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APREN annual conference

5 ideas

PRES2026, Culturgest, Lisbon. 17 and 18 November 2026.

Source: press coverage of the event

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1. Permitting is the bottleneck

5 to 7 years

in Portugal, against 18 months in Germany and 24 in Greece. Joaquim Barbosa, APREN president.

Source: Jornal Economico, 16 Nov 2026

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2. Repowering is the quick win

For APREN, it is something that can be done very quickly.

It proposes dedicated permitting rules, and hybrids combined from the start rather than only after the original project is running.

Source: Dinheiro Vivo/Lusa, 16 Nov 2026

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3. The grid is a public good

Pedro Carvalho, of IST, argues that grid connection capacity should be treated as a public good.

With investment across the whole country.

Source: Jornal PT Green, 18 Nov 2026

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4. Electrification and demand come next

Antonio Vidigal: power is cheap because Portugal leans heavily on Spain.

Data centres will need Portugal's own capacity.

Source: Jornal PT Green, 18 Nov 2026

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5. More taxes is not the way

Over EUR 5bn

the sector's contribution to GDP. For APREN, taxing an already heavily taxed industry even more makes no sense.

Source: Dinheiro Vivo/Lusa, 16 Nov 2026



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A licence without a grid connection is not pipeline. Our 875 MVA starts from the grid.

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