

Alexandre Quintanilha
Chair of the Portuguese Parliamentary
Committee on Education and Science

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Subject: Invitation for the 2nd Gago Conference on European Science Policy, September 21st, Vienna

Dear Alexandre,

Ciência Viva and the Portuguese Ministry of Science, Technology and High Education are glad to invite you to the 2nd Gago Conference on European Science Policy, "Science, society and policy towards a Europe of knowledge: On the role of science engagement in Horizon Europe", to be held in Vienna on the September 21st.

The conference will be held at the Vienna Chamber of Commerce and will assemble a limited number of policymakers, parliamentarians, academia and other opinion leaders for a lively debate on science engagement for a Europe of knowledge. In particular, the role of science centres, museums and other institutions who promote the dialogue of citizens with scientists and innovators in the forthcoming Horizon Europe will be highlighted.

The Gago Conferences on European Science Policy provide an international forum to strengthen the debate on emerging issues of research and innovation policy in Europe, as well as to promote the necessary involvement of major stakeholders in policy making and the diffusion of knowledge in science education and culture.

As José Mariano Gago was one of the most effective supporters of museums and science centres as key actors in the engagement of citizens with science, the 2nd Gago Conference will be dedicated to discussing their role in the new Horizon Europe. For more information please refer to www.gagoconf.org

Looking forward to a positive answer, kind regards

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President of Ciência Viva

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