

# News in Portugal

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## **European Commission warns Portugal at risk of failing recycling target**

The European Commission said on Monday that Portugal is one of 14 member states of the European Union that is at risk of failing to meet the 50 percent municipal waste recycling target by 2020. The other member states identified by the EC are Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Spain. For this reason, the Commission is putting forward proposals to ensure that these countries comply with EU waste management legislation.

See the full Portuguese version of the story [here](#).

## **Eighth day of taxi drivers protest held in Lisbon, Oporto and Faro**

On the eighth day of protest, taxi drivers will go to the Assembly of the Republic to await the plenary debate that will be held at the Parliament with the presence of the Prime Minister António Costa. Carlos Ramos, of the Portuguese Taxi Federation, is expecting around “500 to 700 demonstrators” in front of the Assembly of the Republic.

Taxi drivers have been protesting in Lisbon, Oporto and Faro against the new law coming into force in November 1 that will regulate the four electronic transport platforms operating in Portugal.

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## **ERA increases sales by 24% in August amounting to € 1.1 billion**

The real estate network ERA Portugal sold around nine thousand houses, representing an increase of 24% in year-on-year comparison and € 1.1 billion in sales value. The figures were disclosed by João Pedro Pereira, of the Executive Committee of ERA Portugal. The average sale price per property was 134 thousand euros. "We felt a slight increase in the average price, around 7%, 8%, in national terms," said the official, noting that in the areas of Lisbon, Oporto and some points in the Algarve prices have risen more than the average.

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## **Fernando Pinto, former CEO of TAP, accused of bad management**

Fernando Pinto, who was at the helm of TAP from 2000 until early 2018, has had his reputation questioned due to the acquisition of Brazilian company VEM. Fernando Pinto, who had been in charge of the airline for 17 years, was charged with suspicion of harmful management, Público said. The former CEO was accused following a special investigation by the Judiciary Police regarding the acquisition of Varig Engenharia e Manutenção (VEM). Fernando Pinto claims to be "serenely" awaiting trial and says he has already given "all the explanations requested" during the investigation phase.

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