

**TÍTULO DA TESE EM INGLÊS: R&D Project management granted by FCT, and its commitment with national policies in S&T – the importance of a Project Manager**

The work here presented describes the importance as well as the emerging role of a R&D project manager, at one Research Unit: the *Instituto de Telecomunicações* - Associated Laboratory, Lisbon site, as a case study that validates the theories presented.

Through a top-down analysis, it is intended to link the S&T policies defined by the various Governments, the promotion of programs and activities related to these policies by the Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT ), and the actions and options taken by projects managers, in presence of a certain conjecture.

Science Manager is a new player in R&D system, whose importance has been growing. It is not easy to define what a science manager is, given the plurality of areas in which he or she have to work in, but recent studies suggest that the scientific activity can no longer be carried out without the intervention of these increasingly qualified professionals, and the success in fund raising, outreach and dissemination or even financial management of grants, must necessarily be carried out by good performance of science managers, who are indispensable for their great knowledge of grants mechanisms and its rules.

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