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Técnico has 3 campuses (Alameda, Taguspark and CTN) and provides accommodation in 3 student residences. Técnico consists of 10 departments and is involved in some of the most prestigious RD&I and technology transfer institutions in Portugal, with remarkable international impact in many scientific and technological domains. There are about 11.500 full-year equivalent under and post graduate students, and about 1.500 full time equivalent teaching and non-teaching staff. Internationalization has been defined as a key strategic goal over the past few years with increasing number of international students and staff as well as an increasing participation in international academic networks (e.g. CLUSTER, TIME, CESAER, MAGALHÃES, EIT-InnoEnergy, ATHENS). Through more than 500 agreements with other institutions worldwide, Técnico participates in 50 Dual Master or joint PhD programmes, with MIT, CMU, UT-Austin, EPFL, Erasmus Mundus, InnoEnergy and T.I.M.E., thus promoting a highly modern and culturally diverse society.

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