

World Portuguese Language Day | ULisbon's Faculty of Sciences launches first AI agent to rephrase Portuguese texts

- This free, non-profit online service is designed for a range of uses and target audiences, such as supporting the schoolchildren;
- This is the third in a family of Evaristo chatbots developed at the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon.

Lisbon, 5 May 2026 – Researchers from the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon have just launched [Evaristo.ai – Plain Language](#), the first AI agent designed to rewrite Portuguese texts in plain language ISO 24495-1. The launch takes place on May 5, to join the celebration of World Portuguese Language Day.

This AI agent rewrites text entered by any user into a version in plain language ISO24495-1 – a standard that sets out international guidelines to ensure a text or document is understandable at first reading. In practical terms, it changes certain words, verb tenses and the overall structure of the text, whilst also providing an explanation of the adjustments made and a summary of the text, also in plain language. Among other uses and target audiences, **it can help schoolchildren** improve their Portuguese writing skills.

[Evaristo.ai – Plain Language](#) was developed at the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon **in partnership with the Academy of Sciences**, drawing on its extensive [Dictionary of the Portuguese Language](#), a key reference work in Portuguese lexicography.

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According to António Branco, a professor and researcher at the Faculty of Sciences, University of Lisbon, and Director-General of PORTULAN CLARIN, “This initiative fills a gap, helping to promote the use of plain language and contributing to the development of better writing skills in Portuguese”.

Regulated by the [international standard ISO 24495-1](#), plain language is a style of writing designed to ensure that readers understand the text as quickly, easily and fully as

possible. It avoids wordy and complicated language, as well as jargon. In many countries, legislation requires public bodies to use plain language to make programmes and services more accessible.

Evaristo.ai – Plain Language is the latest AI agent to join the Evaristo.ai family of chatbots:

- **Evaristo.ai – Generalist**: Launched in June 2025, it draws on the knowledge contained in large generative AI language models, as well as the knowledge and capabilities derived from web searches and other extensions to these models.
- **Evaristo.ai – Public Services**: Launched in November 2025, this chatbot specialises in Portuguese public administration services, based on information provided on gov.pt.

More information at <https://evaristo.ai/linguagem-clara/>

About the Faculty of Sciences of the University of Lisbon | CIÊNCIAS ULisboa

CIÊNCIAS comemorou em 2011 o seu 1.º centenário e a sua história funde-se com a criação da primeira universidade portuguesa, a Universidade de Lisboa, em 1288.

It is recognised as one of the most prestigious educational and research institutions in Portugal, particularly in the field of science and related disciplines. This prestige stems from the quality of its programmes, which include 17 bachelor's degrees, 35 master's degrees and 20 PhD programmes, and is reflected in an employment rate of 98%.

The Faculty is home to 13 research centres, recognised by the FCT - Foundation for Science and Technology, and is noted for its commitment to excellence in research and innovation. This commitment is evident in its per capita performance, which is the best within the University of Lisbon. The Tec Labs innovation centre, located on campus, is home to 40 start-ups, six of which are international, focusing on the fields of science and health.

Its campus covers 1.5 hectares of green space and has research facilities off-campus, such as the Ribeira Abaixo estate in the Serra de Grândola and the Guia Marine Laboratory in Cascais. Sustainability is a priority, promoted through the Living Laboratory for Sustainability, which includes social and environmental innovation projects such as HortaFCUL, FCULResta and Ciências em Harmonia.



Every day, around 5,000 people pass through the campus, which is home to 6,000 students, 650 lecturers and researchers, as well as more than 200 staff members who work at the institution.