

**To Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia de Portugal:**

**Subject:** Support of the Portuguese PhD National Programme in Nanomaterials, Nanotechnologies and Nanosciences: **Nano@Nova**

coordinated by: Universidade Nova de Lisboa and involving the following units: Faculty of Science and Technology, Instituto de Tecnologia Química e Biológica, ITQB and Faculty of Medicine

Dear President of FCT, Professor Miguel Seabra,

As director of XaRMAE (Leading Centre in Advanced Materials for Energy of the Generalitat of Catalunya) integrated in the Institute of Research for Energy, IREC, <http://www.irec.cat/> located in Barcelona, Spain; full professor in the Faculty of Physics of the University of Barcelona involved in the Catalonia inter university master on Nanoscience and Nanotechnology and member of the advisory board of I3N: I fully support the present programme that has close proximities with our Research and Education activities. Moreover I also accept to belong to the external Advise Scientific board, allocating so my expertise in dealing with the subject as well as with the internationalization matters associated.

The support that I am giving is based on the scientific knowledge that I and the Institution I represent have of I3N as well as of the director of the program, Prof. Elvira Fortunato, an European outstanding researcher in the field of Nanomaterials and Nanotechnologies.

To this, I would like to add the involvement that I have with all members of CENIMAT participating in the present proposal and I do believe that the present network, besides involving outstanding researchers will promote cross-fertilization in the areas of life science, biotechnology and materials, which is very important for all and so I am ready for contributing for exchange of students and experts to the present programme that we believe will be beneficial for the Portuguese consortium and also for us.

Sincerely yours

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