressos de Lisboa**.

## **2. How digital is Portugal?**

- It ranks 7<sup>th</sup> among EU countries for its well-developed online public services and fair usage by citizens and performs above average in digitisation of business
- PT has good broadband network coverage. Broadband is available to all homes, fast internet is available to 89% of them
- PT performs better than EU average in STEM (science, technology and mathematics graduates). Complete data about [Portugal digital performance](#)

## **3. Portugal in ICT Research and Development and Participation to Horizon 2020**

In 2012, Business Expenditure in R&D (BERD) in the ICT sector in Portugal amounts to €341mn, down from €403mn the year before. BERD in the ICT sector represents 30% of total BERD, above the EU average of 17%. Total BERD is 0.7% of GDP, below the EU average of 1.3%. In 2013, Public funding in R&D (GBAORD) in the ICT sector amounts to €28mn representing 1.8% to total GBAORD, below the EU average of 6.7%.





- EU co-funded projects in Portugal in the ICT domain (Excellent Science, LEIT and Societal Challenges 1, 6 and 7) for €27 mn.
- 63 Portuguese organisations participated in 63 projects (12% of total projects) and coordinated 13 projects.
- In 2014 participation from higher education/research organizations was at 53% of funding, industrial participation was at 41%, below the EU average (46%), with 12% of total funding going to large enterprises and 29% to SMEs.
- Participation (in terms of share of total funding) is higher in the following Strategic Objectives: Future Networks and Internet, FET Open and Complex Systems and Advanced Computing.

Recent document on [R&D Performance in Portugal](#) (not only ICT and digital) and [Factsheet on projects coordinated by Portugal in the 7<sup>th</sup> framework Programme](#).