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This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of “INESC TEC Science & Society” magazine, created with the objective of spreading science to society and contributing to the debate on emerging issues. It is addressed to the general public in the hope that it may be of interest to the managers, politicians and technicians of the systems to which these topics apply.

The magazine is distributed online every six months and addresses a special topic in each issue, although, not excluding other articles of opportunity. The autumn issue will always address the theme of the Autumn Forum that INESC TEC has held since 2015 – with the exception of last year’s edition of the event, which unfortunately had to be postponed due to the evolution of the pandemic and created a gap because the magazine was already prepared and distributed on the scheduled date.

It was with great satisfaction that the first issue of this magazine, which was dedicated to technologies in health, was well received.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> issue addresses the topic of the industry. This time, we decided to extend the invitations for the publication of articles to external personalities, who promote an extended discussion on the theme, giving greater emphasis to public policies.

This is the approach we intend to maintain in the future, hoping to continue to attain the interest of our readers.

In addition to the articles dedicated to the special theme, 2 articles on current themes close this issue. The first, entitled “*Post-normal science*”, discusses the role of science in the wake of major crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic; the second presents a set of public policies recommendations to be adopted in the development of future supply chains.

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We sincerely hope that you like the result.

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