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Fourth edition of the Atlantic Centre Seminar brings together different parts of the Atlantic

The fourth edition of the Atlantic Centre Seminar took place from 17 to 21 October, under the theme "Forecasting Atlantic security and governance". The event took place in eight different locations across the Atlantic and was organised in partnership with the Portuguese National Defence Institute.

From the perspectives of the South Atlantic to the issue of maritime security governance, from the extension of continental shelves to the Atlantic's relations with the Indo-Pacific, from Portugal's strategic interests to democracy and human rights, this edition of the Atlantic Centre Seminar crossed different perspectives on the current context in this area of strategic interest for Portugal.

With events held in hybrid format in Braga, Coimbra, Évora, Lisbon, Rabat (Morocco), Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) and Accra (Ghana), the seminar brought together around 60 specialists on Security and Defence, with the aim of identifying the main security dynamics underway in the Atlantic and the path towards a common management of these phenomena.

The Minister of National Defence, Helena Carreiras, attended the session that took place at the National Defence Institute, on October 19.

Helena Carreiras underlined the relevance of this oceanic space, mentioning that the Atlantic is home to "the main European trade routes, its main energy supply routes or the main investment flows", as well as the scientific activities of ocean exploration that allow innovation. She added that the need to strengthen cooperation in the field of security should be perceived as need to safeguard these important aspects, and concluded by saying that it will be necessary to "think what kind of Atlantic we want to build in the coming decades".



The Atlantic Centre is a Portuguese Government initiative, developed by the Ministry of National Defence, dedicated to the promotion of security and cooperation in the Atlantic, and which is open to the participation of all States and multilateral organisations in this region. Its activities focus on political dialogue, scientific research, and capacity building in the field of defence.