



Speaker Bio

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Carlos Cerqueira is the Head of Business Development at Neuraspace, a Portuguese start-up using AI to fight space debris. He was the former Director of the ESA Space Solutions Centre Portugal (<http://space.ipn.pt/>) and Innovation Director at Instituto Pedro Nunes, the technology transfer institution from Coimbra University.

He teaches Innovation Management at Coimbra University, both at the Faculty of Economics, in the Executive MBA and the Marketing MBA and at the Faculty of Science and Technology in the Data Science Degree.

He is a public speaker on topics related to innovation, new Space and start-ups:

- Space Comm Expo UK 2023
- 6th New Space Atlantic Summit 2023
- Lisbon ESA Investor Forum, November 2022.
- Panelist at [The European Space Forum 2022](#) in Brussels (October 2022). Topic - "Space traffic management - Towards a European approach to setting common rules for space exploration".
- ACCESS.SPACE 2022 CONFERENCE, a session on "Space Traffic Management", Lisbon (September 2022).
- Presentation on Neuraspace Innovation Case at ISU SSP22, Lisbon (September 2022) and "The Future of High-Integrity Systems 2022", Lisbon.
- Panelist at the Start-up Capital Summit, Coimbra (2019) on "How to leverage the national ecosystem".
- Organiser and speaker at the Coimbra Space Summer School (2015 - 2019) and in the acceleration programme INEOStart (2015- 2017).
- Trainer in the modules "Innovation and business models" and "Customer development: how to create and test new products and services".
- Speaker at the international seminar on innovation, technology and entrepreneurship, "Leap into the future", Ukraine, September 2014, presenting the case of Coimbra's ecosystem in promoting entrepreneurship among computer engineering students.
- Participation in the TII annual conference, "Smart Sustainable Innovation: the global perspective", held in Utrecht, Netherlands, 13-14 May 2014. Carlos Cerqueira presented the SOUL-FI project, which explores "open data" and how the use of open data can enhance innovation.
- Presentation of ESA BIC Portugal, the ESA Incubation Centre in Portugal, at the 5th Portuguese Space Forum and panel with Frank Salzgeber, Head of the ESA Technology Transfer Programme Office and Amnon Ginati, Head of the ESA Integrated Applications and Telecommunications Department, 2013
- Participation in TEDxViana by Carlos Cerqueira, with the presentation "Cenas Tecnológicas," where was presented IPN's experience in boosting the innovation ecosystem of Coimbra, 19 January 2013
- Participation in the TII annual conference, "Globalization of Technology Transfer", Beijing, China, May 2013. Presented the case of IPN in promoting entrepreneurship among university students, with the presentation "Start@Portugal, creating a culture of entrepreneurship in universities".

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