

## Programa INOV CONTACTO – Programa de Estágios Internacionais de Jovens Quadros, Portugal

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INOV Contacto is an innovative International Professional Apprenticeships program for young people with training and entities who wish to reinforce their teams with Portuguese talent. The aim is to support the overseas qualification of young professionals or corporate work forces in key areas of know-how, providing them with effective skills in the field of innovation, so as to stimulate and reinforce corporate competitiveness as well as the international image of Portugal. To date 5,624 young people have been involved, 1,235 entities (60% Portuguese) have participated across 82 different countries, resulting in over 1,500 job offers to participants.

“After 23 editions, we are really proud to see the mission of our program recognised at a European level - it’s proof of the real impact that INOV Contacto has on the lives of young people and society itself. Young people need to be empowered with new skills and by taking them out of their comfort zone and make them face unknown challenges, INOV Contacto provides them with the qualities required to make a difference in today’s labour market”