

News in Portugal

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A weekly summary of the headline news from Portugal in English, every Wednesday.

Unemployment Figure Drops Again

The year-on-year unemployment rate fell to 8.2% in July in the eurozone and to 6.8% in the European Union (EU), with Portugal third in the biggest drops ranking compared to 2017, Eurostat revealed. With one of the biggest year-on-year drops (from 8.9% to 6.8%), after Cyprus (from 10.7% to 7.7%) and Greece (from 21.7% to 19.5%, May figures). In July 2017, the unemployment rate was 9.1% in the single currency area and 7.6% in 28 member states as a whole. In Portugal, the unemployment rate remained stable and following the EU, with 6.8%

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Economy Continues to Grow

The Portuguese National Statistics Institute (INE) confirmed that Portugal's economic growth accelerated in the second quarter by 2.3% year-on-year and 0.5% quarter-on-quarter. "The gross domestic product (GDP) registered a year-on-year variation of 2.3% in the second quarter of 2018 (2.1% in the previous quarter)", INE stated.

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European Satellite with Portuguese Technology Launched

European satellite Aeolus, which will study the Earth's winds and includes Portuguese technology, has been launched from the Kourou space base in French Guiana, the European Space Agency (ESA) said. Aeolus was launched on board a Vega rocket and was placed in orbit 55 minutes later at an altitude of 320 km for a three-year mission. The satellite, which carries equipment manufactured by Portuguese aerospace companies LusoSpace and Omnidea, will enable scientists to collect information on wind speed in near real time.

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European Agency denounces labour exploitation in Portugal

The organisation, which performs unannounced inspections of the work place has reported cases where workers are forced to hide, lie, even pay fines from their own pocket. The report, written by the European

Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), is the result of interviews with 237 adult migrant workers, 133 men and 104 women, who claimed to have been victims of labour exploitation between 2013 and 2017. The investigation was carried out in eight Member States: Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal and the United Kingdom.

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