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Rear Admiral Nuno de Noronha Bragança is the new Coordinator of the Atlantic Centre

Rear-Admiral Nuno António de Noronha Bragança assumed, on 09 March, the coordination of the Atlantic Centre, previously directed by Prof. Dr Licínia Simão.

As an initiative dedicated to policy dialogue, research and capacity building in the field of security and defence in the Atlantic, the Atlantic Centre serves an important function in enhancing the external action of Defence, contributing to the reinforcement of Portugal's role in the Atlantic.

Since its creation, this Centre has carried out activities which contribute to the sharing of best practices and study, training and capacity building in a wide range of areas, such as maritime security, the exercise of sovereignty in the high seas, or the sustainable exploitation of natural resources. The current number of countries adhering to the Centre - 21 -, the consolidated annual initiatives, such as the Maritime Safety Course or the Atlantic Centre's Annual Seminar, the investment in lines of research on security and defence in the Atlantic, and the network of partnerships established with universities and research centres, civil society organisations, international and regional organisations, and international forums, should also be highlighted.

Rear-Admiral Nuno António de Noronha Bragança graduated from the Naval Academy in 1988, has a specialization in Communications and a Master's degree in Management and Organizational Behaviour, and is a graduate of the ESDP Foundation Training Programme. He held, between 01 February 2020 and 29 July 2021, the position of Military Advisor of the National Defence Commission of the Assembly of the Republic, having assumed on 30 July 2021 the position of Chief of Staff of the Admiral of the Navy and National Maritime Authority. Since 28 January 2022 he assumed the position of Deputy Director General of the Maritime Authority and 2nd Commander General of the Maritime Police.