

1. Institution Overview

Atlântica - Instituto Universitário and Essatla

Located in Oeiras, in the historic Fábrica da Pólvora de Barcarena *campus*, Atlântica – Instituto Universitário (University Institute) has distinguished itself for almost three decades with an innovative teaching model that combines academic rigour and research opportunities with a strong connection to the business fabric and realities.

Atlântica's curricular offer includes several bachelor's degrees, five master's degrees and two doctoral programmes in the areas of Engineering, Business Sciences and Nutrition.

It also stands out as the only private higher education institution in Portugal offering the Bachelor's Degree in Aeronautical Engineering and is part of the group of 135 entities that make up the AED – Cluster for the Aeronautics, Space and Defense industries. Committed to establishing and maintaining a close relationship with the community, Atlântica's is part of the Oeiras Community Valley, a *consortium* that aims to maximize the impact of the social responsibility initiatives of companies and institutions, fostering a connection with the Municipality of Oeiras that is aligned with the objectives of Sustainable Development.

ESSATLA – Escola Superior de Saúde (Health School) was created in 2001 as an organic unit of the Universidade Atlântica (Atlantic University) and was integrated into it as a polytechnic health school. Located in Oeiras, on the historic Fábrica da Pólvora de Barcarena *campus*, it is distinguished by the fact that it seeks to meet the demands of technical-professional training and at the same time provide students with a humanistic education from a perspective integrated with the social and behavioural sciences. ESSATLA's curricular programmes include four bachelor's degrees, seven master's degrees and a large number of postgraduate courses in the area of Health, with a large practical component, properly equipped classrooms and practice labs, and internships in a wide variety of partner locations, from the first year of teaching. It also stands out for its demanding study plans, such as the Bachelor's Degree in Physiotherapy, which each year welcomes more than 100 international students who need to complete the practical component of their courses and trust ESSATLA to do so.

2. Site Visit Information

Informação	Detalhe
Date	14/10/2026
Start time	10h00
Group size	Mínimo: 8 Máximo: 25
Meeting point	Campus Barcarena - Fábrica da Pólvora de Barcarena, 2730-036 Barcarena, Oeiras
Duration	4h00
Lunch availability	Yes Cost (12€ per person)

3. Location

Address:

Fábrica da Pólvora de Barcarena 2730-036 Barcarena

Website:

<https://uatlantica.pt/>

4. Program TBC (a final program will be shared closer to the visit date)

Time	Activity
10h00 - 10h20	Welcoming
10h30 - 11h00	<i>Campus tour</i>
11h30 - 12h00	Presentation by the Rector of Atlântica – Instituto Universitário, Professor Manuel Freitas
12h00 - 12h30	Presentation by the President of ESSATLA – Escola Superior de Saúde Atlântica, Professor Helena Guerreiro José
12h30 - 13h00	Presentation by the Director-General of E.I.A. – Ensino, Investigação e Administração, S.A., Dr. ^a Natália do Espírito Santo
13h00 - 14h00	Lunch

5. Additional Information

To reach the *campus*, there are two main train lines:

Lisbon–Sintra train line: drop off at Estação de Massáma–Barcarena + bus: 1525, 1528, 1526, 1111 or 1717

Lisbon–Cascais train line: drop off at Estação de Caxias + bus: 1525.

Parking near the two main buildings:

Afonso de Barros Building: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/kH87CELEBVkRo9Z1A>

Machado Macedo: <https://maps.app.goo.gL/JfFXcd1dafWH1uvd6>

Parking behind the Gunpowder Factory Museum:
<https://maps.app.goo.gL/g1jhjYuj1rt4Gfjq7>

Campus Map

