



UPTEC
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARK OF UNIVERSITY OF PORTO

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UPTEC Science and Technology Park of University of Porto

UPTEC - Science and Technology Park of University of Porto is a fundamental structure of support knowledge transfer between the university and the market, created to sustain the University of Porto's third mission - the social and economic leverage of its generated knowledge.

By fostering the **creation of technological, scientific and creative based companies and attracting national and international innovation centers**, UPTEC contributes in a sustainable way to the growth of the North Region of Portugal.

UPTEC is divided into thematic centers - **Technologies, Creative Industries, Biotechnology and Sea**. This allows it to follow a strategy of clustering and sharing of resources between startups, innovation centers and anchor projects, offering them the specific support they actually need, while assuring that they also benefit from a broader and transversal network of national and international partners and mentors.

After seven years of activity, **UPTEC has supported more than 370 business ideas** in areas as diverse as Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and New Production, Security, Energy, Health, Food, Biotechnology, Information Technology, Publishing, Film, Architecture, Music, Design.

UPTEC's Numbers

(January 2016)

167 business projects

30 early seed (pre-incubation)

88 startup companies (incubation)

31 innovation centers

18 anchor projects

36 graduated companies

Human Resources:

+1800 highly skilled jobs

Economic Impact:

(Study conducted by Faculty of Economy of University of Porto to a universe of 79 companies - Data of 2012)

- Impact on GDP: € 31,85M

- Tax Revenues: € 6,25M

- Volume of Export: 120 countries, with about 47% of the turnover of the business is related to sales made abroad.

Honors and Recognitions

In 2013, UPTEC was awarded the European Prize [RegioStars 2013](#), in the category of "Smart Growth" by the European Commission. In the same year, UPTEC was also regarded as one of the best incubators/accelerators in Europe, at the **London Web Summit People's Choice**.

In 2014, UPTEC back to be distinguished by the European Commission, to be chosen for ["European Union: Working For You"](#) campaign set up to illustrate concrete examples of EU actions that have positive impact on the economy and everyday lives of citizens.

Strategy Location of UPTEC



Technology Center

The Technology Center of the Science and Technology Park of University of Porto (UPTEC TECH) provides support, infrastructure and technological equipment that promote the development and acceleration of technology-based projects.

Annually, UPTEC TECH hosts 100 startups and innovation centers in a wide range of technological areas of expertise, including: energy, web and mobile software, electronics, robotics, chemistry, polymers and composite materials, monitoring, etc.

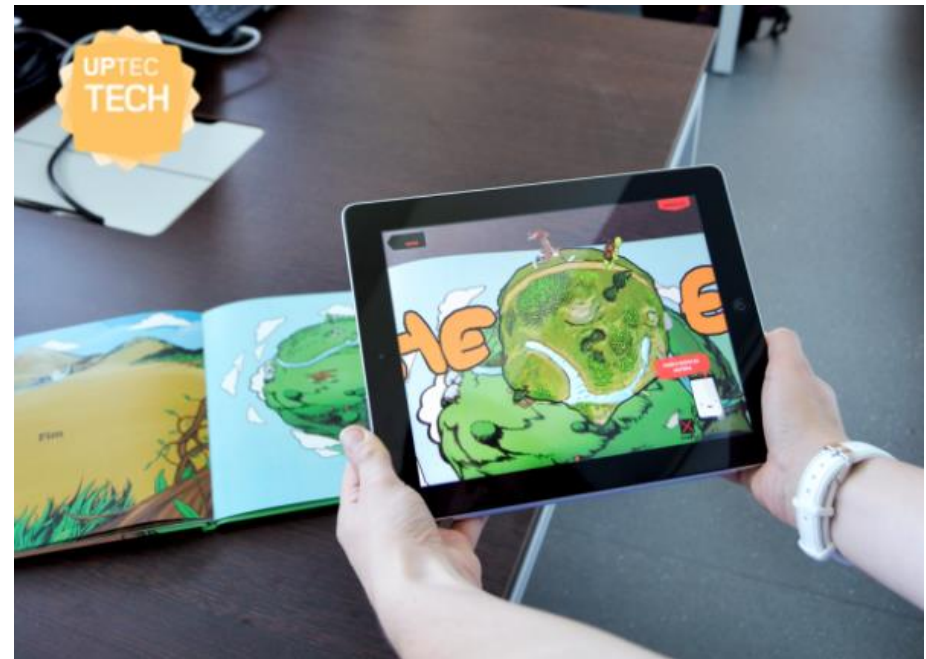
Between startups and national and international innovation centers, UPTEC tech supports the development new products and services to market, based on knowledge and technology transfer and an active incorporation of highly qualified human resources.

UPTEC TECH — the largest center at UPTEC — is located in the middle of Asprela's Campus, next to the most important technological schools and R&D institutes of the University of Porto.

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Rua Alfredo Allen, n.º455/461
4200-135 Porto

Centro de Inovação
Rua Doutor Júlio de Matos 828/882
4200-355 Porto



Creative Center

UPTEC PINC is the attraction and meeting space for people who look to experience, explore and develop their creativity in entrepreneurial ways.

In five years of activity, Creative Industries Center of UPTEC (UPTEC PINC) has received more than a hundred creative based business projects, in a field of design, communication, architecture, audiovisual, music, visual arts, performing arts and publishing.

Relying on the knowledge and expertise of UPTEC, and located in Porto's center, among the main artistic and cultural structures and equipments in the city, this center is the main center of cultural and creative businesses in the North of Portugal.

Address:

Praça Coronel Pacheco, 2
4050-453 Porto, Portugal



Biotechnology Center

The Biotechnology Center of the Park of Science and Technology of University of Porto (UPTEC BIO) is oriented to host business projects in the areas of life sciences and \ biotechnology.

UPTEC BIO offers support, equipment and technological infrastructure that will promote the development and acceleration of the installed projects based on the knowledge and skills generated within the University of Porto, and also resulting from the cooperation between the university and the market.

At present, UPTEC bio supports startups in a wide range of areas of expertise, including biotechnology, pharmaceutical and cosmetic industries, health care, chemistry, agrifood industry, etc.

Like the other UPTEC centers, the location of UPTEC BIO takes decisive role. This center is located near to some of the most relevant schools and R&D institutes of University of Porto in the areas of life sciences and biotechnology.

Address:

Rua Campo Alegre 1021 Edifício FC6
4169-007 Porto



Sea Center

The Sea Center of the Science and Technology Park of the University of Porto (UPTEC MAR) is dedicated to the incubation of business projects related to science and sea technologies, benefiting from the proximity of structures and equipment of the Port of Leixões and advanced research developed at the University of Porto.

The project UPTEC MAR aims to explore the results of research arising from the activity of the various R&D centers that University of Porto will host inside the Port of Leixões.

Companies currently associated with UPTEC MAR aggregate several areas of activity in the sea economy such as marine biotechnology, aquaculture, energy of waves, marine robotics, software, environment, tourism and recreational boating.

Address:

Avenida da Liberdade
4450-718 Leça da Palmeira



UPTEC's Companies

Divided in four distinct centers – Technology Center, Creative Industries Center, Sea Technology Center and Biotechnology Center - UPTEC has with mission to foster the creation of technology, scientific and creative based startups, as well as attract innovation centers.

Through this strategy, **startups** find the necessary support to turn their ideas into businesses with potential for rapid growth. For this, startups benefit from a set of specialized structures and services for development of their business activity.

Innovation Centers, national and international companies and projects, find the space and mechanisms to host and operate their projects and activities, benefiting from the synergies that exist with the R&D Departments and other interface institutes of U.Porto.

UPTEC welcomes:

- Startups: early seed and startups under development/maturation phase;
- Anchor Projects: consolidated projects which, due to their characteristics, enhances UPTEC and the University of Porto's network;
- Innovation Centers: R&D+i structures, which innovation work leverages the synergies between companies, R&D+i centers and interface institutes of University of Porto.

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