INESC TEC — Porto's Multi-University Research and Technology Organisation and Its Seed-Funded Deep-Tech Spin-off Pipeline

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Quality score: 71/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

Portugal's largest RTO links 700+ researchers at five universities to industry: 134 company contracts (€3.9M) in 2025, a record 42 patent families in 2024, top-3 nationally in EPO filings. A 2025 JRC–EARTO report named it one of eight EU deep-tech spin-off best practices.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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