



Topic of the Speech:

Textile Bioeconomy: Unlocking Opportunities, Tackling Technological and Business Challenges

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Antonio Braz Costa graduated in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Minho in 1989 and completed his studies in Advanced Public Management at the National Institute of Administration in 2008.

António Braz Costa's extensive experience and leadership across various sectors highlight his significant contributions to technological innovation and industry development.

He currently holds several prominent positions:

General Manager at CITEVE – Technological Centre for Textile and Clothing Industries in Portugal since January 2000

President at CeNTI – Centre of Nanotechnology and Advanced Materials since April 2012

President at Textranet - European Network of Textile Research Organizations since 2010

Vice President at Textile ETP, European Technological Platform for the Future of Textiles, Clothing and Fibres since 2013

President of the board of CTI Alliance –Network of Portuguese Technology and Innovation Centres since June 2025

Member of the High-Level Group of the Portuguese Innovation Textile Cluster since 2017

Member of the Board of BatPower – Battery Cluster Portugal since 2021

Member of the Board of Bikinnov – Bike Value Innovation Centre since May 2025

Member of the Board of CCG – Centre for Computer Graphics since 2020

Member of the Advisory Board of ANI – National Agency for Innovation of Portugal

Member of the Regional Innovation Council, Norte de Portugal – Coordinator of the Regional Smart Specialization Platform on Creativity, Fashion and Habitat

Secretary of the General Assembly of MOBINOV – Automotive Cluster Portugal

Member of the Strategic Innovation Council of I3N – Institute for Nanostructures, Nanomodelling and Nanofabrication

Member of the Advisory Board of the Portuguese Materials Society

Member of the Stakeholders Committee of CITAB – Centre for Research and Agro-Environmental and Biological Technologies

In the past, António has served in various influential roles, including:

Board Member at IAPMEI (Portuguese Public Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation) from 2005 to 2009

President of RECET – Portuguese Network of Technology Centres

President of AFTEBI – Technological School for Post-Secondary Technology-Based Courses from 2001 to 2016

President and Board Member at CEiiA – Centre of Excellence and Innovation for the Automotive and AeroSpace Industries from 2007 to 2015

General Manager of IDITE-Minho – Institute for Development and Technologic Innovation of Minho from 1992 to 1999