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ASSESSING AND PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTAL CULTURE IN PORTUGUESE HIGHER EDUCATION

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Objectives of the APECHE Project:

- Know the level of Environmental Literacy, at start of higher education students;
- Provide a better understanding of Environmental Literacy at the Portuguese Higher Education Institutions;
- Study the change of Environmental Literacy along student's graduation and identify the main variables influencing it;
- Study the level of integration of Environmental Culture in Higher Education Institutions;
- Provide Guidelines and contribute to improve Environmental Literacy.





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TASKS

- Assessing the environmental literacy in higher education students and teachers;
- Characterizing the greening of curricula in higher education;
- Characterizing the greening of *campi* in higher education.







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METHODS (to address the first objective of the project)

- Questionnaire survey to freshmen undergraduate students at partner universities from different scientific areas at beginning of academic year (23/24): on-line and face to face; mainly closed ended questions, based on literature
- Section I: Characterization 26 questions
- Section II Environmental Literacy Assessment (knowledge, Attitudes, Behaviours) : 28+17+23 questions



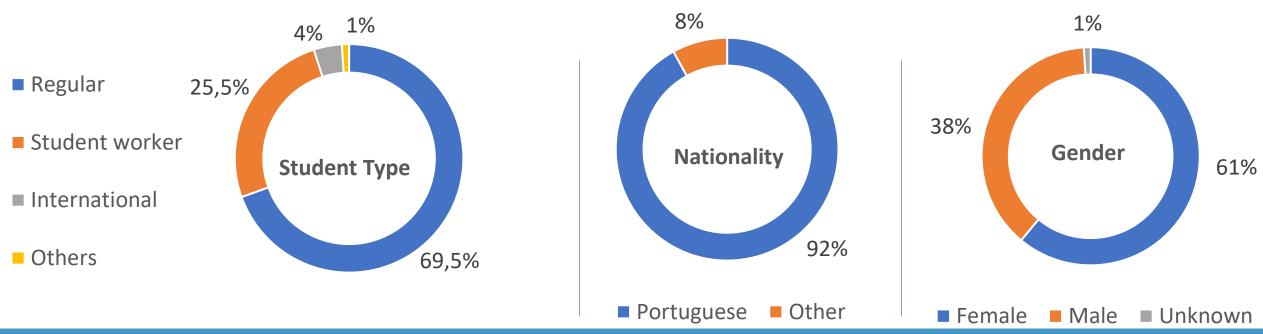




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SURVEY SAMPLE: 2161 students, 16 % (1st year- 1st cycle)





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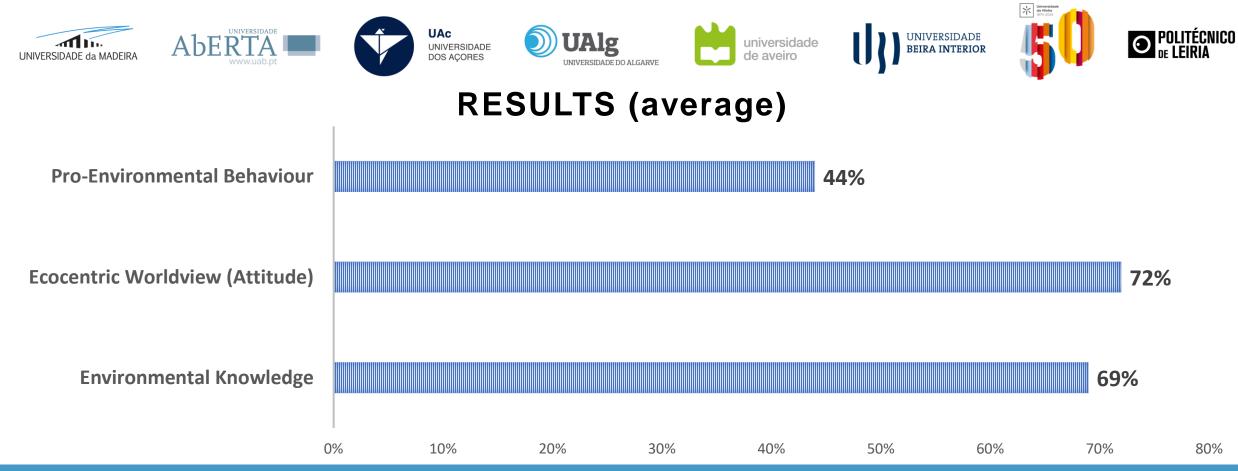


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The Best: 97% knows how to dispose of a glass bottle for recycling.

The Worst: 14% knows that a glass cup doesn't go into the recycling bin.

Concerns:

32% thinks ozone layer depletion is the main cause of climate change. 29% doesn't identify the consequences of climate change.





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ECOCENTRIC WORLDVIEW ATTITUDE

The Best: 92% agree that humans are seriously abusing the environment.

The Worst: Only 36% disagrees that human ingenuity will prevent us from making Earth uninhabitable

Concerns:

Only 53% disagrees that ecological crisis has been greatly exaggerated.





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PRO-ENVIRONMENTAL BEHAVIOUR

The Best: 90% turns-off lights when not needed.

The Worst: Only 1.6% participates in environmental protests.

Concerns:

18% admits to throw wastes on the floor.45% doesn't use a sustainable mode of transport.





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ONGOING & FUTURE WORK

- Defining the profile of Environmental Literacy upon entering HE, and along their study period
- Define the profile of Environmental Literacy of teachers (ongoing survey)
- Characterization of the greening of curricula in higher education;
- Characterization of the greening of *campi* in higher education (University calculator: Eusteps).
- Formulate strategies to enhance environmental education at HE.







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