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Portugal is the **Official Partner Country of Smart Country Convention (SCCON) 2026**, Europe's leading event for digital government, smart cities and public-sector transformation.

Taking place in Berlin from **13 to 15 October**, SCCON brings together governments, public institutions, technology companies, start-ups and research organisations to explore the future of digital public services and smart territories.

Portugal's participation is coordinated by **AICEP – Portuguese Trade & Investment Agency**, in cooperation with **ARTE – State Technological Reform Agency**.

As the Partner Country, Portugal will have a prominent institutional presence throughout the event, showcasing its digital transformation, technology ecosystem, and solutions developed by Portuguese public institutions, companies, and research organisations.

## **PORTUGAL'S DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION**

Portugal has made digital transformation a strategic priority, investing in digital public services, connectivity and the digitalisation of the economy.

The country's progress is reflected in international benchmarks. Portugal ranks **#3 worldwide in the OECD Digital Government Index**, with a score of **86%**, and is the highest-ranked European country in the assessment.

Portugal also performs above the EU average in digital public services, with **86.4 points for services for citizens** and **90 points for services for businesses**.

At SCCON, Portugal will bring this experience to an international audience, with a focus on **digital government, Artificial Intelligence, smart territories and trusted digital solutions**.

## > FROM DIGITAL GOVERNMENT TO SMART TERRITORIES

Portugal's presence will highlight practical solutions developed to make public services more accessible, efficient and user-centred, while supporting better decision-making across territories.

Among the solutions in focus are:

### **AI Centre of Excellence**

Supporting the responsible adoption of Artificial Intelligence across the public sector through common methodologies, technical expertise and reusable solutions.

### **AMALIA**

An open-source, multimodal large language model developed specifically for European Portuguese, supporting digital sovereignty and AI innovation.

### **Gov.pt App**

A single secure access point for official documents and essential public services, with more than **2.6 million registered users**.

### **Digital Business Wallet**

Bringing essential business documentation together in a single secure, continuously updated digital platform.

### **Virtual Citizen Shop**

Centralising access to **225 digital public services**, including services supported by video call.

### **Digital Twins for Smart Territories**

Applying AI, data and simulation across eight priority areas, including health, mobility, climate resilience, agriculture and water management.





**A GROWING DIGITAL ECONOMY**

Portugal's public-sector transformation is supported by a dynamic technology ecosystem with growing international reach.

The country's ICT sector brings together more than **32,000 companies and 204,000 professionals**, generating around **€30.7 billion in turnover**.

Portugal is also home to **more than 5,000 start-ups and 130 incubators and accelerators**, with innovation spanning AI, cybersecurity, fintech, digital health, mobility and smart systems.

**Germany is the leading international market for Portuguese ICT services**, making SCCON an important platform for strengthening business, investment and innovation links between the two countries.



**PORTUGAL & GERMANY**

Portugal's presence at SCCON comes at a time of growing economic and technological cooperation between Portugal and Germany.

Around **18% of Portugal's digital economy exports** are destined for the German market, according to AICEP and EY, with digital exports to Germany recording growth rates above **34%**.

The Partner Country status provides a platform to showcase Portuguese capabilities, develop new partnerships and strengthen the position of Portugal and its companies within European digital value chains.



## **TRUSTED DIGITAL SOLUTIONS**

Portugal's participation is built around three priorities:

### **– TRUSTED DIGITAL GOVERNMENT**

Secure, interoperable and citizen-centred public services.

### **– TRUSTED INNOVATION**

Technology and AI developed with a focus on practical applications, responsible adoption and digital sovereignty.

### **– TRUSTED PARTNERSHIPS**

Strengthening cooperation between Portugal, Germany and the wider European digital ecosystem.

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## **OFFICIAL PROGRAMME**

### **Portugal at SCON 2026**

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**Programme.**

## **MEET PORTUGAL IN BERLIN**

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