

Frequently Asked Questions – FAQs

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1	What is LAETA?
	<p>LAETA, acronym for Associated Laboratory of Energy, Transports and Aerospace, is a R&D Unit recognized by the Portuguese Science and Technology Foundation of (FCT).</p> <p>More info can be found on page 163 of the Atlas of R&D Units 2022 of FCT (https://former.fct.pt/media/docs/atlas_2022.pdf).</p>
2	What is the difference between LAETA and INEGI ?
	<p>LAETA is not a legal entity. INEGI is one of the four legal entities composing LAETA (also includes IDMEC, ADAI and UBI), and is currently acting as its main management institution.</p>
3	Is LAETA a R&D Unit or an Associated Laboratory?
	<p>Both, and the two are supported by FCT with dedicated funding projects. More info can be found on pages 94-95 of the Atlas of Associated Laboratories 2022 of FCT (https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/ATLAS_LAs.pdf).</p>
4	How is LAETA team organized?
	<p>LAETA members are distributed by 5 Research Groups (RGs):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biomechanics (BIO); • Energy, Environment & Sustainability (EES); • Intelligent Systems & Control (ISC); • Materials & Manufacturing Processes (MMP); • Structures & Mechanical Systems (SMS). <p>Each member is allocated to one and just one RG.</p> <p>Each RG has institutional and global coordinators, though not all RGs are represented in all the 4 LAETA Management Institutions (INEGI, IDMEC, ADAI and AEROG). The institutional RG coordinator is responsible for the approval of new admissions.</p> <p>More information about the RGs can be found here: https://laeta.pt/en/research-groups/.</p>
5	Who can be part of LAETA team?
	<p>All personnel directly involved in R&D activities of the LAETA R&D unit, whether or not they hold a doctoral degree, such as researchers, science & innovation managers, technical personnel, and PhD students.</p>

6	How is LAETA team composed, and how to become a member?
	<p>The members of an R&D Unit are classified as Integrated Researchers (IRs) and non-integrated members. The later include Collaborators (eventually also PhD holders) and PhD students.</p> <p>According to the FCT, an IR is a researcher with a doctoral degree or an aggregate title, who, in either case, must have a contract with a Portuguese institution and dedicate a minimum of 20% of working time to research activities in the R&D unit and in Portugal. Moreover, a doctoral researcher can only be integrated into a single R&D unit, namely the one in which they carry out their main research activity, but might be a Collaborator in one or more R&D units.</p> <p>Regarding the Associated laboratory, FCT considers that the team is composed by the IRs composing the R&D unit(s) involved.</p> <p>The admission of a doctorate as LAETA IR is subjected to the fulfilment of research performance criteria according to applicable internal regulation. The admission request must be sent to the operational management team of each LAETA Management Institution to which the researcher intends to be linked.</p>
7	How are LAETA members allocated to the RGs?
	<p>It is recommended that each LAETA IR joins the RG that is more aligned with her/his scientific profile/activities. Although, each LAETA IR has the right to choose the respective RG.</p> <p>A Collaborator is allocated to the RG of the IR that purpose its name to be part of LAETA Team.</p> <p>A Phd student is allocated to the RGs of its main supervisor.</p> <p>More information about the RGs can be found here: https://laeta.pt/en/research-groups/.</p>
8	How can a PhD holder become a LAETA IR?
	<p>IRs and PhD holders proposed to become IRs are subjected to the fulfilment of scientific performance criteria. Current IRs are subject to yearly evaluation. The evaluation procedure and conditions applied are described in the respective internal regulation. An IR not fulfilling the defined criteria might be proposed to become a collaborator by the respective institutional RG coordinator.</p>

9	Is it possible to become an IR in more than one FCT R&D Unit?								
	No. A researcher can only be an IR in one R&D Unit and a Collaborator in other(s). The % of allocation as an IR must be higher than that appointed to the other R&D Unit(s).								
10	How can I confirm my membership to LAETA?								
	<p>Go to https://unidades.fct.pt/, login with your Ciência ID and, then, at the top left menu, click on "Participação em Equipas". If you were registered in FCT platform as a LAETA member, a new window similar to the following will open:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="336 734 1326 808"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="336 745 459 768">Data de entrada</th> <th data-bbox="496 745 587 768">Designação</th> <th data-bbox="1114 745 1214 768">% dedicação</th> <th data-bbox="1233 745 1281 768">Estado</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="336 779 411 801">01-01-2020</td> <td data-bbox="496 779 847 801">Laboratório Associado de Energia, Transportes e Aeronáutica</td> <td data-bbox="1169 779 1209 801">100</td> <td data-bbox="1233 779 1313 801">Confirmado</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>If the field "Estado", instead of "Confirmado" were "Pendente" you need to attest your link with LAETA. If the % of dedication is not correct, please contact the LAETA operational team.</p> <p>Clicking on the name of LAETA and following your name, a window with more details will be open and in this window you can confirm if you are or not register as an Integrated Member.</p> <p>Investigador Integrado? <input type="radio"/> Não</p>	Data de entrada	Designação	% dedicação	Estado	01-01-2020	Laboratório Associado de Energia, Transportes e Aeronáutica	100	Confirmado
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11	What is the CIÊNCIA ID, and how can it be obtained?								
	<p>The CIÊNCIA ID is the individual and permanent identification and authentication for citizens who carry out scientific activity. This identifier can be obtained by accessing: https://myfct.fct.pt/GMSAML/MyFCTRegister.aspx</p>								
12	How are the individual and team figures of LAETA researchers updated?								
	<p>The individual data related to the membership to the R&D Unit can be updated at any time both in the FCT platform (allocation to one or more R&D Units) and internally to LAETA (e.g. allocation to a RG). Any update request must be sent to the operational management team of each LAETA management institution to which the researcher intends to be linked.</p> <p>Statistical data on the team figures are updated on an yearly basis (typically at the beginning of each year, with reference to the date of December 31st), to support the several yearly reports.</p>								

13	Can a retired professor remain as a LAETA IR?
	Yes, if she/he keeps devoting at least 20% of her/his time to research activities in the R&D unit.
14	Can a researcher from a foreign institution be part of LAETA team?
	Yes, as a Collaborator or as PhD student.
15	How should LAETA members acknowledge the funding support of FCT? Is this mandatory?
	<p>LAETA researchers are obliged to communicate the support awarded by FCT on all purchased equipment, documents, publications, communications or other achievements within the scope of the funding of the R&D Unit and, if applicable, of the Associated laboratory.</p> <p>The acknowledgement must specifically refer to the framing Base Funding project, as follows:</p> <p><i>"The authors acknowledge Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT) for its financial support via the project LAETA Base Funding (DOI: UIDB/50022/2020)."</i></p> <p>LAETA researchers also involved in the specific projects supported by the Programmatic Funding of the R&D Unit (DOI: UIDP/50022/2020) and/or by the additional funding of the Associated Laboratory (DOI: LA/P/0079/2020), must also refer to these.</p>
16	What are the duties of LAETA members in terms of open science?
	<p>LAETA team has to ensure sustained open science practices by means of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Deposit all scientific publications generated by the LAETA in one of the national open access repositories that are part of the RCAAP network (https://www.rcaap.pt/), as soon as possible, but never after the formal date of publication; – Ensure open access to scientific publications and other results in compliance with FCT Open Access Policy (https://www.fct.pt/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/PoliticaAcessoAberto_Publicacoes.pdf).