



Conferências NBI + LIFE Institute Lisboa & Porto Maio 2026



LAST CALL

I returned from Curitiba with a certainty

Special edition

Lisbon 20 May, Porto 21 May

Editorial

Dear reader,

I returned a few days ago from Curitiba, where I was invited by the LIFE Institute, in an intense week that I documented in a [chronicle published on LinkedIn](#) last week. If you have not yet read it, I strongly suggest you do. It is the most honest way I found to explain why this conversation matters today, and why 20 and 21 May are not just any two conferences.

In Itaipu, in Guaricica, in Barigüí, I witnessed natural capital infrastructure operating at industrial scale, for decades, with an auditable method and results that speak for themselves. **I saw the first biodiversity credits in the history of the Guaricica Reserve, sold in 2024 to a paediatric hospital.** I saw one of the most productive dams in the world coexisting with the largest harpy eagle breeding programme on the planet, for more than twenty years. I did not return with the idea that anything remained to be invented. I returned with the certainty that there is something to share.



Landscape of the Guaricica Nature Reserve, where the first credits originate

"Curitiba started in 1972. Thirty-seven years before the term Nature-based Solutions existed, it was already doing what the term would come to describe."

I landed in Lisbon just days before O Público published [the news](#) about the **European Union's initiative to create a nature credits market**. The coincidence says everything that needs to be said about the moment. **Europe announces. LIFE delivers. And it is precisely that delivery, with names, cases, metrics and auditing, that will be in the room on the 20th and 21st.**

The last seats are for you

As I write this note, the rooms in Lisbon and Porto are nearly full. Those who confirmed did so early. We have set aside a small number of final places for NBI clients and partners whom we wanted, before closing registrations, to give the opportunity to attend.



Capybaras grazing in Barigui Park at dusk, with the city reflected in the water

In Lisbon, at the LEAP Center in Espaço Amoreiras, on 20 May, we will have in the room Regiane Borsato (Executive Director of the LIFE Institute), Assunção Cristas (Vieira de Almeida and Nova School of Law) for the keynote, Humberto Rosa (former Director for Biodiversity and Natural Capital at DG Environment of the European Commission between 2015 and 2025) for the closing, and on the panel BRDE, Itaipu Binacional, Fidelidade, Crédito Agrícola and Brisa, moderated by Assunção Loureiro (Buzzness).

In Porto, at the ANA Aeroportos Auditorium, on 21 May, on the panel: Regiane Borsato, BRDE, Itaipu, Grupo Boticário, ANA Aeroportos, Super Bock and Mota-Engil, moderated by Mafalda Evangelista (NBI).

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Conferência

Créditos de Biodiversidade: Instrumentos Financeiros para a Natureza

Programa 20 Maio 2026 | 14h00 - 18h00 | Lisboa

(LEAP Center, Espaço Amoreiras)

14h00 - Receção

14h30 – Abertura

Nuno de Oliveira, Diretor Executivo da NBI

Regiane Borsato, Diretora Executiva do Instituto LIFE

15h00 – Créditos de Biodiversidade: desafios emergentes

Keynote speaker:

Assunção Cristas, Sócia Co-Responsável da Área Ambiente & Clima na Vieira de Almeida e Professora Associada da Nova School of Law, Universidade Nova de Lisboa

15h30 – Painel de debate – Créditos de Biodiversidade: do (des)crédito à ação

Moderação: Assunção Loureiro (Buzzness)

Heraldo Alves das Neves, Diretor Administrativo do Banco Regional de Desenvolvimento do Extremo Sul (BRDE) (Brasil)

Luis Rodrigues da Silva, Divisão de Áreas Protegidas na Itaipu Binacional (Brasil)*

Henrique Silva, Manager de Sustentabilidade na Fidelidade- Companhia de Seguros

Filipa Saldanha, Diretora de Sustentabilidade do Grupo Crédito Agrícola

17h00 - Encerramento

Humberto Rosa, Ex- Diretor para a Biodiversidade / Capital Natural, na Direção-Geral do Ambiente, Comissão Europeia (2015-2025)

17h30 – Café & Networking

* Participação online

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Certificação de Biodiversidade: Gestão, Reporte e Competitividade

Programa 21 Maio 2026 | 14h00 - 18h00 | Porto

(Auditório da ANA Aeroportos, Aeroporto Francisco Sá Carneiro)

14h00 - Receção

14h30 – Abertura

Nuno de Oliveira, Diretor Executivo da NBI

Regiane Borsato, Diretora Executiva do Instituto LIFE

15h30 – Painel de debate - Certificação de Biodiversidade na Prática: Métricas, Reporte e Vantagem Competitiva

Moderação: Mafalda Evangelista (NBI)

Heraldo Alves das Neves, Diretor Administrativo do Banco Regional de Desenvolvimento do Extremo Sul (BRDE) (Brasil)

Luis Rodrigues da Silva, Divisão de Áreas Protegidas na Itaipu Binacional (Brasil)*

Mariana Scheffer Cavanha, ESG, Grupo Boticário (Brasil)*

Andreia Ramos, Diretora de Sustentabilidade e Ambiente e Sofia Monteiro da Rocha, Responsável de Sustentabilidade e Ambiente na ANA Aeroportos

Angelica Vilas Boas, Manager de Sustentabilidade no Grupo Super Bock

Inês Mota, Diretora de Sustentabilidade da Mota-Engil

17h00 – Café & Networking

* Participação *online*

I count on seeing you in the room in May.

[\[Register Lisbon \]](#) [\[Register Porto \]](#)

For any questions, please send an email to maria.madeira@nbi.pt and we will respond as soon as possible.

Natural regards,



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Echoes from the Other Side of the Ocean: The Waters That Still Have a Name



Iguaçu Falls

Iguaçu is a Tupi-Guarani word. *Y* means water, *guasu* means large. The indigenous peoples who lived on those banks, Guarani on one side, Kaingang on the other, gave the waters the name we still use today when we fly from Lisbon to Brazil, without realising we are pronouncing a language older than our own.

The Kaingang legend of the waterfalls tells of Naipi and Tarobá fleeing down the river, pursued by the wrath of a serpent-god who tore the earth with its body and gave rise to the falls. There are other versions, other voices, and all of them speak of one thing only: the waters of Iguaçu were a place of cosmogony, not merely landscape.

The names remained. The peoples persist. The border between three countries was drawn by a waterfall, and the colonial languages that divided the region continue, after five centuries, to speak Guarani without knowing it, every time they say Iguaçu, Paraná, Curitiba.

Perhaps that is the most profound form of acclimatisation: when an entire continent continues, without knowing it, to pronounce the language of those who were there first.

